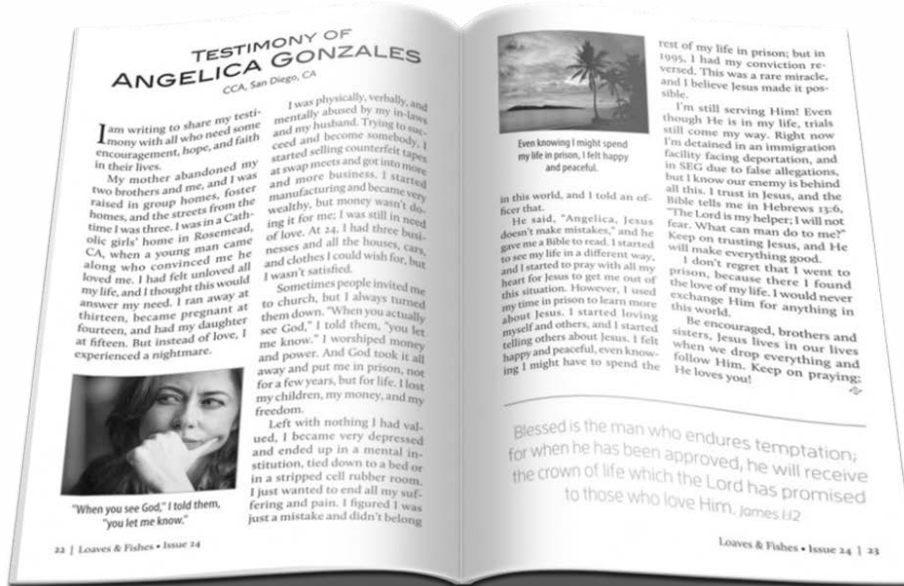


Issue 24 in Review

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Free Discipleship Tools for Prisoners



"I always looked forward to reading your publication. In fact, *Loaves & Fishes* was the only publication I brought home to share with my family."

Craig S. Burnes, Cohutta, Georgia

March 19

Greetings from TN! This will probably be the last time I write a newsletter from my beloved state of Tennessee.

Everything is working out for our move to PA the end of this month. We've sold our building here and rented office and warehouse space in Bedford. We'll tell you more about it next month.

The main thing I wanted to talk about is the next issue of *Loaves & Fishes* magazine. We have issue 24

in review, so it's almost ready to print. The message of this issue is very dear to my heart and I am really excited about getting this issue into the prisons.

Our opening article is "Facing Trials With Joy." I encourage our readers to be steadfast in their dark times because God is arranging these circumstances to help them grow in Him. My dad draws some inspiration from Nick Vujjic's example of faith in God, and Andrew wrote about how pearls are formed in oysters, an illustration of how God wants to use trials in our lives.

I don't have a final count for this next issue yet or an exact quote, but the printing will be around \$15,000. Income has been a little lean the last while so we haven't accumulated much for the next issue yet.

The previous issue was mailed in January, and we hope to get this next one out in April. Please pray for the funds we need for Issue 24.



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For the Kingdom,
Lavern Gingerich

Reader Response



"Thank you once again for *Loaves & Fishes*. The inmates at the Tarrant County Jail love to read them and pass them on to others. You are a blessing to us in Texas."

Chris Allaire, TX



"[*Loaves & Fishes*] inspired me so much that I turned my life over to Christ, and repented of my sins, and asked for forgiveness... I was enslaved by cigarettes, but I prayed everyday that God would take the habit away—and by the grace of God He did!"

Robert M. Cook, Jr., Valdosta Annex, Valdosta, GA



"I'm a prisoner in Kansas and I ran across your booklet. I've really enjoyed it... It has given me reason to get back into the Bible. I thank you for all you do."

Charles Young, Lansing, KY

Update From Darold

The time is nearing for us to say goodbye to all that is familiar and called home. Since the sale of the property it has been a scramble of packing, cleaning out corners, and trying to keep the office work current.

I have been calling our larger distributors and getting some feedback, as well as setting some guidelines for the single subscriptions in the prisons. It is hard to keep up with the large amount of prisoners that are on the move, so we are making some changes which will curb the amount of new single subscriptions where there is a chaplain that is able to supply the books to the prisoners.

We really covet your prayers as we try to work through all of this. In spite of the challenges, it has been an exciting journey to call many chaplains and to hear their testimonies. They all seem to be genuinely grateful for *Loaves & Fishes*. Most of them

ask if we could please send them more than what they've been getting.

Yesterday I talked with a volunteer prison chaplain who works in the Chicago area. He told me there are more than 10,000 people behind bars in that area, and the doors are open for more people to get involved in prison ministry. He is a big help in getting *Loaves & Fishes* into prison with a subscription of 2,700 copies.

We are deeply grateful to you for helping to make all this happen. We simply couldn't reach out to the thousands behind bars without you; neither could we cover so many prisons if it were not for chaplains and others who help us distribute *Loaves & Fishes*. May God richly bless you for your diligence.

As the prison population grows, so does the need. Let us make at least a small difference each day.

—Darold Gingerich

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