

# Set Free Prison Ministries

*Rehabilitation by Regeneration*

If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36



OH COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD!

Let us shout joyfully to the **Rock of our salvation.** Let us come before *His* presence with *thanksgiving.*

Psalm 95:1-2

November 2022

Dear Friends:

We at Set Free would like to wish you a very special and blessed Thanksgiving. 2022 seems to have passed by so quickly and Thanksgiving is upon us. Then we move into the fast-paced Christmas season.

Thanksgiving is truly a wonderful day established to reflect on God's love, faithfulness and His bountiful blessings. **Our hearts are filled with gratitude for our Loving God Who is the source of every good and perfect gift** (James 1:17 NLT).

Supremely we are thankful for our loving Heavenly Father Who sent His Son into the world on a rescue mission. For our blessed Savior, our sinless Substitute Who paid for our sins with His precious blood.

And the Holy Spirit who dwells within our lives and empowers us to live fruitful, victorious lives.

**We at Set Free are so blessed by God's love and amazing faithfulness as we have entered our 52nd year of full-time ministry!** We have been blessed to share the Gospel with literally hundreds of thousands of inmates on three continents. Scores have responded to the Mighty Gospel and opened their hearts to the Savior. Many thousands of lives have been gloriously transformed. Children of the devil have become children of God. Their names are written in heaven. To God be all the glory. It's all of Him. We are blessed and privileged to be His servants (I Corinthians 1:26-31).

We are so blessed to be operating a ministry that is totally 100% free to the destitute, those who few care about and without the ability to pay for what they do desperately need. Over the past five decades, we have provided many hundreds of thousands of Bible courses, Bibles, life changing books, devotionals, booklets, pamphlets, and tracts, etc. Additionally, mailing and return postage has been provided totally free of charge. Every day we operate is a daily miracle of the Lord's provision. **We are so thankful to the Lord Who continues to provide for our huge needs through the prayers and loving generosity of His incredible loving people.**

We are grateful to the Lord and blessed that we currently have over 4,000 inmates that we minister to each month. We are averaging 830 new enrollments for every month of 2022. We are grateful and blessed to have 118 faithful volunteers who pour their heart, energy, and time into serving the Lord as they minister to precious hurting inmates. (Matthew 25:34-40) They are bringing joy to the heart of the Lord and laying up treasures in heaven. Without their loving and sacrificial dedication Set Free would cease to operate. There is an incredible amount of work that goes on within the Set Free office. Our staff and volunteers are like detectives on the job. Inmates are often transferred to different locations and prisons. It is super time consuming to track the movements, location and find the new addresses of inmates in over 300 jails and prisons where we mail courses. We do not want to lose one student if they are still incarcerated.

Others who serve in the office collate a variety of materials and prepare them for mailing according to individual prisons with many varied restrictions. Some pull staples out of many hundreds of courses and books as many jails and prisons will not allow any books with staples to be received by the inmates.

It's a huge job to pack new courses, books and booklets and return completed exams. One awesome couple, Bob and Deanna, work five days a week, working 5 to 6 hours a day to help with the workload.

Other volunteers work from their home correcting completed courses. They pray for the inmates. They study and research so they can answer tough questions. They give encouragement and positive comments and share God's love and His Word with the inmates.



There is always great rejoicing at our office when we look at inmates' completed courses and they indicate that they received the Lord as their Savior while studying God's Word. The Lord continues to bless His mighty Word. **To date 1,463 inmates have made professions of faith. To our loving God and Savior be all the glory!**

Over a hundred volunteers are engaged in a special ministry, Christmas Card Outreach, at this time of year.

They are busy writing personalized Christmas cards to many hundreds of inmates. They share that Christmas is a birthday celebration. God gave the greatest gift ever – His Son to pay for our sins. They share that all who personally receive Him can be forgiven, become a child God and live forever with Him in heaven. **God's incredible love often melts hearts!** Christmas is the toughest time of the year to be locked up. Upwards of 85% of inmates never receive a single visit or a letter from the outside world during their incarceration.

Additionally, we mailed almost six thousand blank Christmas cards for inmates to mail to their family or loved ones. **Please pray that many will respond to the Gospel and open their heart to our loving Savior. That would bring great rejoicing in Heaven!**

We would appreciate your prayers that our loving heavenly Father would continue to meet the needs of Set Free. Our expenses have greatly increased due to run-away inflation, shortages, printing cost increases, plus major postage increases. We are grateful to the Lord for His faithfulness for over five decades. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrew 13:8).

Now to Him Who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us (Ephesians 3:20).

