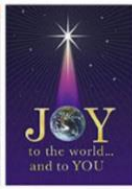
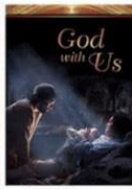
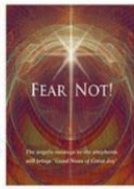


Together we can make a difference in their lives, fulfilling what Jesus said, ***"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."***



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Our Quarterly Newsletter for October - December 2016

"All Christmas Cards are due back to us before 12-15-16"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Once again I am happy to kick off Our 3rd Annual Christmas Card Outreach where we send a personalized Christmas card to one of our prisoners who takes part in our Pen Pal for Jesus Ministry. Many of these individuals don't receive anything for Christmas, so a card from us with a note inside means the world to them! To think that someone who doesn't even know them would take time to send them a Christmas card is unbelievable in their eyes. We at Disciple of Christ Ministries have been sending Christmas and Birthday Cards to all of our inmates since we first started our Prison Outreach.

Last year through The C.C. Outreach we were able to send out 325 cards to our pen pals. This year we would like to be able to send out even more Christmas Greetings to our inmates from more of our Christian Brothers & Sisters. Showing the inmates, the love of Jesus through that card is why we are asking for your help in sending Christian cards again this year. The goal of this outreach is for prisoners to be introduced to Jesus and be shown the love He has for all them. Together we can make a difference in their lives, fulfilling what Jesus said, ***"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."***

Would you be willing to send a few extra Christmas Cards with a note from you and your Family in a sealed stamped envelope to us so we can send them out? You can also just ask for some names and we will provide them to you. I would like to thank you in advance for whatever help you may be able to give us to make this Christmas special to a fellow Christian Brother or Sister. We will need cards back to us no later than Dec 15th.

The holiday season is an especially bleak and difficult time for people who are incarcerated. For many, the card they receive from you through our 2016 Christmas Cards Outreach for Inmates is the ONLY piece of mail they will receive this Christmas. These cards deeply touch the men and women who receive them. Last year, Pen Pals for Jesus received many letters of appreciation from prisoners. These letters reveal the power of this program.

In Christ Precious Name,
Dennis Dockham
Founder / Faithfull Servant

From the Desk of Brother Doc

Well, here we are again. It's time for the Newsletter. I hope this issue finds you in good health and in a well spirited place. What a great time of the year we are entering; time of Thanksgiving and the celebration of the Birth of Christ. I have always enjoyed Thanksgiving and have fond memories of the old days when my family got together at one of the elder's home to feast on Turkey and all the fixings, enjoying the time with family and looking forward to Christmas and the happy times that would be coming starting the next day. Back then you would not see any type of Christmas items out until after Thanksgiving. Boy, how things have changed over the years. I must say Thanksgiving and Christmas have a whole different perspective to me today; than when I became Born Again in October 2008 and called to serve.

I am so grateful for this opportunity in serving God through this ministry. I never in my life thought I would be serving God in this capacity. What an awesome God we have! I have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. I look back over the past five years, remembering my release from the house of correction on Nov 4th 2011 and being homeless and feeling lost not knowing how I would get back on my feet. There I was walking in faith believing that Christ would lead me to the plan God had for me, no matter where it took me. In the beginning it was very challenging having stops in shelters then a cheap motel room and finally into a small studio apartment. During this time, I was seeing God's hand in every part of this journey, keeping the faith in what I believed God wanted me to become. A faithful servant, striving to extend my hand to those who struggle in life here on earth.

In this issue God has put upon my heart Colossians 1:3-14 (Thanksgiving and praying). What awesome Scripture to study and fulfill during the seasons we are about to enter; Thanksgiving day and then the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. As I stated above all the things I am thankful for were only possible through the mercy and grace of God. It is truly amazing as I look back over the last 10 years, seeing the blessings and changes in my own life since fully surrendering my life into the hands of God. I prayed for God to take my life as I felt I no longer wanted to live as I thought my life became a disaster zone. Struggling with addiction and no longer feeling that I had any worth in life I gave up. How thankful I am today that God did hear my prayers but answered them with His will and not mine.

During my own incarceration my eyes were opened and the light of Christ started to shine brightly around me. It appeared to me that God was placing his people around me throughout my incarceration, especially my Christian brother Jake who was coming into the prison to offer us a Bible study every Monday night, my first of many Christian men who would enter my life over my early journey walking with Christ. These Bible studies gave me hope and strength to seek more knowledge in living in the spirit through the word of God, built upon a solid foundation which was laid out with every book I read within the Bible, and helped me to receive the knowledge to change my worldly ways into a spiritual guided way of living pleasing to God and for his glory.

