

Issue 35 Mailing

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Free Discipleship Tools for Prisoners



Volunteers from Allegheny Mennonite Church helped mail Issue 35



We're happy to announce that *Loaves & Fishes* Issue 35 mailed in late January. It took 109,800 copies to fill all the subscriptions—an increase of 15,000 copies from 4 printings ago. There were 2,673 single subscriptions, and the rest were mailed as bulk subscriptions.

Our team of 500 bulk distributors across the USA are a vital part of the ministry. Nearly 50 of them receive 500 or more of each issue, and a few of them even distribute more than 2,000 copies each. Our biggest distributor is in TN and receives 3,500 copies!

The cost for printing is \$19,000 per issue (117,000 copies) and with the increase in circulation and postage rates, it takes \$8,500 to mail the subscriptions. We are grateful for all those who pray and share of their hard-earned money to make this work possible.

Our goal is to publish an issue every 3 months. In 2016 we had reached this goal, but since then the issues

have been spaced nearly 4-1/2 months on average. A variable publishing frequency works pretty well for us, yet we see the hunger for *Loaves & Fishes* magazine and know that many prisoners get lonely and some never get mail, even from family. The opportunity to communicate the love of Christ through literature to those in prison is dear to my heart, and if it wasn't for a shortage of funds, we could make a much bigger difference in the prisons by publishing a new issue more often and printing more copies. Yet, I'm grateful for the impact we are able to make, and I rejoice for God's faithfulness and grace in making it possible.

We're working on Issue 36, and hope to send it to press sometime in April. We are continuing our series on the fruits of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5, and are ready for *patience*. Please pray for inspiration as we pull this issue together.

—Lavern Gingerich, *editor*

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Lighthouse Publishing for the time, love, care, and effort they put into our lives. If it were not for *Loaves and Fishes* I believe I would still be lost."

Joshua Dyal
Jenkins Correctional Center, Millen, GA

"Each copy flies off the chapel literature rack! Over the years many inmates have commented to me on articles they have read."

Chaplain David Miller
Putnam Correctional Institution, East Palatka, FL

Lighthouse Is Moving

We are happy to announce that we will be moving our operations very soon. When Lighthouse Publishing moved to Bedford, Pennsylvania in April of 2014, the ministry moved into a rented building with the hope of eventually moving to a larger and more suitable facility.

Last December, two brothers from Burning Bush Menonite purchased a building just down the road from our current location. The brothers offered Lighthouse Publishing the opportunity to rent the building at a slightly lower rate than is currently being paid. Lighthouse Publishing's building fund, acquired from the sale of the property in Tennessee, is being loaned to the buyers of the new building, reducing the rent even more because of the interest generated from the loan. We also have a more long-term rental commitment.

The new building required major cleaning. Due to pets housed in the building, all carpet and flooring needed to be removed. Two large roll-off dumpsters have been filled with items to be disposed of. Painting and remodeling are happening throughout the next several weeks. The building provides a larger, more open space than the current location. After a few modifications to our preferences, Lighthouse Publishing eagerly anticipates the move.

Lighthouse hopes to be in the new location by end of February. We are excited about moving into a larger and more functional facility.

—Seth Stoltzfus, *treasurer*

2017 Financial Report

Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2016..... \$9,799

Income

Contributions \$126,404

Interest and Other Income..... \$2,887

Total Income..... \$129,291

Expenses

Loaves and Fishes Printing..... \$55,579

Loaves and Fishes Postage..... \$20,297

Wages..... \$26,763

Utilities and Rent \$12,239

Office and Other Expenses \$5,935

Newsletters and Promotions \$4,061

Total Expenses..... \$124,874

Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2017 \$11,329

Building Fund \$50,000



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