

Touching Lives Behind Bars



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Greetings and Happy New Year!!

Rejoice with us. Being the end of the year, we want to let you, our partners, know the far-reaching effects of your efforts. Of course we can only show you what is known to us and measurable on earth. However, we are confident that even more will be known on the day that we see our Lord and Savior in heaven. He is letting us help in the finding of His lost ones and we will meet them and celebrate there. What a family festivity that will be!

Our Mission

"I was in prison and you came to Me... Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

Matthew 25:36, 40

We desire to introduce prisoners to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, help them build a firm foundation of faith, and equip them to minister to others, whether they remain in prison or are released.

Prayer Needs

- The prisoners who read
- The chaplains
- Ray and staff
- Warehouse/office space
- Finances

FROM RAY

I am pleased to let you know that, since our last newsletter, we are now able to serve 25 additional facilities that have been on our waiting list.

There are more than 2.1 million people confined in federal and state prisons in this country. Each year, 500,000 of these inmates will be released. They will become your neighbors. All of these people will be changed by their prison experience—some will be better criminals, but some will be better citizens.

There are thousands of dedicated people working with prisoners. Some are recruiting for their particular religion, some are trying to improve lives. We are devoted to the latter and do our part by providing inspirational books. Books will continue to work after these dedicated people have gone home for the night. Those same books will be used by inmates to minister to other inmates.

We believe that the time of Christ's return is near; therefore, we need to be more efficient than ever before. We have designed Prison Book Project to be effective and efficient but we will never be satisfied with the way we are; we'll always continue to try to improve. We owe that to the people who still need to know our Lord.

HARVEST Raymond E Hall © 1995



The seeds that are planted By the side of the road, It will be as if They had never been sowed.

The seeds that are planted In the brambles and thorn Will be choked by the world Like they'd never been born.

The seeds that are planted In soil rich and plowed, When the heart is destroyed And the proud head is bowed

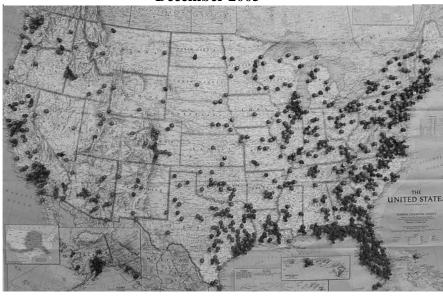
That seed will grow strong With GOD'S sun and rain, But no heart is plowed under Without hurt and pain.

So let the soil suffer Let it be wrenched apart, The seed from that seed Will grow in another plowed heart.



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Each pin represents at least one prison or jail, several represent multiple facilities

2005 STATISTICS (Estimated)

1585 boxes shipped 370 individual packages shipped 96,000 books distributed 48 states 4000 responses

Contributors

Florida Businesses
Florida Churches/Ministries
Florida Individuals
Florida Prisons
Prisoners
Out of State Businesses
Out of State Churches/Ministries
Out of State Individuals
Out of State Prisons
Authors
Publishers
Volunteers

THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL!

What Does \$50 Do?

\$50.00 will send 3 boxes of books to a prison. This is our average shipment to a U.S. prison or jail.

Each of these boxes contains an average of 65 books. \$50.00 will send approximately 195 books.

The average retail price of each book we send is about \$10.00. Every box averages a retail value of \$650.00. A \$50.00 contribution sends about \$1950.00 worth of books.

A book is read by approximately 30 people, a box of books by 1,950 people. A \$50.00 shipment is read by about 5,850 people.

Each book spends about 8 hours with a reader. That's 15,600 hours per box. A \$50.00 shipment represents 46,800 hours of work with prisoners or 22.5 years of full time labor by a chaplain.

Your \$50.00 donation has an approximate end value of \$1950.00, has reached about 5,850 people, and accomplishes the equivalent of 22.5 years of full time ministerial work in the prisons.

Your donation to us yields approximately 3900%, not to mention the eternal fruit of saved souls.

