



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

What Will You Give to Jesus?



I don't know whether you participate in the shopping madness of the Christmas holiday or like to eat lots of good food in celebration of Jesus' birth. But as we near the end of 2009, I invite you to consider these words of Jesus with me:

"Whoever gives one of these **little ones only a cup of cold water** in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward" (Matthew 10:42, NKJV).

Here Jesus promises a reward to the one who gives a little gift to a little person. I don't think Jesus is talking about wandering around in stores looking for the latest technology and gadgets for those who already have much more than they need.

The promise is to those who see real needs and meet them in the name of Jesus. Feed a hungry child as unto the Lord. Encourage a despairing soul as unto the Lord. Visit a lonely mother in jail as unto the Lord. Disciple a young believer in prison as unto the Lord. Jesus assures rewards for small deeds to small people—the poor, the young, the weak, the failures.

The story of the poor widow who gave her last coin to God (Mark 12) is an example of how Jesus values those gifts. She was in a line of many rich givers, but Jesus said this woman put in more than all those who gave their extra money.

In all your giving, what will you give to Jesus? I hope you will choose to give many gifts to Him throughout this coming year.

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**"I have gained a lot of new insight
and awareness of the Bible truths...
I look forward to each issue."**

Howard Martin • OR State Penitentiary • Salem, Oregon

A Small Gift for Jesus



If donations would increase by \$350 a day, this would give us \$10,000 more every month or \$30,000 every quarter—approximately enough to print *Loaves & Fishes* four times a year!

This equals only 350 people giving \$1/day.

We see an urgent need to publish *Loaves & Fishes* at least four times per year. Would you prayerfully consider helping us achieve this goal with a monthly sponsorship of \$30 or more?

Return the enclosed contribution card to set up your monthly donations or call us at 423-447-3567 to get started.

**Help us visit believers in
prison with \$1/day.**

Loaves & Fishes is a free discipleship magazine for prisoners. Our goal is to point those in prison to Jesus Christ and help them become established in the truth and a daily walk with the Lord.



We are committed to lifting up the truth in this day of compromise in areas such as the home and marriage and other areas of true Kingdom living.

“The King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world... I was in prison and you came to Me.’”

(Matthew 25:34–36, NKJV)



Answered Prayers

1. We were looking for a printing company to print the next issue of *Loaves & Fishes* and rejoice to report that the Lord has answered our prayers! Carlisle Printing agreed to print this issue for a price within our budget, so it won't cost a whole lot more than it would for us to print it here.

2. By the time you read this, the new issue of *Loaves & Fishes* will be ready for printing and possibly in production, Lord willing. We were pleased by how quickly this issue came together. This is an answer to prayer, and we are thankful for God's leading and inspiration in it.

3. We are encouraged with the recent increase of donations. It will cost almost \$16,000 to have this issue printed plus freight to our facility, and we almost have enough funds for this step!

4. For months we had been praying for a volunteer to help open and process mail from prisoners. The Lord has answered this prayer in an unexpected way, and we are deeply grateful. Robert Miller and his young family are scheduled to move down from Michigan to fill this position. They will be here by the first of the year, Lord willing, and are committed to helping four months.

A Little More News

Our goal is to publish an issue of *Loaves & Fishes* every three months. We are aiming to mail the new issue in January, but we are still lacking the postage, which will be over \$15,000.

The issue we sent in October is still generating a lot of mail from prisoners. It doesn't take long for a foot-tall stack of mail to pile up. There are still many hungry souls in prison who seek the truth and desire a close walk with God.

Prayer Requests

Here are a few needs for you to pray about this month:

1. All the prisoners in our country, especially the believers who are seeking the Lord and want to grow in their walk with God.

2. Postage for *Loaves & Fishes*, volume 8, issue 1. Please pray that we could have the finances to mail this issue in January.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with you in this work.

For Christ,
Lavern Gingerich

Prisoner Feedback

“I went into the day room feeling down... and noticed... *Loaves & Fishes*. I opened it and began to read and read. By the time I knew it, I felt lightweight and no worries.”

Delia Rios • Lubbock County Jail • TX



Jose A. Crespo • N. Kern State Prison • CA

“I read a few of your magazines at the Orlando Reception Center, and I thought they were just wonderful... Could you please give me a free subscription to your magazine? I promise I will get much joy out of it.”

Mark Beamon • Hamilton CI • FL

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