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Dear Friends of IPM,

All glory to God, each believer has a testimony of his experience and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Personal testimony is one of the great instruments that God has used throughout the history of salvation. Individual testimonies are scattered generously through the pages of the Bible.

The Apostle Paul is one of the foremost examples. In the book of Acts, he testifies of how he opposed Christ and persecuted His people. *"Indeed, I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities"* (Acts 26:9-11).

His testimony tells of the day he met Jesus as his Lord and Savior. *"Now it happened, as I journeyed and came near Damascus at about noon, suddenly a great light from heaven shone around me. And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?' So I answered, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said to me, 'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting'"* (Acts 22:6-8).

Paul's testimony in scripture also reveals how the Lord called him to a life of service. *"I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send*

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you, to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me" (Acts 26:17-18).

In 1 Timothy 1:12-14, Paul testifies to God's mercy and grace, which are the basis of all true ministry unto the Lord. *"And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus."*

Paul's testimony is now being repeated in a multitude of inmates - - saved, transformed, and serving by God's grace.

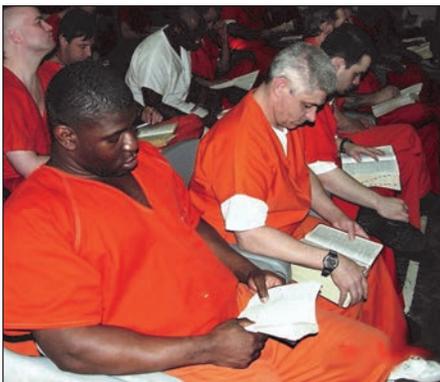
Distributing Inmate Testimonies to the Glory of God,

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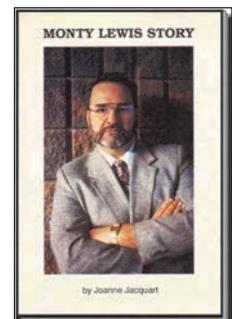
(for all of our "Chaplain Ray Family and the IPM team)

P.S. Our gift book for this month is *The Monty Lewis Story*, by Joanne Jacquart. This is a powerful testimony of God transforming an inmate and then using his life in ministry until He called him home. Now Monty's testimony is still being used of the Lord to touch lives.



Every saved prisoner has a testimony to share with fellow prisoners. The prisoners tell their own testimonies in letters to IPM. Many share how they are praying and witnessing to other prisoners. Many even feel led of the Lord to give their Bibles to other prisoners.

Jesus Saves!



Monty shares his testimony

LETTERS FROM PRISONERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED BIBLES, EDIFICATION BOOKS, OR INMATE TESTIMONIALS FROM IPM.

(See reverse side where a sample book is highlighted.
The book is available to you as a free appreciation gift upon request.)

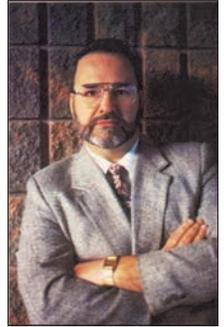
The Lord caught me Himself and held on tight!

Dear Dini, I got your letter and thank you for writing me. I have become everyone's Bible reader in the block where I reside. My incarceration is because of a man I was involved with who stole from my parents. I had no idea and was arrested for rendering criminal assistance. I have lost everything— my 14 year old son, home, car, job. But I have always had God in my life. It seemed while this man controlled my life I did not feel as if God was close anymore. Since my job included confidential information, I was locked away from other inmates in a cell 23/7. Out for only an hour. After two weeks of anger and humiliation, God came to me. I know just about every guard here in this place. But one guard I had never seen before brought me a Bible and asked if I wanted it. With my anger still intact, I said yes. He gave it to me and I tossed it to my 2 inch mat lying on the concrete floor next to a toilet and sink. I paced the floor for what seemed like hours. And it felt like that crumpled Bible on my mat was looking at me. I lay down and kicked the Bible off my mat. It rolled off my mat onto its cover, pages open. After about 10 or 15 minutes, I sat up and grabbed it. It was open to Psalm 6. So I started reading Psalm 6. I started to cry. I read Scripture continuously and have never felt closer to God. Something inside me changed. I have spent three and a half months in solitary confinement with the Lord. I know now why I am here. I thank Him every day for waking me up. I know I will get my son back. I am finally at peace for the first time in my life. And thank the Lord. He caught me Himself and held on tight.