Do you have a heart for the lost? We need your help. Each box of books costs about \$15 to mail. Please join our team and participate with us in this important work.	
☐ I will sponsor box(es) at \$15 each.	☐ Please continue to send the newsletter.
☐ I will commit to pray daily for P.B.P.	☐ Please sendbrochures.
☐ I will give a monthly gift of \$	☐ I am interested in hosting a presentation.
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City	StateZip
E-mail	Phone
Send checks or money orders to Prison Boo	k Project (A 501-c-(3) tax-exempt organization)

Letters

...would like to thank you for the donations of books. The resources that you have provided are practical and are of high quality. You are really making a difference in the lives of prisoners! We appreciate you, your work and your generosity! On behalf of the 2200 men and women inmates in this prison and the various volunteers, thank you for your kindness, obedience to God and vision for ministering to people who are incarcerated. Your efforts are making a big difference as many individuals are becoming Christians and are growing in their faith in Christ. Thank you!

Chaplain – TX

There are no words to express my thankfulness to you and your ministry for all the help you have given me. You'll never truly know how very thankful I am. You really strengthened me with the books you sent. Praise God!! Man! Hallelujah Those books are great!!© Your ministry is like a bright shining light in the midst of darkness – TRULY your love has dispelled the emptiness of many hearts and filled them to overflowing with newness of life. By the spirit of Christ Jesus- Hallelujah- I promise I'll never forget what you have done for me by reaching out to me in a place like this...even here in prison, I am free even on the inside- I never imagined you has do many wonderful books-WOW!

Prisoner – TX

We just received the generous boxes of books you sent us. They are most appreciated and will be put to immediate use. God works in wonderful ways and the Prison Book Project is one of them. If God wills, these books can and will make a difference in the lives of our inmates.

Chaplain – SC

Dear servants at PRISON BOOK PROJECT, May GOD BLESS YOU REAL GOOD! Just got your box of books & bible. My guys THANK YOU & I THANK YOU!

Chaplain – AZ

Before arriving here, I was at ...and it was there that I became acquainted with Prison Book Project and the wonderful books you supplied. It was through the blessing of those books that has helped me to seek a more personal, intimate relationship with God through Christ Jesus and the journey thus far has been an adventure to say the least, however it STILL beats what I was doing which was walking a very destructive path... I thank you for the time and effort you've sown into many hearts. Lost souls, such as I ONCE was, owe a debt of gratitude to all those involved in the Prison Book Project. May God continue to bless you to overflowing.

Prisoner - IN

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Why Prisoners?

Around 2.1 million people are in American prisons. An estimated 8.5 million more are in county and city jails. Prisoners are not all the same, and come from many different backgrounds. Some are scared, some are confused, and some are just plain evil. Some may never change but some will. Sinners can be changed—just look at me (or you).

Nothing society can do will be 100% effective in eliminating unlawful behavior, but we can offer hope through our Lord Jesus Christ, because prisoners read! As one chaplain put it, "they will read anything—the Bible, a Playboy magazine, or the label from a soup can." In fact, 90% of new Muslim recruits in the U.S. are largely a result of aggressive Islamic recruitment and literature dissemination within the prison system. The inmates have lots of free time, and many prefer reading to squabbling over what to watch on T.V.

Consequently, our goal is to reach the prisoners who can be impacted with God's gift of salvation by offering literature that can change their lives forever. More than 95% of inmates will be released eventually to be our neighbors!!! The re-incarceration rate after two years for the general prison or jail population is 85%. However, where Christian material is available, the rate of re-incarceration drops to 17%.

Even one soul is worth our effort. May God raise up serious workers for the harvest.

We Are Grateful

❖ For Recognition By:

Space Coast Express—April 12, 2005 News Channel 13—Central Floridian of the Week—April 29, 2005 Florida Today—July 20, 2005 Orlando Sentinel—August 15, 2005

News Channel 13—Building Communities—August 25, 2005

Park Avenue Baptist Church Noah Award—Community Service Award—November 13, 2005 Daughters of the Revolution—Community Service Award—December 10, 2005

- For no losses in our office from the November 5th burglary attempt in our building.
- For the responses received from our first newsletter.
- For generous financial supporters

