

Set Free Prison Ministries *Est. 1971*

Rehabilitation by Regeneration

If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36

September 2022

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Set Free Prison Ministries as we celebrate another significant milestone: We have entered our 52nd year of full-time Prison Ministry. We praise the Lord for His faithfulness and thank Him for yours! Many of you have stood with us for decades, and some even from 1971 when Set Free first began. Your passionate endurance enables us to keep sharing the Good News of the Gospel, day after day, month after month, year after year, and decade after decade. You are a wonderful blessing and an essential link to the continuing success and existence of this ministry.

We appreciate every prayer for the Lord's blessing on Set Free. How grateful we are that He continues to provide for the ministry's ongoing needs through the compassion and

active generosity of His beloved people. Your love for the Lord and the lost brings joy to His heart, His miraculous answers to prayer, and the divine appointments that have opened doors to share the Gospel on three continents. Scores have been saved. All glory belongs to our loving Triune God!

For *He* looked down from the height of His sanctuary; from heaven the Lord viewed the earth, to hear the groaning of the prisoner, to release those appointed to death. Psalm 102:19-20

Although Thanksgiving is celebrated in November in the United States, there are countries around the world where harvest festivals take place in September or October. As we think of September harvests, we might do well to reflect on the relationship between planting and reaping.

In 1 Corinthians 3:6-8, Paul writes: "I planted, Apollos watered, but **God gave the increase**. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but **God who gives the increase.**" In order to plant, there must be seed. And as Paul explains elsewhere: "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14) **We are workers together with the Lord. Your support brings the seed of the Word to the soil of many hearts.** As Paul concludes in the first section of 1 Cor. 3: "Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor" (v. 8).

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1 Peter 1:23



What you lovingly contribute is changed into literature and lessons, and the expensive mailing and return postage costs involved, so that the Divine Sower may continue His mighty work of transforming lives from the inside out. It is both a joy and a solemn responsibility to share the life-changing message of the Gospel with a lost, hurting, sinful world, spiraling downward and increasingly decadent. The Lord exhorts us to work earnestly while it is still day (take advantage of every open door), for the night comes when no one can work. He declares: “Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!” (John 4:35). We at Set Free continue to be blessed with a bountiful harvest of precious souls, “who have been born again not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible through the Word of God which lives and abides forever.” (1 Peter 1:22).

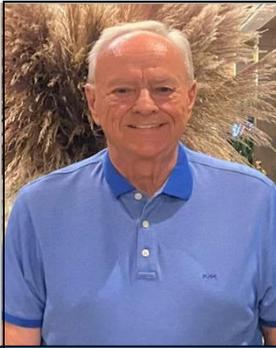
Just this year, 1,084 precious souls have responded to the Gospel and opened their hearts to our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the result of the seed sown through the free Bibles, Bible study courses, and additional materials they have received by mail. Read the testimonials in this month’s newsletter. There is rejoicing in Heaven and also with us at Set Free!



Monthly we receive over 800 new enrollments requesting Set Free Bible courses.

Our unstoppable God declares: “My word that goes out from my mouth [...] will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it” (Isaiah 55:11).

However, the work is multiplying on a daily basis. “Then He said to them, ‘The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.’” (Luke 10:12). So we appeal for more devoted volunteer instructors. Their very important work is to pray for and encourage inmates hungering for spiritual food, desiring to change the painful direction of their lives. Very few are granted access to personally minister inside of jails or prisons, but through Set Free Prison Ministries, we can obey the Savior’s observation: “I was in prison and you came to me” (Matt. 25:36). Think of the mutual blessing and spiritual growth available to you, to the prisoners and their families, and the benefit to society as a whole. Prayerfully consider this opportunity to be a home missionary. *Then join our Set Free team!*



Phil Wagner

We are so thankful to the Lord for you, your prayers, and your partnership in spreading seeds of the Gospel. May our loving Lord continue to bless you for your kindness and meet your every necessity according to His precious promise: "And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

