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Christian Fellowship PRISON MINISTRIES

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

2024 First 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

March 31, 2024

Balance 12/31/2023	\$103,617.05
INCOME	12,533.89
Donations	9,036.89
Church Donations	3,497.00
EXPENSES	(19,842.87)
Literature	9,831.43
Supplies	413.83
Postage	7,618.77
Outside Help	1,631.10
Gifts-in-Kind	8,773.00
163 "They Would Not Be Moved" books	652.00
1,317 "Bread for the Winter" books	1,317.00
1,418 "A Good Different" books	5,672.00
196 "They Would Not Be Silent" books	784.00
87 "A Small Price to Pay" books	348.00
Balance 3/31/2024	\$96,308.07

Literature sent

January 1 - March 31, 2024

Bibles	329
Concordances	328
Bible Atlas	13
Bible Dictionaries.....	56
Study Courses.....	626
Spanish Bibles	211
Spanish Bible Dictionaries.....	42
Loaves & Fishes Magazine	61
A Life Redeemed - Book	17
A Good Different - Book	14
When Others Make Life Difficult - Book.....	8
Marriage Courses.....	6
Letters Answered	929
Inmate Newsletters.....	1,162

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"And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain."
MATTHEW 5:41



DEAR SUPPORTERS - PAGE 1

DEAR SUPPORTERS...

Jesus taught His followers to go the second mile. He told them if someone hit them on the one cheek they should offer the other cheek also. We can clearly see that Jesus wasn't ignoring or bypassing the law that had been given years ago, He superseded it. A Roman mile was 1,000 paces, which would be about 9/10 of a mile. A Roman soldier, if he wished to, could demand anyone to carry his pack for one mile. Their packs often weighed around 66 pounds. I can just imagine how the Jews would have hated to be subjected to this unpleasant task. When Jesus said that we should go the second mile, He meant that we should do more than what is expected or required of us. Going the second mile affects every part of our life. It needs to become a way of life.

There are no traffic jams on this second mile. It may be difficult to live this kind of life but it would have a miraculous effect on our homes and communities. It is selfishness which is the cause of our misery. The healing power of Christ, found in the doctrine of going the second mile, would do wonders to still arguments and accusation, fault finding and evil speaking. This does not mean that we never rebuke or discipline a divisive, quarrelsome person.

"There are no traffic jams on [the] second mile..."

I read the Genesis 24 story again of how Abraham's servant found a wife for Isaac. As the servant approached the well, He prayed to God that the girl who would offer to give him a drink and also water for his camels would be the one that should be chosen. Even before he was done praying, Rebekah came to the well, bearing her pitcher on her shoulder. He asked her for a drink, and she quickly took her pitcher off of her shoulder, gave him a drink and offered to give water to all of his camels. Judging her by her response, I think she lived a second mile kind of life. She did more than what was expected or required for her to do. A thirsty camel can drink up to 53 gallons at one time! Abraham's servant had ten camels with him, which could mean that she may have had to carry 500 gallons! Even if we would estimate on the low side and say that the camels would have only needed 10 gallons each, that would still mean that she would need to carry 100 gallons. At a minimum, twenty-five trips going down the steps to draw the water and twenty-five trips coming back up. Up and down, up and down she went, all because she volunteered to go the second mile. Little did she realize how God would use and bless her in the years to come... all because of going the second mile.

Thank you for your support in the work of reaching into prisons. Many people are still seeking and asking for help. We want to use the opportunities that God has given to us, and be faithful in pointing others to the Savior.

Blessings to 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 MINISTRIES,

First and foremost, praise God, and thank Him greatly for sending us His precious Son who guided us out of the darkness into His marvelous light.

I received your address from a brother that interacted with you all before. He knows I used to serve the devil, but I've crossed over out of that dark mind-set and found my rightful home with God that's shined His brilliant light into my mind that was filled with chaos and ignorance, and gave me drink of that river of living water, Jesus Christ, His ONLY begotten Son, who freed the world of sin through His ultimate sacrifice. This brother that introduced me to your prison ministry also got tired of me asking to use his Strong's Concordance and gave me your address to request my own.

Thank God for him and you!

So, if it is God's will and no problem, upon receiving this letter will you please send me a Strong's Concordance of the Bible so that I can study on my own time without interrupting anyone else? I will greatly appreciate it!

Thank you for your time, patience, and assistance; and may the God of heaven and earth continue to bless your hands in all that you put them forth to do.

Your faithful Servant and God's child,

Richard, Milton, Florida

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

I want to first inform you that I did receive my Large Print Bible. I want you to know that it is very special to me, and you all are too. I love you all for your guidance and support, but most of importantly, your love for God. I want you to know that I've been in so much pain over the years. I wanted too many times to give my life to God. I [should have] just let go, and let God. I just never knew how and when, then what next.

I don't think I ever really believed what was suppose to be on the other side. Yet, it's so God. I read and correspond with you all, and feel as though I've known you all forever. I've found what's on the other side while corresponding with you all, and I want much, much, much, much more of Jesus! Amen, Amen, Amen! I want to again thank you all for your love and support. You have to know you all are heaven sent. I love you all in Jesus' Name.

Your brother,

Johnny R., Punta Gorda, Florida

HELLO!

I am an inmate at Hardee Correctional Institution. I am looking for a donation of a King James Bible in large print as my eyes aren't what they used to be. I had a friend write this for me. It would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, and God bless.

Enrique C., Bowling Green, Florida



DEAR FRIENDS,

I want to thank you for your work with the Strong's Concordances. Please accept these stamps to help others receive the gift of His divine knowledge.

(included were 60 stamps)

Shalom,

David O., Lovelock, Nevada

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP,

I am an inmate of the Florida Department of Corrections Institute in Crawfordville, Florida. Recently I wrote to you requesting that you send me a concordance to use in my Biblical studies. I have received it and want to thank you for the thoughtful and encouraging letter that you sent as well. The concordance is such a blessing to have, and I use it on a daily basis.

One of my fellow inmates, who saw me using the concordance, told me that your ministry will also provide inmates with a Bible dictionary. If that is true, I would like to request a Bible dictionary so that I can use it in my daily studies. My mailing address is as follows: _____

Thank you so much, and may the Father continue to bless you and your ministry.

Sincerely, Martin S., Crawfordville, Florida



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I, Howard G., am writing you for a KJV Super Giant Print Reference Bible. To help me while in here, I'm studying the Bible to better understand the Bible so I can live according to the Word of God. So, if you can, and are willing, [please send me one].

Thank you very much, and God bless you. Please send to _____.

Howard G., Doral, Florida

