

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The two greatest financial needs Christ Behind The Wall Prison Ministry needs are a) funds to seek volunteers in the cities where the prisons are, i.e., travel, lodging, etc., and b) funds to enable us to do all the printing we need to do., which is our most immediate need.

We print quite a number of training manuals for our volunteer training classes, which consist of 85 pages. We also print student sheets for each of our classes, a monthly newsletter, as well general business printing.

We are leasing a Panasonic laser printer and the accompanying maintenance service. The leasing services run \$1,463.54 annually(121.96 monthly) and the copier/supplies maintenance service costs \$895.06 annually(75.59 monthly).

We are in prayer that God would bless us with a couple of donors, or a group of monthly donors, to help with these expenses.

We are attempting to contact interested, potential volunteers and establish a training date within the next 4-6 weeks. We have two on a standby list and two others we need to contact. Please pray that God blesses this next training session.

JANUARY ACTIVITY

In February, nine volunteers held 32 classes, out of 43 scheduled (74%) consisting of 581 students. Also, Bennie Williams preached six times for a total of 271 worshippers.

PRAYER CONCERNS

1. Still waiting for approval of five potential volunteers for Fresno County Jail from Oct/Dec training classes.
- 2.. I will be able to connect up with the Chaplain at VSP and be able start our CBTW program at that facility.
3. God would again bless us with a couple of financial givers to handle our printing costs in 20104

PRAISE

Precept Ministries International was able to hook up with Pastor John in Liberia and they went through the Inductive Bible Study Method training!!

ZAC'S CORNER

~~We were redeemed with something more than just...stuff!!~~



"Christ Behind The Wall exists to disciple the incarcerated with life-changing classes, based on The Word of God, to deepen their relationship with, and strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ."

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QUIPS FROM INSIDE

UNOPENED BOOKS

Today I was looking at a book catalog and was making a list of books that interested me. However, I soon discovered that most, if not all, of the books I was listing had interesting-looking covers. I said to myself, "These publishers sure make it hard to not judge a book by its cover."

Minutes later God brought to mind the words He gave to Samuel, "People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." As I thought about this verse, I looked out through my tiny door window and set my eyes on brother Pablo. His scar on his cheek. His tattooed body, literally from neck to toes. His three gunshot wounds. And his slick shaved head. I thought back to the first time I met him. I would be lying if I said I was not a bit scared. This man's outward appearance screams **BACK OFF!**

However, I learned the hard way, when I first stepped behind these walls, that I could not judge anyone by the way they looked. The meanest looking guy "could" be a big teddy bear, and the saintly looking guy "might" just be the devil himself.

So, as I first met brother Pablo, I put away my fear, stuck out my right hand and said, "Welcome to this yard, Lord bless you." he let out a loud laugh, looked at me and said, "Sorry brother, but I'm a hugger, a handshake is not enough," as he squeezed the "scared" right out of me.

There are a lot of Brother Pablos in our church here. Many of them have very rough and hard-cover appearances. But the truth is, they are the best "books" I've ever read in any church I've ever been a part of. Unfortunately, many of these men go unread and unopened by society because their outward appearances are not very appealing to the eye. I encourage you, if you have not done so already, that if you ever get the opportunity to mentor an inmate who is a born-again believer, do not be turned off by their

"hard" appearance, because you never know...he just might be a best seller!

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