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Christian Fellowship PRISON MINISTRIES

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2023 Second Quarter Report

Financial Report

June 30, 2023

Balance 12/31/2022	\$126,229.45
INCOME	5,821.21
Donations	2,379.21
Church Donations	3,442.00
EXPENSES	(14,483.85)
Literature	7,753.14
Supplies	208.43
Postage	5,188.78
Outside Help	1,333.50
Gifts-In-Kind	20,616.00
800 Spanish Large Print Bibles	11,200.00
500 Strong's Concordances	3,220.00
300 Thinline Reference Bibles	4,896.00
100 Large Print Personal Size Reference Bibles	1,300.00
Balance 03/31/2023	\$117,566.81

Literature sent

April 1 - June 30, 2023

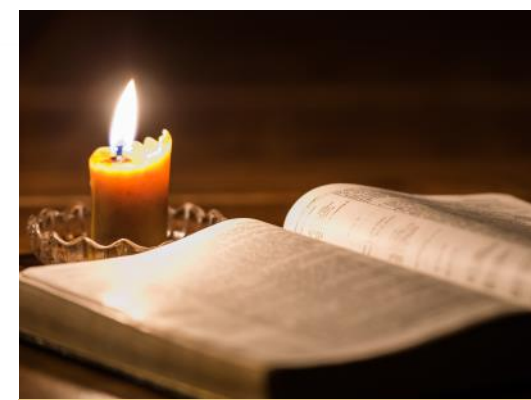
Bibles	211
Concordances.....	205
Bible Atlas	14
Bible Dictionaries	54
Study Courses	380
Spanish Bibles	155
Spanish Concordances.....	0
Spanish Bible Dictionaries.....	13
Loaves & Fishes Magazine.....	61
A Life Redeemed Book.....	33
Marriage Courses	2
Letters Answered.....	792
Inmate Newsletters	1,227

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"I waited patiently...
...and [the Lord] inclined
unto me. -Psalm 40:1

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DEAR SUPPORTERS...

Into our hands the Gospel is given, into our hands is given the light, Haste, let us carry God's precious message, guiding the erring back to the right." The lines of this hymn echo in my mind since we sang it on Sunday. The Gospel is given into my hands and your hands. What a privilege, yet a tremendous responsibility and opportunity that we have! Do the people that we interact with and rub shoulders with from day to day see a difference in our lives, and are they pointed to the heavenly way?

While driving down the road one day, I found myself turning my ear toward the back seat and straining to hear and understand what my child was trying to tell me. I was "inclining" my ear to hear. To incline means to bend or to stoop. The Bible has some things to say about inclining, and it tells us what our response should be. We should incline our heart to the Lord and to His Word - Psalm 119:36. We should incline our ear to hear wisdom - Proverbs 2:1. It also tells us that God is calling us to incline our ear to hear what He has to say - Isaiah 55:1-3. And then, it tells us what happens if we don't incline our ear - Jeremiah 11:7-8. We can also read of King David, Isaiah, and Daniel who were pleading with God that He

"Are we inclining our ear to what He has to say?"

would incline His ear to them and hear their prayers. "Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee. Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily." Psalm 102:1 . We have many promises that God *is* inclining *His* ear. "I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry." Psalm 40:1. "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." 1 Peter 3:12. Those are beautiful promises. God is bending and leaning toward us, anxious to hear our prayers, anxious to listen to our cry for help, anxious to hear what His child has to say. Are we inclining our ear to what He has to say to us? Are we anxiously listening to what His heart is and what He would have us to do? Or are we perhaps one of those who don't care and stubbornly want to go our own way and do our own things?

God has blessed us in so many ways. We want to thank Him again for His faithfulness and goodness. We have had opportunities to answer questions and share the Truth with those in prison. Thank you for your prayers and your support. May the Lord bless you.

-James Martin

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

INMATE TESTIMONIES



Christian Fellowship Prison Ministries,

Thank you for the Bible study. I'm still struggling in my spiritual life. I pray to God every night before I go to sleep. In the Bible, I read about people who have visits from angels and visions from God; does that not happen anymore? I have a few more questions that maybe you can help me answer...

Why does God let bad things happen to good people? In the Bible it also says we are all born in sin. So, what about the [children] who are born with cancer, are they born in sin? It's not right that they must suffer when they did nothing wrong. I understand people who suffer because of their choices but these [children] never got a chance.