Dini, I have never seen that guard again nor did any of the other guards when I asked them. I believe God sent an angel to bring me His Words. It came loud and clear.

Rebecca H., Washington Prison.

P.S. I look forward to any Bibles and books you send.



Monty Lewis was a transformed ex-prisoner who loved and served Jesus until the Lord called Monty home to Himself.

I pray that God continues to supply your needs so that you can keep sending the Gospel to those who need it.
Nathan S., TX Prison

IPM sent Rebecca a Bible, books, and a letter rejoicing with her.

Cut Along Dotted Line & Mail

God has a loving and gracious heart for prisoners (Isaiah 61:1).

At the request of many, contributions to IPM can also be made online at www.chaplainray.com

It is the policy of I.P.M. to use each gift as it is designated by the donor. If any project is completed, any surplus will be used where it is needed most.

Dear Dini Hoekstra, My gift to help prisoners realize that Jesus loves them no matter who they are.

- Use this gift for *Bibles For Prisoners*.....\$ _____
- “*Library of LifeChanging Books*” for Prisoners.... \$ _____
- Support for Prison Ministry in Russia & India.....\$ _____
- Use My Offering *Where Needed Most*.....\$ _____

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**HERE IS ANOTHER OF THE OUTSTANDING BOOKS THAT OUR
MINISTRY PARTNERS HELP US DISTRIBUTE TO PRISONERS.**

(A copy of this book is available to you as a gift by requesting it in the box below.)

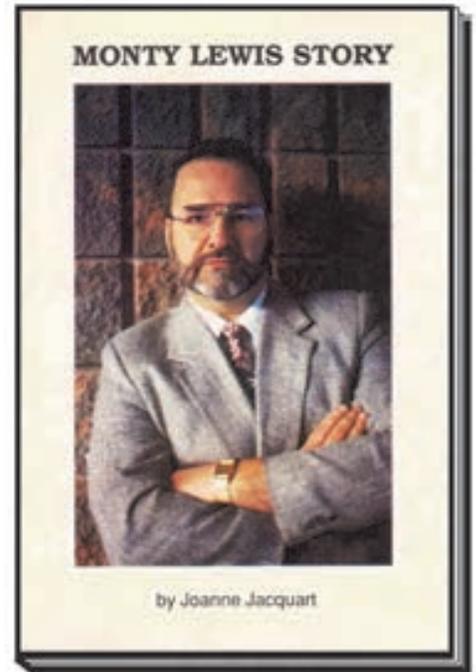
**JESUS TRANSFORMED MONTY'S LIFE WHEN
MONTY BELIEVED HE WOULD NEVER AMOUNT
TO ANYTHING!**

Monty Lewis had a very hard young life as he grew up. His father was an alcoholic. When Buddy Lewis was drunk, he was very cruel to Monty and his mother. So much so that at the young age of five, Monty hated his father for how he drank and treated his mother. He promised his mother he would never drink nor treat any woman badly. Monty did not keep his promise to his mother. He not only drank, but added drugs to the mix which caused him to do many deplorable things including abusing women. God took that broken life and made Monty a son in the kingdom of God through His Son Jesus Christ. Monty's testimony shows how powerful the blood of Jesus Christ is to make Monty or anyone right with God.

An inmate Frank MacDonnell, made the statement, "It is because of Monty Lewis I found the Lord and new meaning to life. I now want to serve Jesus the rest of my life."

Alex McEachem, an ex-con, said, "I've known Monty for a long time. In fact, I gave him his first needle to my regret. Then I had the joy years later to tell him about God. I've watched Jesus transform our lives completely, and what a joy it is."

Monty, speaking to prisoners, said: "I want to tell you that there is One here tonight that gives more than happiness. He gives joy. There is One here tonight who is the Savior and His name is Jesus. There is One here tonight who loves you. His name is Jesus."



**Our Appreciation Gift
for You!**

Jesus' life, death, and resurrection is the only testimony anyone needs to know. But Jesus chooses to use the life testimonies of His children to touch the lives of others. All the praise goes to our Lord Jesus!

With grateful hearts, thank you for your compassion for prisoners as shown by your prayers and gifts. May God bless you.

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Yes, Please Send Gift Book

