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Dear Friends of IPM,

*"My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation [my hope] is from Him" (Psalm 62:5).*

Prisons are breeding grounds for hopelessness. The Psalmist points to the only source of true hope. *"My expectation [my hope] is from Him."* No matter how despairing the human heart may get, there is always hope available from the Lord.

This Psalm goes on to elaborate upon the basis of this hope. *"He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God" (Psalm 62:6-7).*

The Lord alone is the spiritual rock for those who believe in Him. The world's false religions and vain philosophies are like swampland or quicksand. On the other hand, the Lord God is our rock. Jesus is the solid foundation for our lives. *"For who is God, except the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God? . . . For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (Psalm 18:31 and 1 Corinthians 3:11).*

Furthermore, the Lord alone can defend us from the dangers and threats that surround us. We are like sheep among wolves. We have a formidable enemy who has evil intentions toward us. What is our hope that we will not be destroyed? *"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1).*

Such loving care and protection from the Lord fits beauti-

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fully with the Lord being our refuge, our hiding place. "You have been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble . . . You are my hiding place and my shield" (Psalm 59:16 and 119:114) .

Another reason for hope is the Lord is our strength. The Lord is "the rock of [our] strength" (Psalm 62:7) . At all times, we are weak in and of ourselves. We always need the Lord to be our strength. The Lord strengthens those who admit their weakness and wait upon Him, those who hope in Him. "He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength . . . those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength" (Isaiah 40:29,31) .

In all of these truths, we see the greater truth that God is our salvation. "He only is . . . my salvation . . . In God is my salvation" (Psalm 62:6,7) . He saves us from sin and hell. He saves us unto righteousness and heaven. He rescues us from trials and battles along the way. The Lord Jesus Christ brings a full salvation to all who call upon Him. What abounding hope we have in the Lord -- for prisoners, for everyone who believes!

Bringing God's Great Hope to Hopeless Lives,

*Dini Hoekstra*

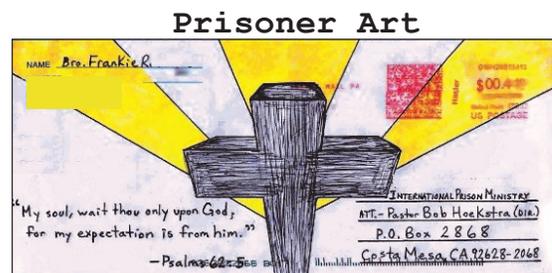
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(for all of our "Chaplain Ray Family" and the IPM Team)

P.S. Our appreciation book for this month is How to Obtain Fullness of Power, by R. A. Torrey.

**Preaching Hope Through Jesus Christ**

**"My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation [my hope] is from Him" (Psalm 62:5).**



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

(See reverse side where a sample book is highlighted.)

This book is available to you as a free appreciation gift upon request.)

**I Have Been Saved and Changed, Glory to Jesus**

My name is Shane E., and through my time here in jail, God has made dramatic changes in my life as I have recently and completely given myself to Jesus Christ. I have been saved and changed forever, Glory to Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior.

Recently I have been praying a lot and reading out of the Bible. One of the topics I believe is important is our faith. So I am seeking to further understand "walking by faith and not by sight." God is using me in ways I never could have imagined and it has been put on my heart very strongly to prepare myself to be released from here physically and spiritually. I am reaching out to you for spiritual encouragement and a free Bible so I can grow here and be prepared with tools needed when I get out. The Lord has been using me to reach my immediate family because they do not believe.

I used to be so unhappy, but now I am free and full of peace because of His grace. Thank you Jesus. *Shane E., Washington Prison*



**Prisoner Art-There is Hope**

Father God gave His only Son to Release Man from the prison of sin and death.

**I Can't Get Enough of the Bible**

My name is Donald J., and I am incarcerated in Texas. I am a new Christian. I would really appreciate getting a Bible Dictionary/Concordance from you. I am greatly in need of one. Also, if possible, please send me a Bible. I can't get enough of the Bible. I have read the entire Bible through twice. If you have a New King James Bible, that would be so good. I can't get enough of the Bible.