So I guess this message is not only for the inmate behind the wall. It is to every Christian who reads this newsletter. You see there really no difference between them behind the wall and all of us living in bondage and shackled on the outside. We are all saved by the blood Christ who came into the world as a baby, lived amongst us and shed His blood on the cross. As John 3:16 says: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."* What a precious gift he has given each one of us.

While preparing material for this newsletter I fully understood the message that God has given me to share. The same message Paul gave the Colossian's of obedience, faith, and love, the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth. I have not stopped praying for all of you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Their "faith" in the Lord reveals their turning from their old nature to Christ and their desire to live daily for Him.

Through my own experience I can speak of the peace and joy a Christmas card brings to someone who has such strong faith in Christ but feel so alone in a place with overpowering darkness. What a difference it made in my time of incarceration, receiving a personal letter or note from someone who God placed it on their heart to reach out and share the love of God to me. This gave me my faith in the gospel, knowing that God works through people. Many of my prayers were answered by people who I did not even know, Christian men and women who were willing to share God's love for me. I know that many of you know what I am talking about, and have the same love in Christ that was shared with me then. Are you the person God wants to use to answer someone's prayer by sharing the love you have for Christ Jesus in your daily lives?

In Colossians 1:3-14, Paul is encouraging us to focus on Jesus. So, just how are you to live a life that pleases Christ? I know I try to live in obedience to God every day: bearing good fruit in all things I do so they are pleasing to God, walking in the light of Christ, sharing his love to those who have wandered into the darkness, constantly seeking knowledge and wisdom in the word of God so that I can become a better servant in the Kingdom of God.

The holiday season is an especially bleak and difficult time for people who are incarcerated. For many, the card they receive from you through our **2016 Christmas Cards Outreach for Inmates** will be the ONLY piece of mail they will receive this Christmas. Let us join together in bearing good fruit and brighten the way for a Christian brother or sister this Christmas by sharing our love for Christ in a personalized greeting of hope, joy, and peace. Open your hearts to allow the Holy Spirit to give you the words and passion to make a difference in someone's life this Christmas. Many of our inmates are followers of Christ and fight a spiritual war between the darkness and light every day behind the wall. Help us to supply them the fuel in the Word of God, to make the light they bear never go dark and to become a beacon of light to all around them.

As I come to a close with this letter, I want to say Happy Thanksgiving to every one of you in whose hands God places this newsletter. May you rediscover the many blessings you have received over the past year and give thanks for all the things God has provided for you during your current journey. Then as we begin to enter the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior on Christmas Day, let us not forget the real reason we celebrate; Jesus is the reason for the season. May God give you the boldness to spread the gospel to all around you, spreading joy, comfort, and peace. Have a Merry Christmas

Heavenly Father, as we all read this newsletter may we be forever thankful for the blessing in our lives that you made possible through your grace and mercy. Thank you father for loving us so much that you sent your Son to live amongst us without sin, only to die on that cross paying the price for our sins. I also ask that you open the heart of each person who receives this newsletter that they may hear your words and find it in their heart to take part in our Christmas card outreach. I have seen by my own obedience in serving you through this ministry how one person can make a difference in the lives of your children. Father God I ask for your blessings over our Christmas card outreach. Let prayers be answered for those who feel lost and forgotten this holiday season. May your grace be felt in the hearts of all who take part in our mission spreading the true meaning of Christmas. The birth of Christ.

In Christ Jesus name I ask. Amen

Faithfull servant,

Dennis Dockham

CHRISTMAS DEVOTION

The Real Meaning of Christmas

By Martha Noebel

It's that time of year again. December has come and with it all the joys of Christmas. But what is the real meaning of Christmas? Is it the gifts under the tree, the lights in the windows, the cards in the mail, turkey dinners with family and friends, snow in the yard, stockings hanging in the living room, and shouts of "Merry Christmas" to those who pass us in the streets? Is this really Christmas?

For many people, Christmas is a time of sorrow. They don't have the extra money to buy presents for their children, family, and friends. Many are saddened at Christmastime when they think of their loved ones who will not be able to come home for various reasons. Turkey dinners may be only a wish and not a reality for some.

