



# BECOME INVOLVED

# Christian Fellowship PRISON MINISTRIES

REACHING THE BOUND TO FREE THEIR SOULS BY THE POWER OF CHRIST

2022 Third Quarter Report

Join us for prison letter answering on the fourth Tuesday evening of the month at IMMANUEL FELLOWSHIP CHURCH 3533 East Tolbert Road, Wooster, Ohio

To help provide Bibles, concordances, and Bible courses for those in prison, your support would be greatly appreciated. See the enclosed envelope or send your gift to: PO Box 135 / Fredericksburg, OH 44627

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED WITH THE PRISON MINISTRY, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US.

## Financial Report

September 30, 2022

<b>Balance 06/30/2022</b>	<b>\$140,904.40</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>7,383.21</b>
Donations	5,349.21
Church Donations	2,034.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>(12,040.93)</b>
Literature	4,435.68
Supplies	448.00
Postage	5,836.75
Outside Help	1,320.50
<b>Balance 09/30/2022</b>	<b>\$136,246.68</b>

## Literature sent

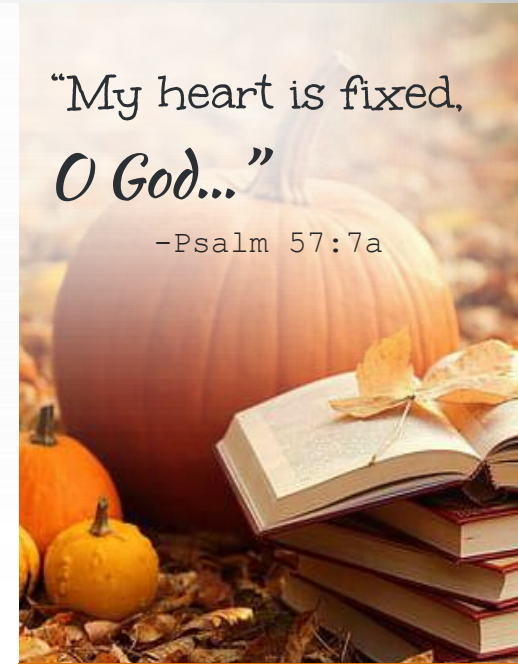
July 1 - September 30, 2022

Bibles.....	190
Concordances.....	154
Bible Atlas.....	14
Bible Dictionaries.....	55
Study Courses.....	443
Spanish Bibles.....	227
Spanish Concordances.....	0
Spanish Bible Dictionaries.....	25
Loaves & Fishes Magazine.....	63
A Life Redeemed Book.....	54
Marriage Courses.....	4
Letters Answered.....	827
Inmate Newsletters.....	957

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“My heart is fixed,  
O God...”

—Psalm 57:7a



DEAR SUPPORTERS - PAGE 1

## DEAR SUPPORTERS...

How do we get eternal life? Jesus said in John 17:3, “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” 1 John 5:12, “He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.” It leaves no room for exceptions or excuses. It’s crystal clear - if we have the Son we have life, if we do not have the Son we do not have life. Jesus said, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me.” “The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Eternal life comes only through Jesus Christ. There is no other way.

We really have a privilege and an opportunity to share Jesus – the Giver of Eternal Life – with the people we correspond with. Many of them are seeking for answers to life and want a Bible of their own. We want to continue to share the Good News for as long as we are able to. It seems like more and more of the prisons are using other means to get mail to inmates. It makes it a little more difficult for us to keep on top of things. Sometimes the letters go to one processing facility and the books go to another one. The letters are scanned and then forwarded to them. The books are returned if we don’t get it to the right processing facility.

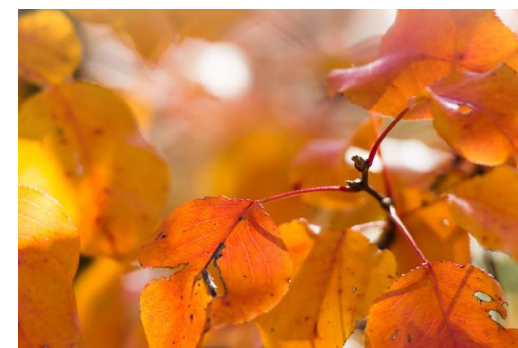
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We want to thank you again for your prayers, money, or time that are given to make this possible. May the Lord bless you in His own way.

