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Thank you for being on our ministry team. Your financial support through this church, and your faithful prayers encourage and strengthen us.

Our current ministries are exciting:

Relevant Bible Lessons for Prison Chaplains

The lessons are emailed to prison chaplains all over the country. We are currently in contact with 392 prison chaplains. Many are distributing our lessons.

<u>Our New Website</u> <u>www.rememberthose-inprison.org</u>

This website gives prison chaplains easy access to our Bible lessons. In addition, everyone can access these same lessons, Christian music, inspirational Scripture posters, and the meaning of your name. (The site is still under construction). <u>CHECK OUT THE SITE.</u>

Teaching Classes in the Prisons

We are beginning to teach in two prisons here in Southern California: Calipatria State Prison and Centinela State Prison, both located in the Imperial Valley approximately 100 miles east of San Diego. We will be serving with Prison Fellowship and will be teaching "Change Plan" and "Victim Impact". Believers & nonbelievers are invited and we use secular materials and insert Biblical principles.

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Dear Friends and Family,

Above you will see our latest ministry card. Now, get in the car. We are heading to the prisons.



Liz and I are serving on a Prison Fellowship team teaching a class in **VICTIM IMPACT**. There are approximately **12 men meeting with us.** These guys have admitted that when they committed a crime and/or injured someone, they were **not thinking about the consequences** at the time; they just wanted to get even, get personal justice, or maintain control. Last week we had a guest speaker come in and describe when his little girl was killed in front of her school. It was awful.

I was very impressed by the loving and sensitive questions that the men asked him. I was in tears a few times. Imagine all the things to deal with: loss of a loved one, inner turmoil with God, helping others in the family deal with it, enduring the public spotlight, the need to live the crime & the loss over and over, the financial strain. The list goes on and on. **PRAY for our guys. You should hear them**: *"if I had just paused for a moment", "if I had just considered the pain I was going to cause", "what if it had been my sister that got assaulted", "my selfishness and rebellious heart took a life", "I feel sick."*

Week after week we hear these men voicing the changes needed in their lives. It has been our privilege sitting with them and sharing with them. We encourage them to include God in these changes.



The class being taught in this prison is **MAKE CHANGE**. This class has become very popular; there are 27 men attending and we meet from 6-8 PM. The students are a mixture of believers and non-believers, but they all are very serious about making life-changes. The other night we went around the room asking why changes were necessary in their lives. They responded with: "nothing I have tried up to now has worked", "if I want to keep what I have left of my family...", "my kids are still young; they have no chance unless I get my act together", "my wife has given me

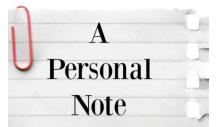
one more chance, and then she's history", "I want to start caring for my future, and focusing on the things that matter."

The other night we also were talking about being valuable to God. We asked the question, "**have any of you ever been told you were NO GOOD, and will never amount to anything?** I almost cried right there in front of them all. Three-fourths of the men raised their hands. I just wanted to walk up and down the rows hugging each one tightly.

Pray for these guys. They didn't get started right in life; their parents were not much help; the people they turned to for guidance made things worse. Ask God to use us and the study materials to guide these dear men to a life of change that will honor God. Many of these men will get out of prison. **THEY NEED OUR HELP NOW**.



Hey, check out our website. It is for you. This resource was built for two reasons: **Keep you informed** on what we are doing **Ministry to you** with encouragement <u>www.rememberthose-inprison.org</u>



Liz and I are **very grateful to each of you** for sharing your lives with us through your finances and your invaluable prayer support. We got back from the trip to the Bay Area and the Central Valley of California, having shared with and visited ministry team members like you. We hit the ground running and are now teaching/team teaching in two California state prisons. **We are having a lot of fun**.

Our challenges are like yours: adequate finances for our travel and housing expenses, and the energy to keep going. Pray for our health: Liz is still recovering from the internal injuries from a past car accident which we have mentioned before. She has also needed some very important dental care in the last two months. I (Bruce) have been blessed of late with good health; I have not fallen off the house or down a flight of stairs for some time now. However, "old-age plumbing for men" has caught me; I have been to the ER twice in the last two weeks, and surgery is planned for Dec. 6.

I know you won't laugh – but if you saw us right now, you might be tempted. I am hobbling around with a medical device to assist me, and Liz has a swollen jaw from having a tooth pulled. Liz has been going to teach in the prisons without me for now. Man, do I miss going.

Would you pray for us? Ask God to heal us up – to keep the car healthy – to provide funds for on-going travel expenses – to provide funds to keep us supplied with the heater propane and firewood.

Here is the link to guide you in your giving: <u>www.mgfhq.org/leary</u> OR