When I love someone, I talk to them and tell them I love them. Does God talk to us in a different way? Something in my heart tells me He's real and there are situations in my life that I can't explain, but it's like God put the pieces together at the right time and the right places. It's hard to see God at work when a person is suffering. I have a lot to be thankful for, but my heart goes out to those in the struggle. Thank you for writing back to me.

Can you pray for everyone who is in prison in hopes that God shows them the way? And pray for everyone in my family that God [would] comfort them and keep them strong.

Mathew S.

Yazoo City, MS

CFPM,

First off, I would like to thank you for the Bible dictionary. I use it every single day when I read, and it has been a wonderful tool as [I try] to understand words and meanings I just never understood.

Second, the handwritten letter was so nice and encouraging. I appreciate the time that was taken for me. It means the world to me. I have learned as a Christian how it does not matter [how much] money or possessions [we have], what matters is the love and relationships we have with others.

I am now at the point of needing to dive further into the Word and I was hoping I could once again ask for your help. If possible, could you send a Strong's Concordance? I understand if it is not possible as I have already received the dictionary and don't want to take it away from anyone else.

Again, thank you so much for everything. The Lord is working through your ministry and what you do is such a blessing. I pray that one day I am able to help others as y'all do. God bless.

Douglas L.

Fort Worth, TX

Greetings, Christian Fellowship Prison Ministries,

I am very thankful to receive the gift that the Lord Most High allowed the ministry [to send to me]. Once I received the Strong's Concordance, I immediately started shedding tears because I've been waiting to get a concordance to help me study the Word of God.

I've been in trouble all my life; [recently] I've been praying and asking God to help me change my ways and renew my spirit. I have now been in prison for over 20 years. I've made some bad decisions in my life along with hurting other people's feelings. So yes, God has moved in my life, and now I don't think the same as when I was in the world of sin. I give the Lord praise each and every day as well as pray for others.

Once again, I'm thankful for receiving the gift and blessing. I'll always keep in touch with the ministry and hopefully one day we will meet and join each other for worship, studies, and fellowship; thank God!

Well, my thoughts and prayers go out to everybody who contributed to the "Gift from God" in seeing my prayers answered. Thank you very much, and may God bless the ministry.

Travis J.

Milton, FL

To whom it may concern,

I would like to personally thank you and this ministry for the time and thought you all put into these studies [on the gospel of John]. I have participated in several Bible studies through various ministries [such as] Lamp and Light, Write Way, Crossroads, Salvation Army, Mount Zion, Global University, Set Free, and now yours. Out of all of these, your curriculum is far different, and that is a blessing as most curriculums follow the same structure and most of the time are a repeat of what I have completed for someone else.

Secondly, I was very impressed with two things. First, in receiving the Bible you sent... In addition to this, I received a handwritten note from someone welcoming me to the program. What a surprise, someone took the time to make it personal, that made me feel a part of something and not just a number participating in a study. I cannot begin to express my gratitude for that.

These things may not seem like much to the average person, but I know they took time and thought. I feel your ministry is doing it right! We are to do all things out of love, and I see that evident here. I thank you all again and look forward to future lessons as I know they will help me grow in Christ.

Michael T.

Teague, TX

Dear Christian Fellowship Prison Ministries,

I pray that you all receive this missive in the BEST of spirits, health, and faith of the heart, mind, body, and soul. How are you all doing? God willing you are doing as well as life permits you to be. I'm writing you all to ask for a favor. I ran across a fellow inmate who accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior through a correspondence course you all had sent him, starting with the Gospel of John. You also sent him a Strong's Concordance of the Bible.

That inmate has been going over the Bible with me, specifically the New Testament, but also the Old Testament. He has also been going through the Strong's Concordance with me to help give me a more comprehensive understanding of the true Greek/Hebrew words of which the Bible was revealed in.

I'm not a Christian, but I'm open to learning more about it. The favor I ask- ONLY if it's in your means to do so - is if it's possible, can you please send me a Strong's Concordance of the Bible and some Christian literature so I can learn more. I have an International Standard Version Bible already. Thank you for your time, effort and consideration put forth into responding to this letter regardless of the outcome.

Kobie B.

Raiford, FL