

Mailing of Issue 23

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Free Discipleship Tools for Prisoners



I couldn't be happier to announce that we have received the money for the mailing of *Loaves & Fishes* issue 23. Although we fell just short of our goal to mail four issues in one calendar year, we are encouraged to know that God is faithful and we have a team of caring supporters on our side.

Volunteers from Woodbury came on Tuesday (January 14) to help prepare the mailings. The mail truck came on Wednesday to pick up all the orders.

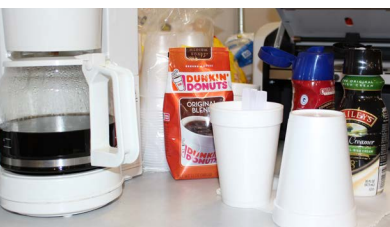
I am grateful for the opportunity to serve those in prison through printed literature. All it takes to stir my heart again is one letter from a chaplain who is self-supported and on a tight budget, asking us to please help in some way.

It's because of your prayers and gifts that we can tell them, "Yes, we'll be happy to send you whatever you can use for the glory of God." It's hard to express how much this means to them and to me.

Please pray for these booklets as they reach their destinations. Also pray for the next issue. We hope to have it ready to print by the end of February.



For the Kingdom,
Lavern Gingerich





"I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Lighthouse Publishing for the time, love, care, and effort they put into our lives... If it were not for Loaves and Fishes, I believe I would still be lost. My love and thanks."

Joshua Dyal Jenkins • Correctional Center • Millen, GA

An Update From Darold

The new year lies before us like freshly fallen snow—no deep tracks or ugly marks to mar the days before us. We are like a child with a clean sheet of paper, new pencil, and eager imagination. With enthusiasm, he makes a few lines here and there. Before long he reaches for the eraser to correct a mistake. Soon the page isn't looking so good anymore. It's not turning out how he had hoped and the eraser is worn down. In despair, he wads it into a ball and throws it away.

We tend to think we get a new sheet of paper each New Year's day. Yet even though our past sins are forgiven, the many results of our choices follow us from one year to the next.

God in His wisdom and mercy allows painful things to come into our lives to shape and mold us into what He sees as beautiful. He also helps the memory of hurtful mistakes fade as time goes on. The faithful get up and keep on going, letting their past mistakes shape them into what they need to become.

We are in the middle of major changes here at Lighthouse Publishing. After being in Pikeville, TN for twelve years, it seems God is moving us on to other places. Eight months ago our local church closed its doors, and most of the brotherhood has found other places to live. Burning Bush Mennonite Church in Bedford, PA has adopted Lighthouse, with the understanding that Lavern and his family will move there to help run the ministry. Our family is drawn to a church in Wellman, IA, but I plan to be involved from there.

Mountains must be moved and deep valleys crossed before all this is over. I am tempted to think if I could just delete the past twelve years worth of mistakes, my life would be much easier, but then I realize I would be a different person if it weren't for the past.

May we embrace who we are in Christ and by faith take another round of life with great enthusiasm.

—Darold Gingerich

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