

Pastor Meechan, in this edition, you'll step into powerful stories of transformation—from dark places of despair to bold steps of discipleship—all made possible by your faithful support.



FROM DRUG DEALER TO DISCIPLE

You helped replace fear with faith.

**One decision to obey Jesus transformed an entire jail unit. You help make this possible!
(Name and photo are substituted for security reasons.)**

A few months ago, "Jim" walked into one of our Bible studies led by Chaplain R. He was bald, covered in tattoos, and had a small group of guys trailing behind him. It was clear — he was a leader.

He stayed quiet until the end. Then he opened up. "I've been doing something that's hurting people. I want to stop, but I don't know how." Later, Chaplain R sat down with Jim one-on-one. He looked nervous. "I'm about to tell you something that could get me into trouble. I'm the main guy bringing drugs into our 80-man unit," he confessed. "I want to quit, but it's how I survive. I'm afraid... if I stop, I'll go hungry. And what if the guys turn on me?"

Chaplain R told him, "There are two things you need to do. First, repent. Then flush the drugs. Two. Turn to God and connect with the Christians right here in your unit. Trust Him — He will provide."

That weekend, Chaplain R's pastor preached from 1 Kings 19, where God miraculously feeds Elijah in the wilderness. He immediately thought of Jim and prayed.

The next day, as Chaplain R entered the unit, Jim ran up to him. "Chap, I did what you said! I'm done dealing. I thought the guys would be mad, but all of them said, if I was done, they were done."

Instead of retaliating, they respected his decision. Some even offered to pay him with commissary items in exchange for cleaning their cells or drawing art for letters to their families. He no longer had to turn to dealing drugs to afford food to supplement the basic daily jail meals. God had provided.

Turning away from sin and towards God always comes with a price. Jim is now cleaning cells and drawing pictures, but he does so with a clear conscience and a changed heart! His obedience didn't just affect his own life; it changed the entire housing unit.

Since that day, there hasn't been a single drug-related incident in that block. Not one.

What the court system couldn't do, God did through the power of His Word and the presence of a faithful chaplain. This man's obedience to living his life for Christ changed an entire block.

Thank you for making this gospel encounter between Jim and Chaplain R possible. **Because of your support, lives are being transformed — one Bible study, one prayer, and one miracle at a time.**



FROM MURDERER TO MARTYR

You helped plant bold faith.

Thanks to partners like you, chaplains like David can bring hope and truth behind bars.

In 2019, a man named Fred came back to our jail facility. I remembered him from over a decade earlier — between 2008 and 2010 — when he had first encountered the Gospel behind bars. Back then, he was part of a small Bible study led by another inmate named Jeff, a fellow gang member who had given his life to Christ.

Jeff wasn't just curious about faith — he was serious. He dove into Scripture and began inviting others from his gang to read the Bible with him. That group grew into five men, including Fred. I had the privilege of studying the Bible with them during

that time. It was clear that God was doing something powerful in their lives.

Eventually, both Jeff and Fred were convicted and sent to prison. I lost contact with them — until Fred returned in 2019. When we reconnected, I asked about Jeff. With a somber tone, Fred told me Jeff had died in prison. He didn't say how, but something in me suspected it wasn't natural. Jeff had been bold. Unashamed. Unafraid to speak the truth of God's Word — even when it put him at risk.

Fast forward to July 2025. I met another middle-aged man in jail — formerly

from the same gang — who had also come to faith. As we spoke, I felt led to ask if he had ever known Jeff. He had. I shared what I suspected: that Jeff may have been killed for refusing to stay silent about his faith. The man looked at me and confirmed it.

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"That's exactly what happened," he said. "Jeff was a martyr in prison."

The word *martyr* struck deep. I felt the sorrow—but also a profound sense of joy. Jeff was once known for violence. But by God's grace, and through your support, his life was transformed. He didn't die as a criminal. He died as a witness.

Like the apostle Paul, Jeff went from murderer...to martyr. Pastor Meechan, thank you for standing with us to bring the light, life, and love of Jesus behind bars!

- by Chaplain David May, Visalia CA

HOPE PACKS: BRINGING LIGHT YEAR-ROUND

Your support delivers Bibles and hope to those behind bars worldwide

Hope Packs aren't just for Christmas! In El Salvador, we distribute Bibles and other essential items, like food and personal hygiene products. Over the next year, our team will distribute 10,000 Bibles to inmates through the Hope Pack & Presence program. It means increasing weekly visits from 14 to 20 and expanding to three new prisons in the western region of the country. The Word of God advances!

Beyond El Salvador, our Hope Packs—focused on humanitarian aid—are distributed in hundreds of jails and prisons, providing vital resources along with spiritual encouragement. With your support, we can multiply hope, faith, and gospel encounters in 23 countries this Christmas and throughout the year.



Date 06-13-2025

Name [REDACTED]

Reg. No. [REDACTED]

C.H. [REDACTED]

Audience With: Chaplain B

Give Reason: Hello, I am very interested in joining your trauma workshop. I hope your workshop can help me. I am going through a very traumatic experience that feels like it will never end. Knowing that I have hurt someone is a pain that will never end. I think of my victim everyday and pray for his family. It is very painful and traumatizing knowing I hurt him and his family forever. I've also hurt my son and my family. I hope you will please consider me joining. Thank You for your time.