Thank you very much. *Donald J., Texas Prison*

*IPM sent Donald a Bible Dictionary/Concordance and a Bible, plus an encouraging letter. Donald is only one of hundreds who request Bibles each month.*

**My Bible Is Old**

I am currently serving 8 years in North Florida. My Bible is old and tattered. The pages are worn and dog-eared. I pray for a new copy of the King James Version. If you can find it in God's Plan for me to obtain a new copy, I would be ever blessed.

Thank you and God bless.

*J. E. J., Florida Prison*

*IPM sent J. E. a new King James Bible and an encouraging letter.*

**State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections**

Thank you for your recent book and Bible donation. We are so blessed by your generosity. May God richly bless your ministry.

*Chaplains of RCI Chapel*

*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](http://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.

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Dear Dini, My gift to help prisoners know Jesus as Savior and Lord and grow in His grace.

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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.)

**As We Hope in the Lord, We Find Strength  
and the Fullness of His Power for Our Lives**

**The Power of the Word of God**

“If we are to obtain fullness of power in life and service, we must feed on the Word of God. No other food is so strengthening. If we will not take time to study the Bible, we cannot have power, any more than we can have physical strength if we will not take time to eat nutritious food.”

**The Power of the Blood of Christ**

“It is Christ’s blood that removes sin. (See Hebrews 9:26.) We must know the power of the blood if we are to know the power of God. Our experience of the power of the Word, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the power of prayer is dependent on our knowing the power of the blood of Christ.”

**The Power of the Holy Spirit**

“Christian life is not to be lived in the realm of natural temperament but in the realm of the Spirit. And Christian work is not to be done in the power of natural endowment but in the power of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit eagerly desires to do His whole work for each of us.”

**The Power of Prayer**

“God has provided a life of power for every child of His. He has put His own infinite power at our disposal and has proclaimed over and over in a great variety of ways in His Word, ‘Ask, and it will be given to you’”(Matt.7:7; Luke 11:9).

**The Power of a Surrendered Life**

“If any asks, ‘What is the one thing I can do in order to discover everything that God has for me?’ the answer is very simple: Surrender absolutely to God. Say to Him, ‘Heavenly Father, from now on, I have no will of my own. Let Your will be done in me, through me, by me, and regarding me, in all things. I put myself unreservedly in Your hands, Please, do whatever You desire with me.’”

*Cut Along Dotted Line & Mail*

**Your Message Or Prayer Request**

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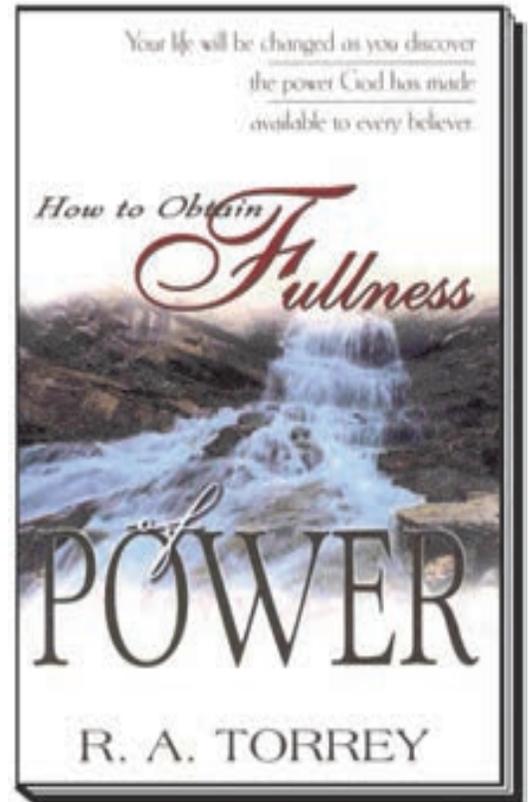
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**God’s Strength and Power Will  
Always Carry Us Through**

Our appreciation gift to you will encourage your heart and mind to seek Jesus more and more.

Every prisoner who asks for a Bible and book is seeking the only answer to their hopeless lives. Thank you for caring and sharing. God will use every gift in a mighty way.

**Yes, Send Gift Book**

