

January Newsletter

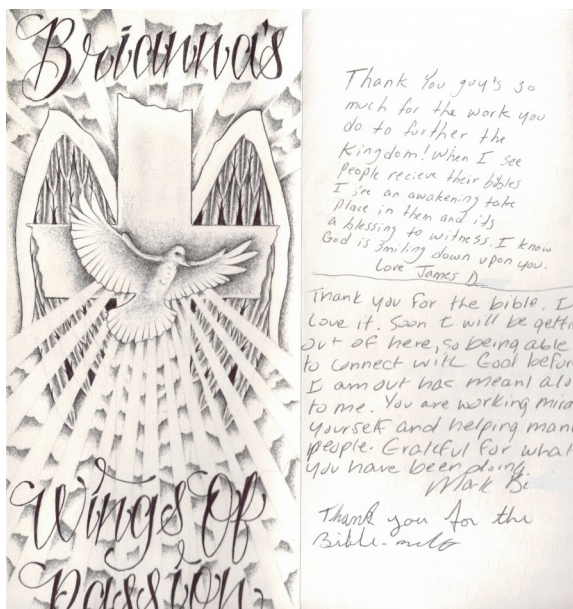
How quickly 2024 passed—out with the old, in with the new. Happy New Years to each. What God has in store for each of us individually, only time will tell. We are given a new clean slate. It should be our desire as we see the day approaching, to be more committed to the Lord's word, more determined to gain the victory over sin, and seek to know Christ more intimately, that we can win more souls for heaven.

In our last newsletter, we shared how God opened up the way for my wife and I to be involved in prison ministry, with its meager beginnings in mid-2019, sending one Bible into a jail. Today, more than five and half years later, we are sending Bibles into 36 prisons in Arizona. These are study Bibles (roughly \$50 each). All we can say, is "What hath God done!"

And like all self-supporting ministries, how easy it would be to have plenty of money to do all what is in our hearts for the Kingdom. However, as GMI and all other ministries on the frontlines have and are experiencing, we are dependent on donations monthly from others to keep going. Sometimes the funds run low and we seek the Lord more earnestly, even fast for the Lord to supply the means. It keeps us on our knees daily, seeking bread and means from heaven to 'feed the starving multitudes' with the Bread of life. The burdens at times are heavy, but the reward in this life is as the Lord said it would be, "But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, ...and in the world to come eternal life." (Mark 10:30).

One of those rewards we now get to enjoy is the fruit of our labor. Inmates write us and thank us wholeheartedly for these Bibles. Some of the letters are so touching, they bring tears to our eyes. We have received scores, nay hundreds of letters of gratitude the last few years, having sent in over a thousand Bibles and another thousand books with the Bibles.

In our last newsletter, I stated that we would have a surprise, a treat to our readers. So the pictures in this newsletter reveal amazing artwork by a few of our inmates. In appreciation for the Bibles we send them, and other services we provide, some of the men have tremendous drawing talent and have drawn up creative artwork and sent them to us. Under or next to each I will give a little description.



This brother James and a number of the inmate brothers decided to send us a little note inside this brochure James drew up with a shield, cross and dove. It was their way to show appreciation of our ministry. James and another brother, Mark, wrote their note on the back flap, this is why I've included it here. It is artwork like this, that really touches us and allows us to rejoice in the fruit of our labor, this side of heaven, what God hath done in reaching souls for the Kingdom. Praise His name.

A dear fellow brother Christian, which we we had the privilege of influencing on the importance of the Sabbath, has come to experience Christ in a new way in keeping the Sabbath. He has quite the talent and we are blessed to receive some precious art drawings from him, like this "Thinking of You" flower.

He regularly writes us, many times on Friday evening, wishing us a Sabbath blessing. Presently, we are studying the Bible together going through the book of Ephesians. He is a special friend and one who has been a real blessing to Mary and me over the last few years.

Further, Christian has referred many names of fellow inmates who also want Bibles. He says it is a real joy to see them come to him with their faces a glow when they have received their Bible, showing him in heart felt appreciation for this great gift.



This touching drawing of Christ washing a disciple's foot, was sent us by an inmate who has been a work in progress, but has been touched by our ministry in his life.

When we received it, we were amazed that JD had such a talent. It continually reminds us that God is working on these men who have been touched by the love of Christ. Many come from very dysfunctional home life growing up and long for appreciation from others.

What a blessing indeed we can bring joy and the Christian love and respect into their lives.

Next month we will share some more of what God has been doing through BWP's prison ministry. Do keep us in your prayers, for the challenges are great bearing the burdens of the ministry. We have virtually no break from week to week, but for Sabbath. Like all faith-based ministries we depend on the donations of others who the Lord touches to support the cause. If you feel touched and can support our prison ministry, you can donate at our website: <https://www.briannacassidy.com/bwp-donations>.

Thank you for your prayers and may our gracious Father guide and protect each of you in this new and momentous year. Until next time, keep looking up, for our redemption is drawing nigh.

Brother Rod