Because He Lives,

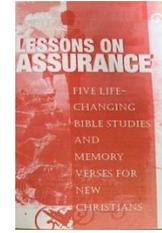
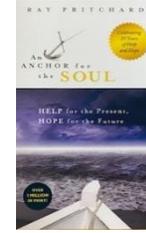
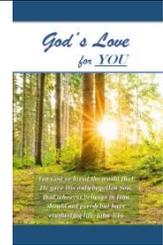
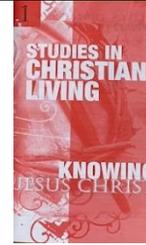
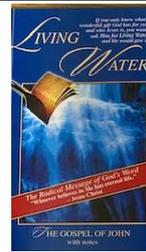
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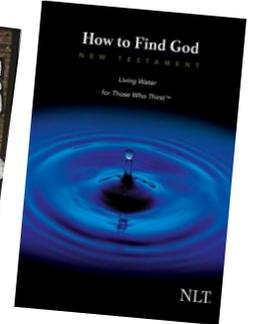
LETTERS FROM INMATES

I did not realize how bad I was until I began this course. I was trying to make a lot of things right in my life, but I was also making excuses for why I was finding it so hard. It didn't help that my mom passed away on Nov. 30, 2021. But now I can say I'm going to heaven when I die and I will be with her again. I have learned a lot from taking this course and I am glad I requested it. During the study of these lessons I have received the Lord Jesus as my Savior. **Jason/ Westover, MD**

Thank you for your time and your comments to ensure that other inmates and I receive either a first time experience of salvation or an even deeper understanding of the Word of God and our walk of faith with Jesus Christ!! May God bless you always and forever. **Johnny/ Duncan, OK**



**Set Free's
Goal is to
Make the
Gospel
Crystal Clear!!**



I was in prison and you came to Me.

Matthew 25:36

I'm still receiving your correspondence courses along with Today in the Word, a devotion daily booklet. I am grateful to receive them on a monthly basis. Thank you! I want to share with you some good news. I am halfway through my sentence of 5 years. I have 29 months to go with a total of 9 months taken off my sentence. They'll go by quickly. I also want you to know that God is faithful in keeping me strong with a sound mind and at peace with Him and with everyone. In the midst of my hardship, God is still working in my life shaping me and making me become more like Christ each and every day. I thank God and Set Free Prison Ministries for making it possible. Thank you again and may God bless your ministry!!
Ralph/ Kingman, AZ

I have enjoyed taking the course and learning about Jesus and giving Him the praise for my many accomplishments. I am leaning on Him daily, not just when I face trouble. He has been with me since I was incarcerated in September 2021. I have a few more months to go, most likely 6 to 7 months, and when I get home I will tell my family and friends what He has done for me while in this situation. This course has made me minister to my wife daily and she sees a change in me and doesn't want it to stop. I assured her that it won't. I would like to have the answer sheets back so that I can share them with my family and friends. I thank God I was able to take this course and become closer to Him and know Him better. **Stephen / Ashland, KY**

Thank you for the time you invest in teaching me the Word of God. I want to build a solid foundation of understanding so that when I am released I will be able to pass on these biblical truths to my children. Hopefully they will find a personal relationship with Jesus. Please pray for reconciliation between my family and me so that God may be glorified. Thank you. **David/ Beaumont, TX**



January through August 2022

1,084 INMATES MADE
PROFESSIONS OF FAITH.

These Bible studies have been really fruitful for my spirit and empowering to my life. I have started to find myself as a person. I am reminded every day I wake up of how much God loves me and is here for me. Even in prison He has been a blessing in my life and I am very thankful to this ministry for taking the time to help us. I am feeling very blessed!! Thank you. **Mario/ Corona, CA**

I really enjoyed this course. I thank the Lord for allowing me to strengthen and grow my faith and become a better person. I also thank the team at Set Free Prison Ministries for sending me these courses. Thank you and May God bless you. During the study of these lessons I received the Lord Jesus as my Savior! **Alex/ Delano CA**

I would like to thank you for giving not only me but many others this opportunity to learn of the love of Christ and the knowledge and wisdom in the Word. Now I must share with others what you have given me. I have encouraged them and shown them the love of Christ. Also I have told them how much He has in store for them. I'm so thankful for your ministries. I will pray for you. Thank you for your service. **Bobby/ Eloy, AZ**

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