



# BECOME INVOLVED

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, 2023

<b>Balance 6/30/2022</b>	<b>\$117,566.81</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>8,601.00</b>
Donations	4,082.00
Church Donations	4,519.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>(15,444.46)</b>
Literature	6,222.59
Supplies	1,433.64
Postage	6,395.23
Outside Help	1,393.00
<b>Balance 9/30/2023</b>	<b>\$110,723.35</b>

## Literature sent

July 1 - September 30, 2023

Bibles .....	202
Concordances .....	189
Bible Atlas .....	7
Bible Dictionaries .....	43
Study Courses .....	392
Spanish Bibles .....	150
Spanish Bible Dictionaries .....	27
Loaves & Fishes Magazine.....	43
A Life Redeemed Book .....	34
Marriage Courses .....	6
Letters Answered .....	770
Inmate Newsletters .....	1,232

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

# Christian Fellowship PRISON MINISTRIES

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

2023 Third Quarter Report

## DEAR SUPPORTERS...

"Casting all your care upon him..."

1 Peter 5:7



DEAR SUPPORTERS - PAGE 1

It seems we so quickly become burdened with the cares of this life. I was reading in 1 Peter 5 and noticed this verse again; "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." This word "casting" is the same Greek word that is used when the disciples "cast" their garments on the donkey that Jesus rode on during the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It was a good mental picture for me to think about — the disciples were no longer carrying their coats, the donkey carried them. In the same way, we need to place our burdens and cares upon the Lord so that He can carry them.

The word "cares" simply means *concerns or anxiety*. Remember when Jesus was at Mary and Martha's house? Martha was busy trying to get things ready while her sister just sat at Jesus' feet. Jesus told the care-filled Martha, "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things..." Without a doubt, she was anxious and concerned about how she would get everything done in time. Jesus longed to carry her burdens for her.

In the parable of the farmer who went forth to sow, we can read how some of his seeds fell among thorns. Jesus likened the thorns to the cares, riches, and pleasures of this world which choke out our spiritual life. I once read a quote that said, "Anxiety is a thin stream of fear trickling through the mind. If encouraged, it cuts a channel into which all other thoughts are drained." Why should we cast all our cares upon the Lord? Because He CARETH for us!

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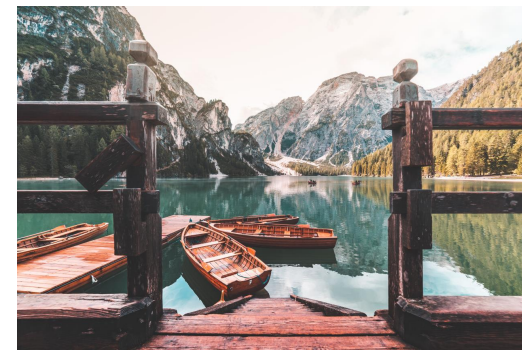
Thank you for your support and interest in the prison ministry. Recently it has been a challenge for us to make sure that the letters and books are being sent to the right place. All of Texas state prisons have now switched to a digitized mail system— this means that all of the letters now need to be sent to a processing center where they are scanned in, then later, the inmates read a copy of their mail on an electronic device. This change caused some confusion as the transition happened.

One of the states we receive a lot of mail from is Texas, where they recently integrated this new system. Some programming has been done on our end to simplify the process, and hopefully it will also eliminate the shipping confusion. Florida and Pennsylvania are also using these new methods. Please pray for us as we continue to make updates and changes along the way, and so the Gospel can go forth.

-James Martin



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# INMATE TESTIMONIES



*Greetings,*

*My name is Alfonso Butler. At this time, I am at the Daniel Unit in Snyder TX. One day, I had gone to the chaplain's office to inquire about a Strong's Concordance. The field minister I'd spoken with allowed me to utilize one that was available.*

*After visiting my housing area a few times, the field minister noticed a reoccurring theme – I did a lot of research and study with the Strong's Concordance furnished by the chaplain's office.*

*This field minister told me he was going to give me something the next time he saw me. Having no idea what he meant by that, I replied a simple, "Okay."*

*The next time I saw this field minister, my head was down and I was researching and writing. Then he handed me a sheet of paper with "Christian Fellowship Prison Ministries" at the top. Briefly he informed me of [your organization].*

*At the time, I noticed a breeze inside of my mouth as he relayed the information – this breeze was due to the awe and the fact my mouth was wide open.*

*I couldn't believe what I was hearing. CFPM offers a resource that contributes to the opening of the eyes of understanding. Like a blanket, I can immerse myself in God's Word and partake of the warmth of God's love.*

*Thank you so very much!!! I've thanked God for you, and now I thank you for being an instrument of blessing for the Most High. I heard someone say, "Either you build or destroy". You all are building with your contributions which equip God's children with tools used for the work of the Kingdom. Again, thank-you so much!!!*

*Sincerely,*

*Alfonso Butler, Snyder TX*

**To: Christian Fellowship Prison Ministries,**

First and foremost, may the Almighty bless you, guide you, and keep you strong. The reason I am writing this letter is because I want to thank you all for sending me the Concordance I asked for. I just wanted to let you know that it's been a blessing for me because it helps me understand the King James Bible more and see things differently as I study the Word of Yahweh.

Here with this letter, I also send the little paper with my information so I can enroll in the Gospel of John correspondence course and study and learn more about the Gospels. As I read the Bible and study, I'm also learning more English. Thank you for your time and I will wait for your response. Hopefully [I will] hear from your ministries again.

May Jesus bless you for yesterday, today, and tomorrow, always and forever, Amen.

-J.S. Milton Florida



**Hello and greetings Christian Fellowship Prison Ministries,**

I am writing you to tell you thank you for sending me [the] Bible.

I don't mean to ask for too much, but if at all possible, could you please send my son a Bible too? He is 13 years old.

Thank you and God bless you.

-C.M.

Tennessee Colony, TX



**CFPM,**

I just wanted to write you a short note to tell you thank you! Thank you for the Bible studies you send me, and a real heart felt thank you for the beautiful leather Bible you sent me! Wow, what a blessing! So that's true love of God. You are truly leading by example. Not many people in the world give a bit of thought to a man behind bars and our plight. Most believe we deserve whatever we get, and in a sense they are right. But thanks to Christ, we do have a chance at redemption – a chance to become better; a way to forgive ourselves and try to live the life God meant us to live.

Thank you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, [and thanks to] the ever-present Lord and Savior! Peace be to you.

Milton Florida