Yet, Christmas can be a season of great joy. It is a time of God showing His great love for us. It can be a time of healing and renewed strength. You see, Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of the Christ child. God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to be born. His birth brought great joy to the world. Shepherds, wise men, and angels all shared in the excitement of knowing about this great event. They knew this was no ordinary baby. The prophets had told of His coming hundreds of years before. The star stopped over Bethlehem just to mark the way for those who were looking for this special child.

Luke 2: 4-19 says:

"So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart."

Why did He come? Why did God send His son to this sometimes cruel and hard world? He sent Jesus to us so that one day, He would grow up to become a very important part of history. His story (history) is one of truth, love, and hope. It brought salvation to all of us. Without Jesus, we would all die in our sins.

Jesus was born so one day the price could be paid for the things we have done that are wrong. The Bible says that all have sinned. We are all born with a sin nature. We do things that do not please God. Through the sins of Adam and Eve, we have all inherited that sin nature. We need to have that removed. The only way is through Jesus. Jesus came so He could die on the cross for ALL of our sins. If we believe that Jesus died for our sins, we can ask Him to come into our hearts and forgive us. Then, we are clean and made whole. We can know that heaven is a place where we can go to when this life is over.

"But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong." [1 John 1:9](#)

We can truly be happy at Christmas! No matter what may be happening, we can know that we are His children. We then become sons and daughters of God. Heaven will be our home one day.

Look at Christmas in a new way this year. This is the year to invite Jesus into your heart. You will then have a "Merry Christmas." The joy and peace you will receive will last all year as you look to God for all your needs to be met.

Jesus Is the Reason for The Season! Rejoice!



'Tis the Season

By Daphne Delay

"Merry Christmas!" says one. "Happy Holidays!" says another. "'Tis the Season" is proclaimed and posted everywhere this time of year. But what do we really mean when we refer to this "season"?

In general, a season can be a particular time of year, such as winter, spring, summer, and fall. It can also refer to a time characterized by a particular circumstance, like in a "season of awakening." Some may use this word to describe a suitable or natural time, like when their "season" comes. Or it could mean an indefinite period of time; for example, a person on assignment for a "season."

However, you want to look at it, we all need to be reminded of Paul's words to Timothy: "Be ready in season and out of season" ([2 Timothy 4:2](#)).

Before the great flood, in the days of Noah, everyone was carrying on as usual, having a good time. All the way up to the day Noah and his family boarded the ark, the people knew nothing (and cared little) about the things which were to take place. Although Noah preached righteousness to a mocking generation, none were saved except eight souls. The flood hit and swept everything away ([Matthew 24:37-39](#); [2 Peter 2:5](#)).

The arrival of Jesus will be like that: Two men will be working in the field - one will be taken, one left behind; two women will be grinding at the mill - one will be taken, one left behind. So stay awake and alert. You have no idea what day your Master will show up. But you do know this: You know that if the homeowner had known what time of night the burglar would arrive, he would have been there with his dogs to prevent the break-in. Be vigilant like that. You have no idea when the Son of Man is going to show up ([Matthew 24:39-44](#), Message). Therefore, be ready in your season - whatever it may be.

You may be in a season you are ready to see end. Or perhaps you are in the best season of your life, hoping it will never end. While still others, may be altogether oblivious to the season around them. In any case, seasons come and seasons go, but our instruction remains the same: be ready in season and out.

Serious athletes prepare year-round for their season. If they were to wait and begin preparing at the start, not only would much time be lost but they would be at great risk of being cut or suffer the consequences of loss. Are we really much different in this game of life? We are told to "be ready for every good work" ([Titus 3:1](#)), "be ready to give a defense for the hope within you" ([1 Peter 3:15](#)), and if need be, "be ready to suffer for the sake of the Gospel" ([2 Timothy 1:8](#)).

The point is, there will be no excuse for our conduct or readiness despite our season. George Washington once said, "Bad seed is a robbery of the worst kind: for your pocket-book not only suffers by it, but your preparations are lost and a season passes away unimproved." Every one of our actions is a seed. And every seed will produce in its season. We should learn from those who have preceded us. Mother Teresa is noted for saying, "Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand." Even out of adversity, Charles Spurgeon humbly said, "It is good for me to have been afflicted, that I might know how to speak a word in season to one that is weary."

