“For even when we came... our flesh had no rest, but we were afflicted on every side: conflicts without, fears within. But God...”

II Cor 7: 5-6a
Dear Friends,

Family Christmas letters are hard to write. Some that you and I receive are really hard to read. Those that do it well are able to capture highlights with just enough detail to pique your interest, tell you something encouraging and move on before indifference sets in.

Capturing an entire year of ministry in this brief annual report is not easy. During this past year, the men, women and children behind bars have had direct contact with the Word of God over one million times – and when that happens we know that our faithful God accomplishes things far greater than what we could ask or think.

Fiscal year 2019 has been a **Year of Challenge** - economically, socially, politically, legally – we have and continue to face obstacles to ministry. I choose the words *challenge* and *obstacles* because they are simply impediments to our human efforts. They don't impact God’s ability to do what only He can do. They simply appear as hindrances to our calling and hurdles to be overcome in order for us to play the part we believe God has called us to play in **Bringing Hope to the Forgotten**.

You are so very important to this work. You are actively involved in a global movement that is bringing the hope of Jesus Christ and the forgiveness of sin by His grace to people who are in great need but also desperately seeking to know the truth! Separation from God because of sin is a permanent problem that can only be resolved by faith in Jesus Christ. We know this truth and we believe **10 million people** behind bars around the world need to hear that truth.

Your prayer, your participation and your financial partnership is essential for this ministry to flourish. Chaplains and volunteers are going behind bars on a daily basis in 22 states and 25 foreign countries with access to 350,000 incarcerated people every day. Your prayer prepares the way and your generous financial gifts enable them to remain faithful to the Lord’s leading in their lives. Thank you for standing with us and continuing to be a great encouragement amidst the challenge!


August 1, 2019

Jon Evans
President
BIBLE LESSON PROGRAM CONTINUES TO GROW

For more than 50 years, Good News has presented a Bible correspondence program to men and women behind bars. Today, all 224 lessons are now available in KJV, ESV and Spanish. More lessons are in development as students want to press on beyond the current curriculum. We continue to produce more than one million lessons per year, supporting other ministries who also use them to impact the incarcerated. Many Bible lessons go where no Good News chaplain has access – delivering the truth of God’s Word.

INTERNATIONAL FUNDING MATCH - $50,000

This spring three financial partners created a challenge match of $50,000 to help close the gap on our international ministry budget. The $50,000 match was met resulting in a total of $100,000 to help fund our ministry among the nations. Praise God for these gifts!

FAITHFUL SERVANTS – SERVING FAITHFULLY

We had many transitions in this past year including some retirements. The following chaplains retired after serving their time with Good News in ministry for the Lord:

- Chaplain Arthur Killingsworth - Chicago, IL - 16 years
- Chaplain Alan Wood - Vanderburgh, IN/Henderson, KY - 21 years
- Chaplain John Corcoran – Chesterfield, VA – 22 years
- Chaplain Jim Cawthon – Seminole, FL - 25 years
- Chaplain Jim Penn – Prince George’s County, MD - 29 years

AN EARTHLY LOSS IS HEAVEN’S GAIN

In February of this past year Good News saw one of our most generous and faithful supporters pass on to glory. William Sapp (Bill) of Omaha, Nebraska went to be with the Lord and is survived by his dear wife Lucille who was a volunteer in the Douglas County jail in the late 1980s (she also introduced Bill to Good News). As a Gideon and a member of the Good News Executive Team, Bill funded the production of, and distributed personally, thousands of New Testaments, bibles and Gospels of John in order to share Christ with the world. We praise the Lord for the legacy and ministry of the Sapp family!
A GLOBAL MOVEMENT
Number of Inmates who passed through facilities where Good News Chaplains serve in FY 2019.

ETERNAL IMPACT
Over 60,000 decisions made for Christ!

FINANCIAL ALLOCATION
U.S. Chaplain Support: $6.61 Million
International Ministry: $792,000
General Fund/Cornerstone: $572,000

FINANCIAL REPORT

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Total Indebtedness EOY
2019 $245K
2018 $280K
2017 $350K
The letter above was written by a female inmate and represents a small glimpse at the impact being felt by men and women daily through our partnership with the American Bible Society Trauma Healing Institute. Today, over 100 chaplains and volunteers have been certified to conduct Healing Groups, leading men and women to the Word of God, helping them experience true healing in Christ!
Can you make Good News part of your daily prayer schedule?

**PRAYER DAY 1:**
Pray that the Lord would continue to keep doors open for chaplains to take the Gospel behind bars in the US and around the world. Political climates and unstable governments place access to the incarcerated in potential jeopardy.

**PRAYER DAY 2:**
Pray that the Lord would raise up laborers – chaplains and volunteers – to walk through open doors for ministry. Volunteers in the US will spend 156,000 hours ministering behind bars this year.

**PRAYER DAY 3:**
Pray for those who are behind bars – that they would receive truth and find hope in Jesus Christ. 10 million behind bars around the world. 350,000 have access to a Good News chaplain.

**PRAYER DAY 4:**
Pray for ongoing legal battles in the United States. We need the Lord to intervene and move judges and juries to dismiss charges and lawsuits so that the Gospel can continue to reach the forgotten.

**PRAYER DAY 5:**
Pray for the Lord to provide spiritually, physically and financially for the needs of the entire Good News family ... including you!

**PRAYER DAY 6:**
Pray for the work of partner organizations like the American Bible Society, Prison Fellowship and rescue missions around the country who share in the work of reaching inmates with the Gospel.