In His service, James Martin



INMATE TESTIMONIES - PAGE 2 & 3



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(I have) a feeling of freedom that I didn’t even feel outside of prison. Thank God, through the blood of Jesus Christ, I am a new creation. People can’t believe I’m the same person they hung out with on the street. Now I love reading and studying the Bible, and I ask God to lead and direct me where He wants me to go. —C.S Buford GA

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“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” John 8:36



# INMATE TESTIMONIES



## Hello Siblings in Christ:

It such a beautiful a day (in my heart) that I've not even looked out the window to see the weather. In fact, I hear the rain striking a million surfaces outside the partially opened window, yet the Holy Spirit is in this cell with me on this quiet Monday morning. This morning, I've been hit by several revelations of God's attention towards me, and I'm (overflowing with) love.

I pray that you all are so blessed and overwhelmed by the Holy Spirit and God's goodness, that like the early saints on the day of Pentecost, you are being accused of being totally wasted away "too early in the day"... I pray all your endeavors are being successful for the glory of God.

It's only a little after 8am. Right now, I have the expectancy of a great day with abundant blessings chasing me down all the day long. I prayed Psalm 86:17 over your lives this morning, even as I've prayed it all over my own.

Thank you all for every prayer and every encouraging word.

As I fancy myself a poet of sorts, I look upon September's newsletter and see brother James Martin should have a book of poems somewhere... preferably in my hands so I may read it and adopt some good skill for my own quill-man-ship.

Mercy, peace and love be multiplied to you. Humbly, gratefully, and prayerfully,

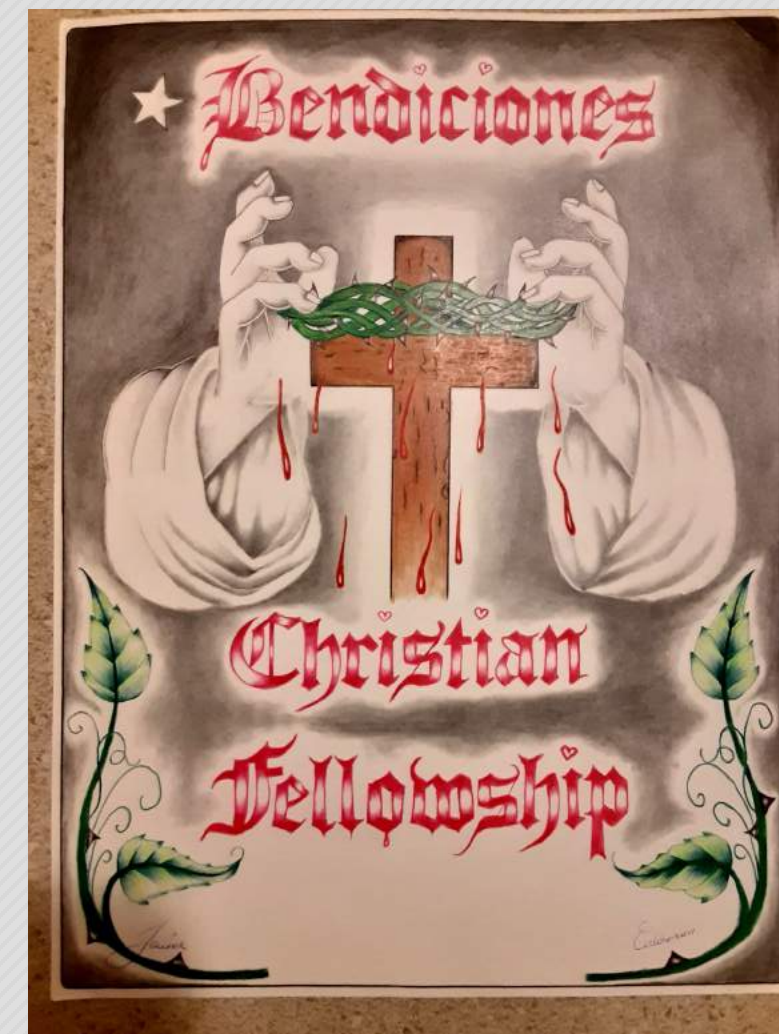
-J.J. Livingston, TX (The 40<sup>th</sup> letter he's sent to us)