"So whether the opportunity seems to be favorable or unfavorable [whether it is convenient or inconvenient, whether it is welcomed or unwelcomed], stand by, be at hand and ready..." ([2 Timothy 4:2](#), Amplified). 'Tis the season!

Colossians 1:3-14

Thanksgiving and Prayer

"It's All About Christ!"

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints-- the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Introduction

In **Colossians 1:3-14** we read how Paul complimented the church at Colosse for their relationship with God and then how

he encouraged them to go deeper in their love for the Lord. I praise the Lord that the more we know and experience God, the more we realize that this is to know and experience. The key to spiritual growth is to keep our focus on Christ and not to be self-satisfied with our so-called achievements. The theme, "It's All About Christ!" will direct us properly to glorifying God with our lives and will reap a harvest of blessing for us and our families.

Colossians 1:3-8

Paul compliments the Colossians in 1:3-8. They have a strong faith in Christ Jesus and a love for all the saints. Their faith and love originates from their hope in the Lord that is stored up for them in heaven. Their "faith" in the Lord reveals their turning from their old nature to Christ and their desire to live daily for Him. Their "love for all the saints" then is a practical expression to those around them of their lives being changed by Jesus. In fact, if your life is truly changed by Christ, then you cannot contain the overflow of His love from spilling out onto others.

The society of New Testament times was very class conscience. They were well aware of the labels that identified individuals in society such as nationality, religion beliefs, economics, and politics. But, when people gave their hearts to Jesus as Savior and Lord then the only factor that mattered was their love for the Lord. Jesus Christ was the One who saved them. Jesus Christ is the One for whom they lived. And, it is Jesus Christ who united them. The church at Colosse understood this fact and lived it appropriately.

Their faith and love sprang from the hope that they will be with Christ in heaven for eternity. Their hope for an amazing future with Jesus helped them to respond properly to their present realities and equipped them with the fact that this world is not their home or final destination. The best is

yet to come.

Paul then answered any question they might have concerning the validity or impact the message of Christ had worldwide. The Gospel of Jesus Christ was not just a local or regional phenomenon. The message was global and changing lives just as their lives were changed. They were in the flow of the worldwide movement of the Spirit of God.

Colossians 1:9-14

It was because of the Colossians faith, love, and hope that Paul prayed they would grow deeper in their relationship with the Lord. In the final verses of our passage, Paul asked God to fill them "with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding." Paul was a spiritual father to the Colossians and, as such, he wanted the best for them. As a father of three sons, I understand that the best for my sons is not that they acquire wealth or popularity but that they find the Will of God for their lives and follow the Lord without compromise. What could be better than following the Eternal and Almighty God?

The knowledge of Will of God is found through spiritual wisdom that comes only from reading God's Word and spending time in His presence. Understanding the Will of God means that you learn how to apply what you read and then you live in a manner that honors God. You must find the Will of God in order to fulfill the very purpose for which God created you; to glorify Him. Paul then wrote that once you obtain the knowledge of His Will then you must live a life worthy of the Lord so that you can please Him in every way.

Let's stop for a second and rephrase what was just said. Do you want to be happy? Do you really want genuine, amazing, abundant joy? If so, the focal point of your heart and mind must be on Jesus Christ. The purpose and fulfillment of your life is not found by being self-focused or by making your

ideal of happiness be your desired outcome. You will find true purpose and fulfillment only by making Jesus Christ the center of your being. "It's All About Christ!" is our phrase that speaks volumes. Paul is encouraging you to focus on Jesus.

So, just how are you to live a life that pleases Christ? Paul wrote that you are to first, bear fruit in every good work. This means you will seek to do that which honors the Lord. Second, you are to grow in the knowledge of God. This means you will hunger for God's Word and spend quality time in His presence. Third, you are to seek to be strengthened with all power so that you will have great endurance and patience. This means you will overcome life's obstacles by the Lord's strength and not your own. Fourth, you are to joyfully give thanks to the Father who gives you your inheritance. Your joyful and thankful heart positions you properly to love the Lord and brings you peace that passes all understanding. Fifth, you are to remember that you owe your life to God, the One who rescued us from darkness and brought us into the love of Jesus Christ.

