

I've been in the word of God very deep for a little over a year. Thank the Lord I found the Bible. I was on a path to the gates of hell itself.... I have given my life to the Lord.... A friend in Christ gave me the Volume 4 Issue 1 2006 copy of your *Loaves & Fishes*. Let me say it's just what I needed to jump start my life with the Lord. Thank you very much, now my question, will you please put me on your mailing list?

Russell Campbell, Jr.  
New Port, AR

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*I was in awe reading the awesome stories and other testimonies. I read the issue over and over until I memorized it. It is a beautiful thing you do for the prison society. Would it be possible to ask that I can receive the issues that are distributed each year of *Loaves & Fishes*?*

Richard Manero  
SCI Forest • Marienville, PA



Publishing *Loaves & Fishes*, the free discipleship magazine for prisoners.

# Hungry Souls Beg for Bread

Imagine waking up one morning and finding a crowd of people waiting outside your door. You open the door and discover they're all hungry, begging for food.

**What would you do? Could you send them away hungry?**

Most days when the mail runs, we get mail from prisoners. Sometimes a few pieces, sometimes a stack several inches tall.

The hunger and reception to *Loaves & Fishes* has been enormous. Our mailing list is still growing, and we see thousands of letters, including new subscriptions to *Loaves & Fishes* (our free discipleship magazine for prisoners), thank you letters, and requests for prayer, Bibles, pen pals, study courses, and other helpful literature.

Brothers and sisters, there is more than a crowd of people outside our door — **tens of thousands of prisoners across our nation have invited us to speak into their lives either personally or by the request of a friend.** Besides that, we have requests from chaplains and others in prison ministry for around 50,000 *Loaves & Fishes* "preachers" to come and touch the lives of searching souls in prisons and jails. What's more, many of these magazines get passed around to friends and some get read *until they are worn out.*

What would you do? What should we do?

We don't know how much longer they will allow us to openly send Christian literature into prisons and jails in the United States. (There is already a prison that doesn't allow us to send Christian literature directly to its residents.) And we don't know whether the prisoners in our land will still be hungry for truth in five years from now.

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## Feedback From Prisoners

*Loaves & Fishes* has given me hope here in jail. It's comforting to hear about fellow-believers keeping their faith even in prison.

Mark Blackford • Mountain View, AR

When I can get my hands on your publication, I read it from cover to cover. I really enjoy them very much. I send the poems to my wife also.

Charles R. Smith • Jackson, MI

I have seen your fine publication here in Attica from time to time. It is very good — first class! Readable and attractive. Keep up the good work. It is the best publication I've seen.

Mark Chapman • Attica, NY



# Testimonials

## From Prisoners

### Helped Me Turn to the Lord

After reading the *Loaves & Fishes* book daily for almost three months now and my little Bible, I have given my life over to the Lord. I had never been much of a religious man before now.... I cherish this old booklet like it was made out of gold. I have needed something this wonderful in my life years ago. Sir, I was wondering if there was anyway I could get a subscription to *Loaves & Fishes*? If only you knew how much I have read this old worn out book you would be honored to know that a man could read the same book so many times.

Roger Pendleton  
Fayette County Jail • Connersville, IN

### Was Worried and Angry

As I was in my bunk, worrying, stressing out, and angry, my cellmate gave an issue of *Loaves & Fishes*. I asked him what it was and he said just to read it because I need to have more faith and love for the Lord. As I was reading it, I was astonished because I felt the book was talking about the same thing I was going thru. I'm a firm believer in the Lord, but I was lacking a lot of faith. Thanks to that issue, I am closer to the Lord. Now I see that I have a lot to look forward to when I get out.

John A. Casarez  
Texas Department of Criminal Justice

### Refreshed by the Truth

It is so wonderful and refreshing to see and have access to publications that unashamedly share the truth! (Full strength, not watered down.)

Corey S. Robertson  
Omaha Correctional Center • Omaha, NE

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Today is a day of great opportunities. Yet the iron door is surely closing. When will the door clank shut? We don't know. But the night is coming.