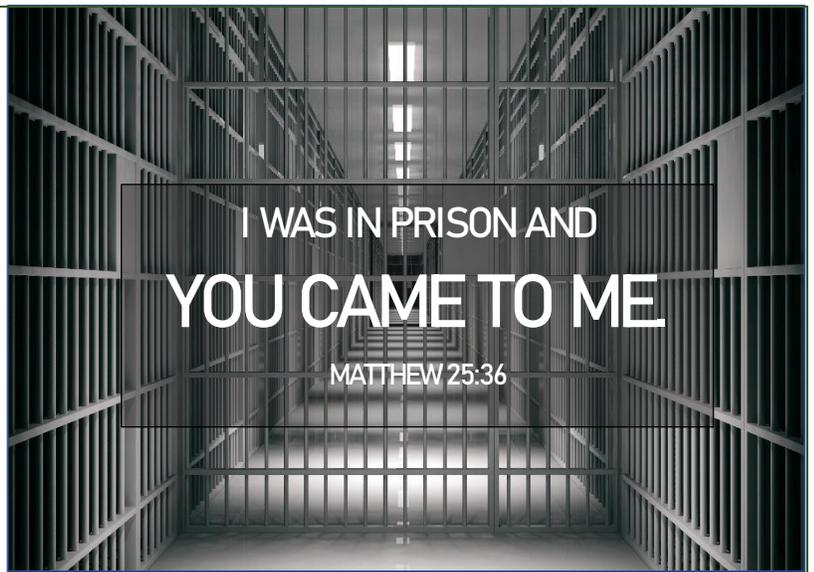
We are grateful to the Lord for you and your partnership in the furtherance of the Gospel. You are a wonderful blessing and once again Happy Thanksgiving!!

Because He Lives,



Phil Wagner

2 Corinthians 9:8-15



## Letters from Inmates

**I would like to start off by first saying thank you for the Bible study.** As someone new in faith it's a huge help in understanding the things I'm reading. My name is Jennifer and I'm 34 years old. This is my 7th time in prison on drug possession charges. And last month is the first time I've ever sat down and read my Bible. I always thought Jesus was for other people not for me. Boy was I wrong. As I started to read the New Testament, I came to realize that Jesus was exactly what I was missing from my life. In the last few years, I found myself homeless, all my family dead and my kids adopted out by the state and never feeling more alone in my life, to the point of welcoming death so as not to have to face another day lost and alone. But I'm now understanding, that's not God's plan for me. As I've come to understand recently through my reading in the Bible, he wants good things for me. I'm in need of a Christian woman pen pal to correspond with and help me to grow in my new faith.

I'm also asking for help in finding a faith based transitional living program out of state. I don't want to go back to where I'm from staying as this state is death for me. I want to change my life, to be a good Christian, and I'm in desperate need of help and guidance to do that. And with no family I don't know where to begin. I've prayed on writing this letter for 2 weeks to first make sure it was the right thing to do. And in Jesus' name I pray this letter finds you safe, and happy in Christ. God bless. **Jennifer/ Newport, AR**

**Thank you! God bless you all! I thank God, the Son and the Holy Spirit.** I couldn't have done it without their help. My whole life is a lot happier than ever before, please continue your works. I am looking forward to helping my family to be saved and others as well in Jesus Christ name. Amen!

**Jovani/ Chicago, IL**

**My name is Deleon and I've been studying with you all now for maybe a year now, which has been a wonderful blessing to me.** Thank you for everything and may God continue to bless this ministry above all that you may ask or think. Most of all I thank God for you and the willingness to obey His commands over your life. May God continue to use you in a mighty way. Amen! Thank you and God bless you. **Deleon/ Barhamsville, VA**

*To all the people at the Set Free Prison Ministries Inc. I just want to send a blessing to the ministry. Thank you all for the work you all do to send me the 1st bible study lesson now. I will be praying I did well. I'll do my best to be perfect with the Words of our Heavenly father God and Jesus Christ. Now it is time to do these lessons. I will be waiting for the day I hear my name called out at mail call and the mail is from this ministry. God bless you all!!*

**Peter/ Raymondville, TX**

*Hello, I have been a student of your Bible studies and have almost finished the "How to Find God" New Testament I received back in July. Let me tell you something, I absolutely loved it. It has so much changed my ways of looking at life and the way I think and act, even though I am still locked up. Could you possibly find me a spare copy of the "New Believers Bible" for the next step in my awesome journey of faith? Again, thank you all so much for the new outlook of my new life. Hope to hear from you all soon. **Chad/ Jamestown, TN***

Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips that **give thanks to His name.**

Hebrews 13:15

*I was locked up in Cook County Jail. I am now at a transitional rehabilitation center. If you can please keep sending me Bible study books. I want to learn about God. In school all I ever got for grades were F's and D's. You make me feel young again. I'm going to show my family I am not a big dummy after all. When I get work, I will send money to you. Thank you all and God bless.*

**Joe/ Chicago, IL**

*I've been here since May 2022. My husband and I have three toddlers... I want to teach our children about Jesus too. I would like to enroll in your Bible Study Program. Thank you for all you do. You truly save lives, repair relationships, and help families get back together. God bless you! **Leslie/ Laurens, SC***



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