Application

I am so thankful that the Lord sees where we are in our spiritual journey and then takes us to a deeper level with Him. Paul's letter to the Colossians applies to you and to me. You can be so very thankful for what the Lord has done in your life. But, there is so much more! You can find the knowledge of God's Will for your life. You can live a life worthy of the Lord. You can please Him in every way. You can do this if you focus on Jesus and are obedient to Him. "It's All About Christ!" May the Lord find us faithful. Let's pray.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, please teach me to live a life worthy of you so that I may please you in every way. I want to bring

glory to you in everything that I do. Amen.

For You to Consider

1. What can you do to strengthen your faith in God?
2. How can you overcome the difficulties you might have in loving other Christians?
3. What changes should you make to your life if you lived each day as a preparation for eternity?
4. What should you do to live in the knowledge of the Will of God?
5. List five ways that you will seek to please God this coming week in your thoughts and actions.



From Behind the Wall

Here are a few letters that we received from inmates who received a Christmas Cards last year through our Christmas Card Outreach.

"Though I am Jewish I can still appreciate the beauty in your message. May the GOD of Abraham - your GOD and mine - bless you all tenfold for your selfless acts of human kindness and compassion."-Victor

"To the wonderful people who remembered those often forgotten, who know the difference between a sin and a sinner, who took the time to bring some warmth to a cold place, who softened our hearts and maybe even watered our eyes, you are the hopeful future. You clearly reflect His light."- John

"The Christmas card that you sent me really touched my heart. Thank you so much for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with me." - Jay

"My gratitude and thanks to all the Christians who spent their time and effort to bring happiness and joy to an otherwise bleak time behind bars."

Anonymous

"Dear Brother Doc, your card was a little ray of sunshine in a place of cold steel and concrete."-Douglas

Thank you for thinking of me and sending a Christmas card. I am guilty of getting lonely and thinking no one cares. But, then, I have to my senses and remember all the times God has kept me in mind and looked out for me when I wasn't looking out for myself. I do know I'm never left alone. But in here, as a normal human being I do crave some kind of contact from real people, out there. Satan is alive and well in here manifested into so many persons it gets to be overwhelming at times. But, I pray and pray.

A Christmas Card

Christmas lights and decorations everywhere you turn But all you feel inside is dark and gray There may be joy for all the world but is there any joy for you Hold on, Love is looking for a way Hold on, I believe it's why love came

So I'm sending you this Christmas card To let you know somebody loves you in them singing you this little song To let you know you're not alone And I'm thinking, as we celebrate, how Love came down So every lost and lonely broken heart would get found And wherever you are, I hope this Christmas card finds you and reminds you You are loved

For everyone who's been left standing on the outside looking in Everyone with dreams that never will come true When the story of your life gets re-written over night Well, this is all part of the Christmas story too And I believe God knows and He's right there with you

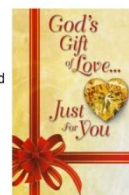
So I'm sending you this Christmas card To let you know somebody loves you And I'm singing you this little song To let you know you are not alone

And I'm thinking as we celebrate how Love came down So every lost and lonely broken heart can be found And wherever you are, I hope this Christmas card Find you and reminds you You are not alone

You're never forgotten The God who made you came down to our world To let us know wherever we are He is with us Our God is with us And he really wants to let you know just how much he loves you

And I'm singing you this Christmas song So you'll know you're not alone And I'm thankful as we celebrate, how love came down Now all the lost and lonely broken hearts can be found And wherever you are I hope this Christmas card finds you and remind you, You are loved

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October

- 10 – Clifton Wells
- 11 – James Grindel
- 17 – Charlene Bentley
- 18 - Burl Dees
- 22 – Mavin James
- 22 – Ronald York
- 23 – Donald Robichaud
- 31 – Sequin Jackson
- 31 – Patty White

November

- 2 - Holly Peryman
- 6 - Terry Austin
- 6 - Betty Sheffield

9 - Jersey Hunter Duquesne

11 - Jerry King

14 - Jerome Tita

20 - Joseph Reed

24 - Cedric Brumfield

24 - Blyne Smith

December

5 - Gary E. Schillinger

14 - Daniel A. Tomforde

18 - Jeromy R Brand

19 - Jonathan LaRose

22 - Sheldon Hopkins

23 - Jose Herrera Jr.

26 - Tiffany Bryant

28 - Dennis Dockham

If we have missed your Birthday, please send us your DOB so we can make sure you receive a Birthday Card and list it in our newsletter.

