



Free Discipleship Tools for Prisoners

Loaves & Fishes Report

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“I just need to know someone still cares..”



This is the heart cry of many inmates from prisons all across America. Some are victims of unfortunate circumstances. Many are in prison because of wrong choices leading to social crime. All of them are hungry souls crying out in desperation for a glimmer of hope in a dark world of rejection. Many have lost all contact with their families and friends. And the devil does his utmost to discourage them completely.

But praise God! Many inmates have turned to the Lord, finding a lasting hope and eternal refuge in Him! Through prison chaplains, church group efforts, and ministries such as *Loaves & Fishes*, the word of God is reaching the darkest corners of thousands of prisons all across America.

Still, hundreds are crying out for individual correspondence and discipleship. There is a tremendous opportunity to minister to souls and make an eternal difference by taking the time out of our busy schedules to write a prisoner and share the glory and grace of the Lord Jesus with them.

Perhaps it isn't possible for you to personally visit prisoners. But writing is a splendid opportunity to do as Jesus taught in Matthew 25:36.

If you are interested, please send your request to me at mail@lighthousepublishing.org. (Or call or write using the information on the back of this letter.) We will be glad to provide you with contact information and letters that prisoners wrote to us along with a list of guidelines for corresponding with inmates.

May God be glorified as you represent Him!

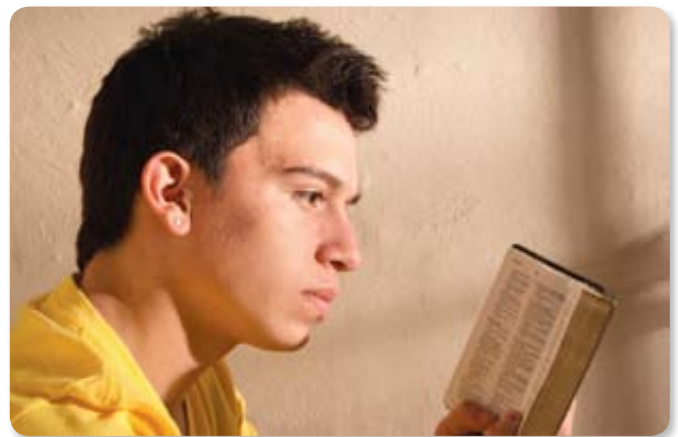
Robert Miller
Mailroom

“The *Loaves & Fishes* are such a blessing to the inmates....

I left 50 at the Rudd Unit in Brownfield, TX. Most of them were taken quickly by the 80+ offenders that attended the services.”

Don Castleberry

Freedom in Jesus Prison Ministries • Lubbock, TX



How \$1/day Supports \$125,000 *Loaves & Fishes* Project

If 350 people would decide to give up \$1/day for the cause of *Loaves & Fishes*, that would equal \$125,000 every year. Based on the costs of the latest issue, this would cover the hard costs of one issue every quarter—**our goal!**

Plans and Progress

Lavern Gingerich

Our purpose for publishing the "Loaves & Fishes Report" is to provide a place where we can report to our partners the things which the Lord has done with us (Acts 15:4) as well as plans for future projects. We desire to be transparent and accountable to those who support the work in gifts and in prayer.

Staff Updates

Robert and Verba are doing a fine job with the requests in the mailroom. They share the burden of the ministry and have decided to stay here indefinitely. Robert has taken on a part-time job to support his family. They are not living off the donations you send, but are freely giving the time they spend here. We are deeply grateful for their support.

My wife and I also enjoy volunteering here and carry a burden for the prisoners in our country. I normally try to be at Lighthouse two weeks every month. I often sense a need for more wisdom and strength in the work, but the Lord gives us grace and fulfillment as we serve Him here.

Anthony Hertzler from Oklahoma is still working for us part-time by the hour. His editorial and writing skills are truly an answer to prayer.

Exciting Publications

We are preparing a printed version of our ministry presentation similar to what we share in churches. This full-color booklet will introduce potential partners to

Lighthouse Publishing. It explains the vision on which Lighthouse is founded, the needs and open door in prison, how *Loaves & Fishes* is helping to meet that need, and how others can partner with us.

Next is *3 Marks of an Effective Missionary*, which draws examples from the life of Christ, encouraging readers to live for the cause of God's Kingdom, work before the night comes, and enjoy the nourishment that God gives His workers.

Both these publications will be distributed free of charge. They will



also form the basis of info packs designed to introduce the work of Lighthouse and recruit new partners to help us reach our goal of making *Loaves & Fishes* a quarterly magazine.

These tools will be freely available to existing supporters for distribution among their friends, families, and church groups.

It will likely take at least several thousand dollars to print and distribute this literature. Please pray for the wisdom we need to be faithful stewards in all these projects.

For Christ,
Lavern Gingerich

Recent Prisoner Feedback

"Could I please have a subscription to *Loaves & Fishes*? The few copies sent to the chapel **disappear quickly.**"

Gary Field

"I am writing to subscribe to your ministry in literature. **It's very uplifting** to me. And I'm sure others feel the same.

"Blessings are spread throughout the country for what you do. And if no one else has said it, allow me to be the first to say Thanks!"

Reginald Malone • LLC • Lincoln, IL

"I enjoyed reading *Loaves & Fishes* so much **I am glad you have made it possible** for us as prisoners to receive it. It's wonderful."

Tina Bryant • Federal Medical Center Satellite Camp Lexington, KY

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