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Dear Friends of IPM,

We are in the season of two of our great national holidays -- Thanksgiving and Christmas. This brief scripture expresses the heart of these two wonderful celebrations. "*Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!*" (2 Corinthians 9:15). The gratitude to God being declared in this verse is for the gift of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

This gift of God's Son is the ultimate demonstration of the love of God. "*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life . . . In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him*" (John 3:16 and 1 John 4:9). We are delighted to be sending the good news of God's love gift for mankind to prisons near and far. Those who receive Christ as God's redeeming gift of love find life eternal and life abundant in Christ.

One of the implications of this love of God toward humanity is that we who know the Lord are to be expressing His love toward one another. "*Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another*" (1 John 4:11).

Expressing God's love is such a high priority in the kingdom of heaven. "*But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection . . . And above all things have fervent love for one another, for 'love will cover a multitude of sins'*" (Colossians 3:14 and 1 Peter 4:8). Love

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(like truth) is one of the supremely important matters in all that we do. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal . . . Love never fails . . . And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:1, 8, and 13).

Multitudes of inmates need to hear of the love of God for them. They need to see Christians demonstrating the love of God toward them. This is the motivation behind our "Forgotten Prisoners Christmas Project," sending boxes of Bibles and books into prisons all across our nation. Pray with us for the salvation of unsaved inmates and the edification of believing prisoners.

Praising God for Your Partnership in the Gospel of Christ,

Dini Hoekstra

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

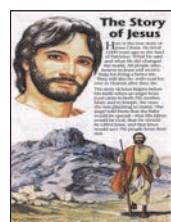
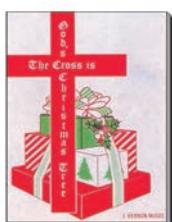
P.S. We have two outstanding books as our appreciation gifts for you this Christmas: The Cross is God's Christmas Tree, by J. Vernon McGee, and The Story of Jesus.

P.P.S. Let's continue to pray for the thousands of "Forgotten Prisoners" who have received IPM books all across the country through our annual Christmas outreach project.

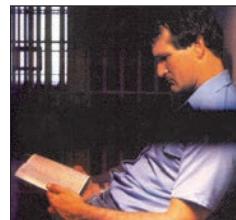
**THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS ARE NOT FORGOTTEN BECAUSE YOU, OUR PARTNERS, ARE SHOWING THE LOVE OF GOD TO THEM THROUGH YOUR GIFTS AND PRAYERS.
"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15)**



**Forgotten
Prisoners
Christmas
Project**



**Seeking
Jesus**



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

(See reverse side where sample books are highlighted.
The books are available to you as free appreciation gifts upon request.)

I Have Learned to Forgive for Jesus Wants Me To

Dear Mrs. Dini Hoekstra, How are you doing today? I received the Bible and the Bible dictionary/concordance. I am very grateful. I am in the word of the Lord from the time I wake up until the time I lay down at night. I have nothing in my cell distracting me from the word. I am content and I mean that from the heart! Like the Apostle Paul said when He was in prison in Rome. Philippians 4:11-13. I am experiencing peace. I forgive all the people who molested me when I was 7 years old. I forgive the people who killed my parents. I used to have a lot of hate in my heart, but all thanks be to God I have learned how to forgive people because that is what Jesus wants me to do. I might not have an earthly mother and father, but God is my all in all. He is all the strength I need. May God bless you.

Wallace H., California Prison



"Emmanuel,
God with us"
(Matthew 1:23)



I Am Trying To Get A Complete Bible!

Dear Dini Hoekstra, I writing you in hopes that you can help me. I am trying to get a Bible. The problem is I am incarcerated and I have no outside support. I would also like any other help you could send me.

I have finally found my way back to God and I would appreciate anything you could send me that would help me get a better understanding of His word. I am sending you a poem I have written. I have nothing else to offer in payment. Thank you in advance and God bless.

SCARED and ALONE

I am sitting behind these walls scared and alone, just waiting for someone to guide me home.

The One I wait for comes to me, He has the power to heal, the power to free.

His name is Jesus and He is the Christ. He will save me from this miserable life.