FROM SHAME TO HOPE: PATRICIA'S JOURNEY BEGINS

Hope started with your radical compassion

**A handwritten cry for help. Thanks to you,
Patricia is no longer alone in her pain.**

She's finding healing—one step at a time.

Patricia never thought she'd end up in prison. But after drinking and getting behind the wheel one too many times, her life—and someone else's—was forever changed.

When Chaplain Alicia first saw her, Patricia barely lifted her eyes. The weight of her choices was heavy. Her posture, her silence, and her shame spoke volumes. But before they ever

met in person, Patricia had already reached out with a handwritten request form called a "kite":

"I am very interested in joining your trauma workshop. I hope it can help me. I am going through a very traumatic experience that feels like it will never end. Knowing I have hurt someone is a pain that will never end. I think of my victim every day and pray for his family. It is very painful and traumatizing knowing I hurt him and his family forever. I've also hurt my son and my family. I hope you will please consider my joining. Thank you for your time."

Thanks to partners like you, Patricia will get that chance. She will be part of

a trauma healing group, where she can begin to find hope in the middle of her pain. And while she's still shy, she's slowly opening up, even having one-on-one conversations with Chaplain Alicia as well as another woman in the jail serving a sentence for similar charges, who can speak to Patricia on a unique level.

This is the sacred, quiet work your support makes possible: moments of connection, healing, and redemption behind bars. Please keep Patricia in your prayers as she takes her first steps toward healing. And thank you for helping us be present for women like her, who so desperately need Jesus.



**Thanks to you, hope is traveling—one
envelope at a time.**

BRINGING HOPE IN AN ENVELOPE

How One Chaplain Is Reconnecting Families in Egypt

In Egypt's prisons, Chaplain Hani is doing more than preaching—he's delivering hope in handwritten letters. Every month, he receives dozens of notes from inmates longing to reconnect with family. Because of your support, this chaplain travels to visit their loved ones, hand-delivering messages and returning with replies. For some, it's their first contact in years. Through these letters—and the Gospel he shares—God is restoring broken relationships and offering eternal hope.

Each of these letters represents a bridge between an inmate and a loved one—inmates are reminded they are not forgotten. This is the impact of your generosity. Because you give, inmates in Egypt and around the world are hearing, perhaps for the first time, "You are not forgotten." Not by their families. Not by us. And certainly not by God.

Pastor Meechan, you're bringing the light, life, and love of Jesus into dark places where hope will shine brightest.

HOPE IS COMING! *Hope Packs & Presence*

For many behind bars, Christmas feels like just another day of darkness and isolation. But **with your help**, we can change that.

Hope Packs are more than just a gift—they're a direct expression of God's love, personally delivered by chaplains who continue the conversation long after the holidays. Each pack includes a gospel-centered resource, practical items, and a message of hope.

This year, we aim to deliver **70,000 Hope Packs** across **150 facilities** in **21 U.S. states and 20 countries**—and it starts with you.

Give early to help us prepare, pray for each recipient, and share the mission. Visit gngbloal.org/give-hope to sponsor a Hope Pack today.



LOOKING TO MAKE A BIGGER IMPACT BEFORE YEAR'S END?

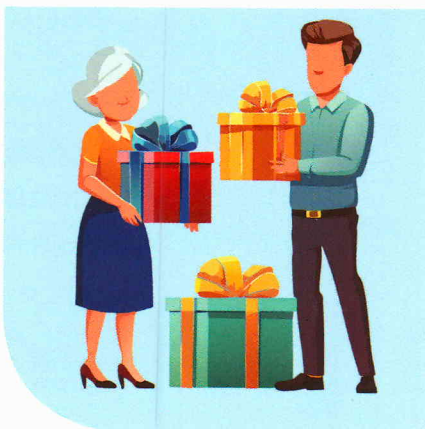
Savvy Generosity

Your generosity fuels transformation behind bars—and year-end giving is a powerful way to multiply that impact. With a bit of planning, you can give in ways that are not only **tax-smart** but also **eternally significant**.

Whether it's a stock gift, charitable IRA distribution, or legacy gift, we'd love to help you explore options that match your heart, your goals, and your generosity.

Let's talk about how your year-end gift can go further—reaching more hearts with the hope of Jesus.

Contact kevin.howells@goodnewsjail.org.



YOU ALREADY BRING HOPE— NOW MAKE IT ONGOING

You've seen the impact of your generosity. Lives are being transformed week after week as incarcerated individuals encounter the light, life, and love of Jesus.

By becoming a monthly partner, you'll amplify that impact—providing consistent, faithful support that enables chaplains and volunteers to have 20,000 weekly gospel encounters, including Bible studies, counseling, recovery and restoration programs, and more.

Your monthly sustaining gift enables us to consistently show up to share the gospel that will set them free.



Join our monthly partner community today with your recurring gift and make a lasting impact—effortlessly. Sign up at gnglobal.org/give. Thank you!