We are happy to announce that Loaves & Fishes issue 36 mailed in July. We experienced some production delays even after the printing and mailing were funded, so it’s wonderful to finally get it published.

This was the first mass mailing in our new facility, and the extra workspace was a blessing. About twenty local volunteers helped process the mailing.

This mailing was the second of the year, and the largest we have ever done. Circulation grew by 4,000 copies since mailing issue 35, and it took 114,000 copies to fill all the subscriptions. 2,500 were mailed as single subscriptions, and the rest were shipped to nearly 550 prison ministries and chaplains throughout the USA who distribute the booklets for us.

Prior to the current issue, we had the magazine printed in Florida and shipped to our warehouse in Pennsylvania. Recently, we compared quotes with another printing company in Ohio, and found that we could save $1,000 plus get a slightly higher grade of paper...
by switching. We decided to make the move with this issue.

It cost $18,000 to print 122,000 copies (which included extras for new subscribers, etc) and $8,500 to mail all the subscriptions, or about twenty cents per magazine.

We’ve recently launched a new website with some important new features, including a convenient way to subscribe to Loaves & Fishes on behalf of a prisoner. Check it out at LighthousePublishing.org.

As always, none of this work would be possible without your financial support. Increased subscriptions and rising postage rates spread our mailings farther apart, but we are very grateful for the resources God is blessing us with. Pray that we would be wise stewards, but above all, please remember in your hearts the millions of men and women behind bars in our country. It is for them that we labor.

Jesus said, “Whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward” (Matthew 10:42).

—Mike Fisher

Letters From Readers and Distributors

“Many here who are seeking a closer walk with the Lord are blessed by Loaves & Fishes. They go fast when we get them!”

Chaplain Darrel James, Canton, GA

“Thank you for your well wishes and the magazine. I really appreciate the services you all provide. I am starting to grow and mature in my walk with the Lord, and I always look forward to hearing about other brothers and sisters in Christ finding a way out of no way. It helps to know that I am not alone, so thank you again for all that you all do for myself as well as others. I really truly appreciate it all. Take care and God bless you all.”

Brandon Colbert, California Men’s Colony
San Luis, Obispo, CA

“I am doing a four-year sentence in Chester County Jail. My friend left me two issues of Loaves and Fishes. Wow, great job! I have read them both cover to cover multiple times, and have used some of the stories and poems in our nightly prayer circle in the pod. If at all possible I would love to have more issues sent to me. Everything in the magazines is uplifting and encouraging and I would like to see more. One of your biggest fans!”

Jamie King, Chester County Jail
Henderson TN

“After looking at several types of literature for jail ministry, I concluded yours was the best. Your work is a blessing!”

TJ Lynde, Townsend, MT