



Alpha Prison Ministries Newsletter

January 2017 Edition

"I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:36

Happy (Blessed) 2017

Being a supporter of prison ministry, you're probably far more knowledgeable about Bible facts than the average Christian. You might already be aware that the words *blessed* and *happy* can be used interchangeably. Some translations of the Bible use happy instead of blessed. So to wish you a **Blessed New Year** is biblical.

And blessed you are! Some of you are inmates making literally only a few dollars a month, yet you invest into APM to make an eternal difference. Others are "wealthy" and can make generous contributions. Most of our supporters are in between but all of you share the common bond of being both blessed and a blessing.

For all of you who included us in your year end giving, thank you. We also receive generous support at the beginning of the year. Of course, those who give throughout the year are a vital part of this ministry, and to all we give our thanks and extend our blessing.

As we reflect back on 2016 and look forward to 2017, it's the perfect time to extend our thanks and remind our supporters that you are making a huge difference. You are providing a safe living environment to men who have nowhere else to go or need a place where they can successfully transition back into society.

The study materials we use for in prison Bible study now cost \$12 each, but that investment is transforming men and their families. Most of these men are from broken homes and have never been equipped to break the cycle of desperation they grew up with.

Every \$12 you give is not just \$12. It changes the life of an inmate and pays dividends to his family and the generations after him. If you've ever been tempted to think that a small donation isn't going to make that much difference, remember the generational blessing that \$12 can help create.

Among other ways we use your donations, inmates who request a Bible get one. In the past, we've shared responses from inmates who have received a Bible. Getting men into the Bible is a vital aspect of what we do so we can get the Bible into men. If your gift to APM helps purchase a Bible, only in heaven will you be able to know the full extent of the difference you've made.

Those of you who have partnered with us for any length of time know we never beg for money. But it's prudent to let you know our needs and how much difference you are making when you give. A little really does go a long way with your support.

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- ◆ This month we're again featuring handwritten inmate prayers for you to agree with through prayer:
- ◆ **Bill** - Lift up the volunteers who work in the ministry as they witness to all who are called.
- ◆ **Bob** - Pray that I'll hear from my son, Tom.
- ◆ **DJ** - Please pray for my family and friends, that they may stay out of harms way at all times, stay in good health and high spirits. God, you're truly my Savior. Thank you for sacrificing your blood for my sins. God, have mercy on me and my family. Thank you for allowing me and my family to wake up and receive your blessing. I repent, my God, for my sins and ask your forgiveness. My grandma and uncle are always in my prayers. Thank you, God.

Prayer Requests

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Please cut around these prayer requests and use this as a bookmark in your Bible.

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And Morris
God Bless
Ed Cushi *PTA*
God Bless you in all you do...
 GOD BLESS
 you (320) LEON
 From: BR. LARRY
 Thank you merry XMAS
Doug Sales
John [unclear]
 God Bless you In Christ Bernie
May God continue to Bless
You forever
God Bless you richly *Bro. Mike*
 + *Bro. Ben*
God bless *Dig God*
with *Love ya*
to his
Grace *Matt*
Dee *Mark*
John *Reason for*
the season is...

Leon,
 In Christ we who
 are many form one
 body and each member
 belong to all the others.
 Romans 12:5 NIV
 Merry Christmas
 I appreciate all you do to help
 others. God Bless.
 May God Bless You *Brother*
 Always and your *Bill*
 Family! *Jeff B.* *Thank you*
In Christ
Richard
Iveter
Barnes

A Hand Crafted Christmas Card Received

Each Christmas, Alpha receives an impressive number of Christmas cards from various sources which include inmates and former inmates, former Alpha House residents, etc.

Since the cover art is shiny silver on a black background, this newsletter reproduction does not accurately portray the effect and it was challenging to adequately capture the detail for publication. Even though this method of sharing it with you diminishes the actual card we received, it's still enough to demonstrate the labor of love it took to create it.

The hand signing and messages on the inside are from inmates who attend our in prison Bible study at Brooks Correctional Facility.

"Key Man" at Carson City Moved

Carson City Correctional Facility is down by at least one huge blessing. His name is Jeff. He is a great Christian role model and disciple maker who was transferred to Cooper Street Correctional Facility in December. Thank you Jeff for being a great example to so many!



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APM Financial Summary January-November 2016

Total Income: \$78,981.50

Total Expense: \$90,796.51

Net Income: **\$-11,815.01**



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