A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, so often times, as any other day
When we sit down to our meal and pray

We hurry along and make fast the blessing

Thanks, amen. Now please pass the dressing

We're slaves to the olfactory overload
We must rush our prayer before the food gets cold

But Lord, I'd like to take a few minute more

To really give thanks to what I'm thankful for

For my family, my health, a nice soft bed

My friends, my freedom, a roof over my head

I'm thankful right now to be surrounded by those

Whose lives touch me more than they'll ever possibly know

Thankful Lord, that You've blessed me beyond measure

Thankful that in my heart lives life's greatest treasure

That You, dear Jesus, reside in that place

And I'm ever so grateful for Your unending grace

So please, heavenly Father, bless this food You've provided

And bless each and every person invited

Amen!

-Scott Wesemann

Disciple of Christ Ministries

Was founded with the belief that one person can make a positive change in those who are out there lost and living in the flesh. Our work is founded on the following five pillars of faith:

- A duty to reach out to the lost and forgotten.
- An obligation to lead by example.
- An all-inclusive approach: We help everyone regardless of their religious beliefs.
- That the path to salvation lies in our Lord Jesus, serving Him in everything we do.
- That Christ will use our testimonies for His glory so others can see how God has taken our trials and tribulations and turned them into victories for Christ.

Our mission is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ where we live, work, and through prison ministry.

How are we doing this?

1. By developing a community of committed disciples of Jesus Christ, which will have an impact for Christ locally and around the world.
2. Through personal evangelism, the sharing of our own testimony of how God has worked in our lives and the impact it has had on our personal relationships with Christ.
3. By building a strong "Christian Fellowship" and a team of missionaries, who will be able to write to those who are seeking the Lord Jesus in their life, through our Pen Pals for Jesus Ministry. Thus Christ will become known to His sheep that have fallen into the ways of the flesh, giving them the same hope and faith that Christ has given to us so freely.
4. By developing a working outreach mentoring program, which will be able to assist and help reintegrate those who are seeking a new and better life after incarceration.
5. Building resources with local and state agencies, to better assist in getting a person the much needed services they so desperately need, like clothing, food, medical services, and housing.

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We are in need of volunteers to write our Christian inmates who are seeking pen pals. There are over 175 requests now from our brothers and sisters who have fallen into dark times that have turned to Christ for guidance. They are working on a better way to live their lives through the grace of Christ blood shed on the cross.



Join us in prayer as we raise them up to the Lord in Jesus' Name

Pray for all whom still find themselves in darkness that they can open their Eyes and look towards the distant light so within that light they find a lantern of their own to bring the Light of Christ to take over the darkness that lurks around them

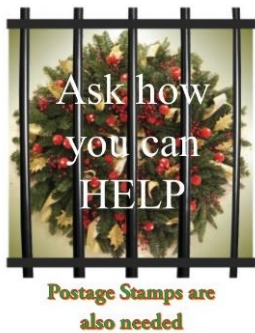
Pray for every person who receive this letter that God opens their hearts so they can share the Love of Christ this Christmas to someone who they do not know, or someone they haven't heard from in years.

Pray for those who seek God in their lives and are waiting for a Christian Pen Pal that they may receive the person God has already picked for them. Ask God if you are the person he has chosen to answered their prayers of a pen pal.

Pray for our inmates who no longer have contact with their family that God may open new doors to mend the pain and encourage the rebuilding of their relationship.

Keep the Christmas Card outreach in your prayers that God will give the wisdom to personalize each card to the individual receiving the card.

Continue to pray for this ministry as we continue to grow. That God continue to provide me with His word and wisdom. That I never lose sight in what He has planned for my journey.



Disciple of Christ Ministries

3rd Annual Christmas Card Outreach

We are once again asking for help with our Christmas Card Outreach. We are in need of cards with a personal warm message of hope in a stamped envelope so we can send them to our Pen Pals for Jesus inmates.

Last years outreach touched the hearts of many inmates who have no families. Receiving a Christmas card is a piece of hope and love to individuals who are striving to change their lives and walk with Christ in a place that is dark and cold.

Jesus is the reason for the season

I am interested in becoming a Pen Pal with Pen Pals for Jesus.

NAME: _____ (If inmate) DOC# _____

(Prison or Jail) UNIT: _____ or (Email for Volunteers)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ST/ZIP: _____

Inmates please provide us with your Age: _____ Birthday: ____/____/____

*****Are you allowed to receive Greeting Cards [Yes] or [NO] *****

Return completed form to:

ATTN: Brother Doc,

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