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Book Ministry Update Chaplain Don Anderson

This outreach began late in the spring of 2020, when the Lord told me to start sending my books to jails all around the country. I had no idea what was to follow. We have sent out over 150,000 copies since then. On a regular basis inmates are telling us they came to Christ through them. Chaplains are continually asking for more. We plan on continuing to send out as many as possible next year.

Now the Lord has opened up yet another door. We are sending our Spanish translation of *Who is Jesus* to Immigration & Customs Enforcement facilities. There are over 200 ICE facilities scattered throughout the USA. I have already contacted 20 of them and everyone wanted the books. The vast majority of chaplains are overjoyed to receive an evangelical book on the deity of Jesus in Spanish. Several have already told me they will take as many as we are willing to send. This is an amazing opportunity to take the gospel to people when they are most likely open to receiving it. It costs \$2.00 per copy to print a book. I would like to have the funds for printing 40,000 copies by the end of the year (half English/half Spanish). Please consider giving us what the Lord lays on your heart to help reach thousands of men and women with the gospel of Jesus next year.

Sheriff

Charlotte, NC — “Thank you for sending us your books to help our inmates grow in their faith and become productive citizens.”

Chaplains

Florence, AZ — “One of my inmates just received a 40-year sentence. He said the lesson in my discipleship book on the armor of God helped him through the emotions of it.”

Las Vegas, NV — “God is using your books in a mighty way.”

Omaha, NE — “Your books are nicely done. We want to utilize them.”

Houston, TX — “You serve us and the inmates amazingly.”

Long Island, NY — “Thank you on the inmates’ behalf for all you have helped.”

Visalia, CA — “The inmates here really love your books. Please send more.”

Clearwater, FL — “Your discipleship book has touched a lot of people here.”

Las Vegas, NV — “In the city jail *Who is Jesus* is the perfect book for our unchurched inmates. I will give a copy to every inmate that asks for a Bible.”

ICE Chaplains

LaVilla, TX — “This is an amazing book. Please send more.”

Chaparral, NM — “Your books were all taken quickly. Please send more.”

Eloy, AZ — “We need your books to help us reach the Catholic detainees. We will take all you can send.”

Basile, LA — “Your book has given me greater insight on the deity of Jesus. It was meant for me to get this book. We will take as many as you can send.”

Inmates

Los Angeles, CA — “Your discipleship book is one of the best I’ve read. I want to take it home with me.”

Jacksonville, FL — “Thank you for your work and support in the almighty and glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Mobile, AL — “Your discipleship book has helped me grow in Christ more than I can explain. Thank you.”

Fresno, CA — “Your discipleship book helped me to ask Jesus to be my Lord and Savior. I have a calling; someday I want to be a youth pastor.”

Phoenix, AZ — “Your discipleship book has answered so many questions for me and my husband.”

Tulsa, OK — “Your WIJ book is helping me to bring others to the light of Jesus.”

Wasco, CA — “Your books are very inspirational and helping me to be a better Christian.”

Fresno, CA — “Thank you so much for your books; God has my full attention now.”

Jacksboro, TX — “Your discipleship book has helped me more than you know. I want to help others find Jesus like I have.”

Angola, LA — “Thank you for bringing me to Jesus. In your discipleship book you answered all the questions most inmates ask.”



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Live Illustration

Dear Friend,

Over the years I have learned how good illustrations can really help get a point across. It seems that many respond better when a real situation becomes a teaching point. I experienced this in a dramatic fashion earlier this year in Johnson County Jail, Cleburne, TX.

I was teaching a class on breaking out of anger by having a forgiving attitude toward the offender. In Ephesians 4:32 we are told to develop a kind and tender heart, which is exactly the opposite of what the world is telling people to do. In the middle of my class one of the inmates stood up and walked over to one of the other guys. He said to him, "Please forgive me for what I did; I want things to be right between us!" Then they embraced and both apologized further to each other. I was stunned; it was probably the best live illustration I have ever witnessed. The class was an amazing success. Several inmates were saved after the gospel was given. Others told me they really needed this class to help them with their anger problem.

This past year has been excellent for ministry. All the volunteers are an exceptional group of ministers. Our goal is building the capacity back to the level we had before the pandemic. Several potential volunteers should be installed early next year.

During 2023 we have had active ministry in four county jails: Dallas, Tarrant, Johnson and Denton, and also two prisons. Our team is doing New Testament evangelism. On a regular basis the gospel is being given out. We are seeing people come to Christ every week. The inmates are being taught how to break out of the strongholds which cause them to reoffend or violate parole and probation. I have found several key issues that fall into this category: fornication, anger, authority, dishonoring parents, and not handling trials well. My volunteers have all been trained to teach these topics. Of course, we also teach the doctrines of faith and how they can live the victorious life in Christ. In my ministry career I have had the privilege of serving with and training over 500 volunteers.

One longtime volunteer at Tarrant County Jail is teaching a class on marriage and family. That is very exciting to me! We are dedicated to helping inmates become strong, committed followers of Jesus. Currently, I am teaching eight classes every

week. I enjoy it more than ever before and I am happy about what the Lord is doing in my classes! We have sent Bibles to all the jails where we are currently involved. We have sent in many discipleship books to the jails. We are committed to sending in Neil Anderson's books too (no relation). His book, *Victory Over the Darkness*, has a strong emphasis on our identity in Jesus and His finished work. The *Bondage Breaker* teaches on how to break out of strongholds and bad attitudes.

As we approach the New Year, my passion and enthusiasm for ministry has never been greater! I am humbled as I reflect on what the Lord is allowing us to do. Although I have said it many times, it bears repeating: Everything we are doing is all by His grace!

Please consider a year end-gift to help us fulfill all the opportunities before us. Kathey and I wish you a Christ-centered Christmas and start of a happy New Year.

In Christ,

Don

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for favor with additional chaplains around the country.
- Pray for new volunteers locally.
- Pray for new donors to help meet our increasing financial needs.
- Pray for healing of neuropathy causing total numbness in my feet.
- Pray for pain in Kathey's body.
- Pray for Laura to get into a Christ-centered rehab in Nashville.