Here is an observation from our Master, the Lord Jesus Christ: "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4). Does this priority grip your heart as it does mine?

What can we do but keep going until the night comes? It's time to do God's work with serious commitment.

**Read the stirring testimonies from prisoners who have been blessed through *Loaves & Fishes*.** Can you sense their hunger and thirst for righteousness? We have many letters from prisoners expressing their appreciation.

Yet, when reality hits, it still takes over \$10,000 to buy paper for one issue. And postage to send one printing alone costs around \$13,000. That's on top of weeks of preparation that go into one issue before it's ready to print, handling mail on a regular basis, and other tasks.

May God bless each of you who support *Loaves & Fishes* through prayer, money, and time. There are only several of us here at Lighthouse Publishing, but I know there are many brothers and sisters in the body of Christ who partner with us in one way or another. We want God to receive all the glory for what we do as a team – with His help and yours.

For Christ,  
Lavern Gingerich  
*Loaves & Fishes*, editor

## 3 Ways You Can Join the *Loaves & Fishes* Team

### 1. Regular faith-filled prayers help us make progress.

- Spiritual protection for the staff of Lighthouse Publishing and courage to press on.
- Finances to print and ship *Loaves & Fishes* more regularly.
- All the prisoners in our country.

**2. Give a donation to help publish *Loaves & Fishes* for prisoners.** It takes over \$25,000 to print and send out one issue. We could make much more of an impact if we had the resources to print *Loaves & Fishes* more often. (See back for our address.)

**3. Write a prisoner who wants a friend.** We regularly get letters from prisoners who would like to have a pen-pal. Ask us about our Adopt-a-Prisoner program, which helps you connect with one of these prisoners.



# Progress in the Past Year

The Lord has blessed us with encouraging progress this past year. With your help, we were able to purchase a 1973 2-color Komori printing press, which allows us to do our own full-color printing...



Inspecting Printed Sheets of Covers



Rolls of Paper for One Issue of *Loaves & Fishes*



Printing *Loaves & Fishes* on the Web Press



Binding 80,000 *Loaves & Fishes* Booklets



Volunteers Help Label *Loaves & Fishes* for Mailing



Calculating Postage for Boxes of *Loaves & Fishes*



Stacks of Mail Waiting for Darold After His Trip to the Prison Crusade



Lavern Prepares *Loaves & Fishes* for Publication

In spite of many trials getting it broke in, this press has a lot of life left. It prints 2 colors on a sheet up to 26" wide, which means we can print four *Loaves & Fishes* covers on one sheet. The sheets are printed twice on each side for 4-color process. We are deeply thankful that God provided a press that we could afford without a debt attached to it. A big thank you to all who were involved with this project.

**We are blessed to have a few more people on our team.** The Schwartz's in MI are now typing new *Loaves & Fishes* subscriptions at home. They e-mail us the data, which we import into our main database.

**By God's grace, we published another issue of *Loaves & Fishes* in 2008.** With a circulation of 75,000 copies, this is no longer a small undertaking for a shop like ours. After weeks of preparation, it takes 10 tons of paper and 60 lbs. of ink to make it happen. Then there is the printing and binding of all those books. But as we see each book go into the box, we know we have done the best we could and God will use it to build up His kingdom for His glory.

In December I joined a group of 17 men at Caring Friends, a four-day prison crusade in Alabama. We had a wonderful time sharing the gospel with over 1,500 prisoners.

**I was again reminded that the harvest is great and the workers few.** I was as a needle in a hay stack. I found many hungry souls feasting on all kinds of religions, from one extreme to another. Can we afford to tell them the truth? Or really, can we afford not to?

**We see a great need to publish *Loaves & Fishes* at least four times per year.** Would you prayerfully consider helping us achieve this goal in 2009? From our earthly perspective it looks impossible, but with God's help and yours, we believe it is possible. "*Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it*" (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

Will we have another year to openly share the Gospel in prison? Maybe. Maybe not. If we do, let's take advantage of it and keep pressing on. It may be our last chance.

—Darold Gingerich