I am the one who put me here and that is a shame,
He will lead me out of this and give me life once again!

He is the one true Savior and that is a fact,
With Him in my life there is no turning back.

John B., Delaware Prison

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 in their search for Jesus and His love.

- Use this gift for *Bibles For Prisoners*.....\$ _____
- "Forgotten Prisoners Christmas Project" \$ _____
- Support for Prison Ministry in Russia & India.....\$ _____
- Use My Offering *Where Needed Most*.....\$ _____

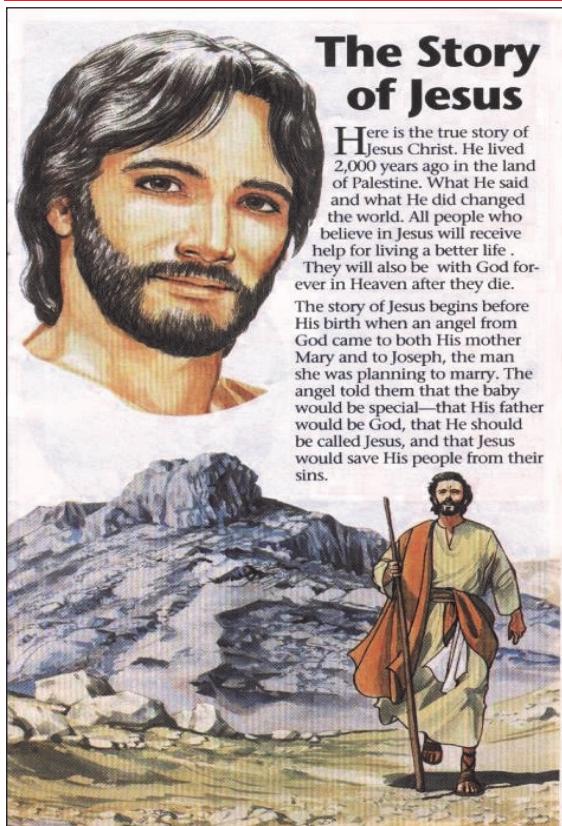
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HERE ARE TWO OF THE OUTSTANDING BOOKS THAT OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS HELP US DISTRIBUTE TO PRISONERS.

(A copy of these books are available to you as a gift by requesting it in the box below.)

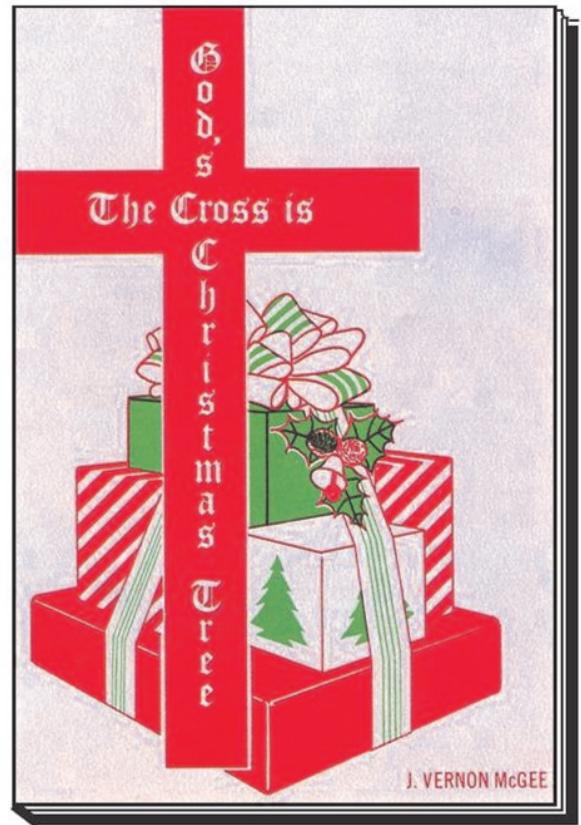


“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth”

(John 1:14)

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Your Message Or Prayer Request for IPM:



The love of God poured out by means of the Cross is God's great gift of salvation for sinners. *“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”* (Romans 5:8).

Yes, Please Send Gift Books

**The Cross Is God's
Christmas Tree**

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**The Story of
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