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Dear Friends of IPM,

As we begin this New Year, most of us probably face a combination of challenges and opportunities. Through them all, much strength and power will be needed in our lives. One of our books speaks of this fact. It is entitled, *"Receiving Power from God,"* by Andrew Murray.

The strengthening power of God -- how essential it is as we serve the Lord. A God-pleasing life cannot be produced by mere human power. *"Thus says the LORD: 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man And makes man his strength'"* (Jeremiah 17:5). Jesus taught that *"the flesh profits nothing"* (John 6:63) and *"without Me you can do nothing."* (John 15:5).

True godly living requires that the power of God be our source of strength day by day. The Psalmists proclaimed this: *"The LORD will give strength to His people . . . The LORD is the strength of my life. . . Seek the LORD and His strength . . . I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD"* (Psalm 29:11; 27:1; 105:4; 71:16).

The early disciples also taught of being strengthened by the power of God. *"You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus . . . that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man . . . Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might . . . I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"* (2 Timothy 2:1; Ephesians 3:16; 6:10; Philippians 4:13).

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This is the same strength available today to all who will confess their own human weakness and seek the Lord for His mighty power to be at work in and through our lives.

It is through the word of God and through solid biblical literature that we all learn of such great truths. We just concluded our "*Christmas Forgotten Prisoner Project*." Thousands of biblical resources for thousands of inmates were sent into prisons across the country. One Chaplain (typical of many others) wrote:

Your continued ministry of support inside prison walls is greatly appreciated. Your Christmas gifts of love for our inmates was heart-warming and reflective of the great love of Christ. This letter is to say a big "Thank You!" May God continue to richly bless all that you are doing to share Jesus Christ with inmates.

In 2015, may the power of the Lord be your strength, as you trust in Him amidst the challenges and opportunities of life.

Serving Christ with You -- by His Mighty Power,

Dini Hoekstra

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

P. S. Our gift this month to our ministry partners is *Receiving Power from God*, by Andrew Murray.

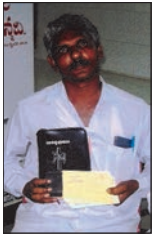


Forgotten Prisoners Christmas Project

Thank You Dear Partners for your prayers and gifts to help make the "Forgotten Prisoners Christmas Project" such a Glory to God in the highest! May God continue to richly bless you as you continue to help share Jesus Christ with inmates. IPM is receiving an abundance of thank you letters with requests for more literature.

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.)



Released
India
Prisoner
with Bible
Letters.

God's Saving Grace

Here we sit all caged up Only because we all messed up.
Hoping that we will be free and wandering when that day will be.
The only way to get through long days is to read our Bibles
and pray, pray, pray.

One day we will be out again, walking on those streets of sin.
The only way to stay out of this place is walking with God
and His Saving Grace

Charles H., Oklahoma Prison



Picture
taken in
Ukraine
through
bars of a
prison.

I FOUND YOUR BOOKS IN EVERY JAIL I STAYED!

“My name is Joseph B., and I was in jail in Colorado Springs where I happened to run into a book with your address in it and a request to write to you if the book helped me. I read the book about Frank Costantino and it changed my life. I now belong to the Lord. Then I was transferred to Toas County Jail where I found another book of yours, “Where Flies Don’t Land.” Any way, these books have transformed my life forever and I want to thank you for sending books to jails and prisons. They opened my eyes and turned me to the Lord. I am home now and want to read some more of your books. My family is curious about the books that changed my life and want to read them also. Please write back.”

IPM wrote to Joseph and sent him two more testimony books and two books about prayer and Bible study. Our prayer is that he will become an exceedingly fruitful spiritual head of his family.

ONLY COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHANGES LIVES

“My name is Linda R. and I am doing time at a Correctional Facility. The reason for this letter is that I have read several of your books and I am convinced that NO rehab, NO jail- time or institution will keep me from doing what I was doing. I am convinced that the ONLY way is to commit 100% to the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please send me more information on how to grow in my new relationship with Christ.”

IPM sent Linda a letter of encouragement and a testimony book. In our letters to inmates, we encourage prisoners to write IPM whenever they desire.

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 receive power from God.

- 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*.....\$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

**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.)

Opening the Door to Power from God

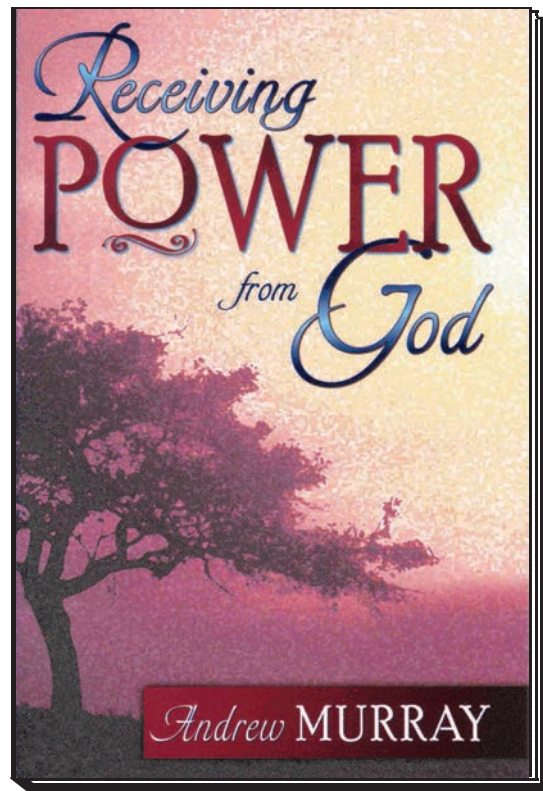
*“I bow my knees unto the Father. . .that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man. That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith”
(Ephesians 3:14,16-17)*

“We see in this wonderful prayer the harmonious work of the blessed Trinity. The Father grants the Spirit of power. The Spirit reveals Christ in the heart. Through Christ and the Spirit, we are filled with all the fullness of God! As God dwells in heaven as the Three in One, even so He lives in our hearts.

“At the close of chapter one of Ephesians, we prayed for the Spirit of wisdom that we might know God in the greatness of His power to us who believe. Here we have the prayer of the Spirit of power to strengthen us with His might. The greatness of God’s power is to be a permanent experience in our inner life. Let us bow with deep reverence as we gaze upon this mystery of love.”

“Led by the Spirit: Throughout the book of Acts, we read of the Spirit guiding the steps of Philip, Peter, Barnabas, and Paul. They spoke under the power and anointing of the Spirit, and many received the word with joy. The Holy Spirit was entrusted with the whole work of revealing and carrying out through the ages to come the riches of the glory of the mystery among the Gentiles:

*“Christ in you, the hope of glory”
(Colossians 1:27)*



Our Appreciation Gift for You

Our prayer is that you will receive more of the power of God as you read this outstanding book. God has given us every spiritual blessing in Christ, and He wants us to draw upon those blessings each day by faith.

What a joy to see your heart to visit the prisoner through your gifts!

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Your Message Or Prayer Request for IPM:

Yes, Please Send Gift Book