## A Formula for a Happy Marriage

1. Never both be angry at once.
2. Never taunt the other with a past mistake.
3. Never forget the happy hours of early love.
4. Never talk at each other whether alone or in a crowd. Let each one strive to yield to the wishes of the other. Let self-denial be the daily aim and practice of each.
5. Never let the sun go down upon any anger or grievance.
6. Never allow a reasonable request to have to be made a second time
7. Never make a remark in public at the expense of the other. It may seem funny sometimes, but it hurts.
8. Never sigh for what might have been, but make the best of what it is.
9. Never find fault unless it's certain that a fault has been committed. Even then, always speak lovingly.
10. Never part for the day without loving words to think about during your absence. Impatient words in the morning make a long day.
11. Never meet without a loving welcome.
12. Never forget that the nearest approach to heaven and earth is where two souls blend together in unselfish love.
13. Never let any fault that you have committed go by until you have confessed it and are forgiven.
14. What God has joined together, let no man separate.

## Stand In Faith

Stand in faith  
Even when you can't see your way  
Stand in faith  
Even when you feel like you can't face another day  
Stand in faith  
Even when the tears want to flow from your eyes  
Stand in faith  
Knowing that our God will always provide  
Stand in faith  
Even when you feel that all hope is gone  
Stand in faith  
Knowing that He is always there for you to lean on  
Stand in faith  
Even when you feel like giving up  
Stand in faith  
Because He is there ... saying, "Just look up"  
Stand in faith  
Even in those times you feel so all alone  
Stand in faith  
Hold on and be strong, for He is still on the throne  
Stand in faith  
Even when it's hard to believe  
Stand in faith  
Knowing that He can change your situation, suddenly  
Stand in faith  
Even in those times you feel it's hard to pray  
Stand in faith  
And believe that He has already made the way  
Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen  
So stand in faith  
Because you already have the victory! -J.C.



An inmate's artwork...

## Dear CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP PRISON MINISTRY,

My mother used to make me go to church every (week). The doors were open but I was too young and rebellious to pay attention to what the pastor was saying. By the time I was 15 years old, I was on that wide path going straight to hell. I was into drugs really bad. And the only things that could hold my attention were fast cars and faster women. At the time, I really didn't see anything wrong with the way my life was going. Those things were all I wanted then. Next thing I knew, I was getting locked up so often that the jail kept a cell empty just for me. I tried slowing down my drug use and tried to settle down and have a family. I got married and had a beautiful daughter and a handsome son with the love of my life. But the drugs were not done with me and I lost my family, got locked up for felony, lost my house, clothes and everything. Thank God for my mother's prayers, I got a 15- year sentence and finally got sick and tired of being sick and tired. I started reading my Bible and praying. I told God I finally see that without Him in my life I'm going straight down. I asked Him to please deliver me from all the drugs, told Him that I believe that He gave His only Son to die for my sins, that I believe He was resurrected, and I asked Him to please save my soul. All of my problems just disappeared and I felt a joy that is indescribable. Not just happiness but real joy. Now I am at the end of my 15- year sentence, no drugs in 10 years with the help of the Holy Spirit, and a feeling of freedom that I didn't even feel out of prison. Thank God, through the blood of Jesus Christ I am a new creation. People can't believe I'm the same person they hung out with on the street. Now I love reading and studying the Bible, and I just asked God to lead and direct me where He wants me to go. -C.S. Buford, GA