

Issue #45 Shipped

Our human bodies are made up of many complex systems that we rarely think about. Without requiring conscious effort or thought, our heart pumps and the synapses of our nervous system fire away every moment of our lives. Sometimes, however, something goes wrong that draws our attention to these vital processes. Similarly, logistics is a part of normal life that doesn't draw much attention until it doesn't work as it should!

We were delighted to see the shipment of issue #45 bulk subscriptions finally leave our warehouse on January 21. Due to delays in production and shipping availability, this issue was about a month late. We have since reached an arrangement with our local post office to deliver the bulk mail shipments directly to our regional USPS mail processing facility via a truck to which we have access.

This will eliminate the need for working with a third party on scheduling large shipments. Until now, we have depended on mail contractors to pick up the shipments at our warehouse. This change should

mean that we can get our bulk subscriptions shipped a little more quickly going forward. Although this means we have to arrange a truck ourselves, we are glad to eliminate some of the shipping complications.

Single copy subscriptions were mailed out earlier in the week. We deliver this presorted mailing directly to our local post office in mail trays.

We are grateful for the systems that help us deliver *Loaves & Fishes* magazine to our readers and distributors. We live in a fallen world, and our own bodies demonstrate this. But God is good to us, and we are grateful for the gift of life and the opportunity to provide another issue of the magazine to thousands of prison inmates.

Issue #46

Our next issue is nearing completion of the content creation stage. The theme will be Jesus Christ, and will focus on His life and example, teachings, and His roles as King and Intercessor. We would deeply appreciate your prayers and support for this project.

The cost of printing and shipping *Loaves & Fishes* issue #45 was around \$27,250, or about 31¢ per copy



with around 87,500 magazines shipped. Each issue represents challenges of effort and fundraising, and we thank all of you who generously remember us and the prisoners we serve.

—Mike Fisher, *operations manager*

Items Shipped in 2022

Item	Quantity
Loaves & Fishes Issue 33	190
Loaves & Fishes Issue 34	985
Loaves & Fishes Issue 35	543
Loaves & Fishes Issue 36	314
Loaves & Fishes Issue 37	614
Loaves & Fishes Issue 38	1,084
Loaves & Fishes Issue 39	401
Loaves & Fishes Issue 40	633
Loaves & Fishes Issue 41	2,219
Loaves & Fishes Issue 42	6,976
Loaves & Fishes Issue 43	98,431
Loaves & Fishes Issue 44	87,563
Loaves & Fishes Misc Back Issues	96
Total Loaves & Fishes	200,049
Newsletter February 2021	1,525
Newsletter April 2021	1,476
Newsletter June 2021	1,597
Newsletter August 2021	1,444
Newsletter October 2021	1,530
Newsletter December 2021	1,447
Misc Newsletters	73
Misc Booklets	148
2022 Calendar	40,000
Pen Pal Information Letter	100
Study Course Enrollment Form	307

2022 Financial Report

December 31, 2020 Balances

Bank \$7,467

Income

Contributions..... \$118,752

Interest/Other Income.....\$35

Total Income\$118,787

Expenses

Loaves and Fishes Printing\$51,711

Loaves and Fishes Postage\$24,919

Wages.....\$16,801

Utilities and Rent \$9,583

Office and Other Expenses..... \$8,608

Newsletters and Promotions \$7,472

Total Expenses\$119,094

December 31, 2021 Balances

Bank \$7,162

Building Fund\$50,000

(Interest on lending the building fund reduced our rent by \$208 per month.)

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