



# Christ Behind the Wall

Prison Ministries

A "Life-Changing" Study for the Incarcerated

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

We would like to take this time to thank all of you who have contributed to Christ Behind The Wall Prison Ministries. Without your financial support we would not be able to make any kind of impact on those that are incarcerated here in California.

We would not only like to thank those that have contributed financially, but also thank you to those who have encouraged us, and prayed for us.

We would like to thank Precept International Ministries for providing us our materials, Bill Vander Kooi and Jason Pitts for going "behind the walls" also

We would like to thank Chaplains Hetebrink and Flores, as well as Terry Ashmore allowing us access to the Corcoran SATF/ State Prison and the Fresno County jail.

And finally, to our families, for encouraging the 3 of us.



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# CH-CH-CH-CHANGES!!!

I'm sure you are telling yourselves, "Whoa!! What in the world is this?"

Changes, that's what! As you know, we have been spending 2009 incorporating Christ Behind The Wall Prison Ministry and we have gone beyond just filing the non-profit paperwork submissions.

We have been blessed with two generous, designated donations this year: one to fund the newsletter for the next year and the other to hire an expert to create an image through graphics, as well as develop a volunteer training manual, presentation material and a CBTW website.

We have a new email address, 'Riley@ChristBehindTheWall.org,' as well as a new website, "www.ChristBehindTheWall.org" which is presently under construction.

We have spent the past few years getting acclimated to the concept and workings of prison/jail ministry. We've learned the importance of being patient with the internal workings of the penal systems, and we now know what needs to be done and how to go about it.

This is the year that begins our expansion. We will be intent on getting the CBTW story out to the church community, as well as the public community. We will be seeking those that have a heart for the incarcerated, as well as training them and initializing new classes within the prisons and community jails of California. We will also be seeking individuals, churches and businesses to partner with us in this endeavor.

Please continue to pray that CBTW may become a greater presence inside the walls.

## NOVEMBER ACTIVITY

There were a few problems this month getting in, but still quite productive. Bill, Jason and myself were able to hold twelve classes, which 239 students attended. It amuses us that even when D Yard is locked down, it seems to always go back to normal in time for my Tuesday night class. Praise the Lord!!

We gave you a partial list of the yearly activity, but here is the final activity report for 2009(not counting 12/17 at the jail and 12/29 at Corcoran):

151 Classes 2,538 Students 22 Worship Services 1,099 Worshippers

## PRAYER CONCERNS

The Tule fog season is upon us and the fog gets really thick late December throughout January. Please pray for travel mercies for Bill and myself.

That God will bless our efforts to discover volunteers with the heart for prison ministry, and we will be able to train them and get them placed without difficulty.



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