April 2022 Loaves & Fishes Report



Issue #46 Heading to Print

We are happy to report that *Loaves & Fishes* issue #46 is ready to go to print. As with many other commodities, the cost of paper is rising, and our printer alerted us to have our files ready before April 1 in order to avoid the next increase. We were happy to be able to meet this deadline. We expect the shipment to arrive in April and hope to ship by the end of the month, funds permitting.

The theme of this issue is Jesus Christ. In the article "Behold, Your King!" Jordan Mast paints an inspiring portrait of Jesus' life and mission. In a time of geopolitical turmoil, we think about national leaders more than usual. It is a good time to remember that Jesus is King. Jordan writes:

"There is no denying that Jesus is King. While some may argue that His kingdom is not for this time and this earth, we can see His banner over us, even now. No, it is not an order where we appoint world leaders to go and conquer under the sign of the cross. We can never justify violence in the name of Christ. The Kingdom of God is a community that receives its instructions from the Holy Spirit." To accompany our focus on Jesus, our science article for this issue is titled "Where Jesus Walked." Andrew Zimmerman grounds the coming of Jesus in history, using archeological findings to help us understand the world in which Jesus chose to live and serve. Jesus, the Son of God, walked our streets, entered our buildings, and spoke to us.

What does this mean for prison inmates? Here are just a few things that this means for readers of our magazine: Our readers have a God to serve who lived among mankind. They have a role model, a teacher, and a redeemer in Jesus Christ. They can be forgiven of their sins because of His death and resurrection, live a transformed life by the power of His Spirit, and anticipate an eternal home in His presence when they die.

Your Support Makes the Difference

The cost for printing 89,000 copies of issue #46 is \$20,000. At this time, we have funds to pay for the printing because of the generous donations we have received in the past several months. We expect



"Just want to say thank you so very much for blessing me with *Loaves and Fishes*. It has made an awesome impact in my incarcerated life. May God keep blessing you all always."

> ERMINIO ARROYOS JR John Connally Unit Kenedy, TX



postage costs to be approximately \$9,000, so our goal is to raise that amount by the end of April. If the Lord provides the funds, we will be on schedule to meet our current goal of shipping three issues of *Loaves* & *Fishes* in 2022.

It is humbling to process the donations that come in to Lighthouse Publishing. Many of you are strangers to us, but rest assured, we feel a deep kinship with you in this ministry. It is your giving that makes our work possible.

Our goals are to serve God by fulfilling the commission given to us by Jesus, to serve prison inmates by giving them life-giving teaching based in God's word, to serve prison ministries and staff by giving them free materials to aid their work, and to serve donors by putting their funds to work in a meaningful cause.

If you would, pray for God to open doors to expand the reach of *Loaves & Fishes* in prisons. The COVID-19 pandemic made it difficult for some of our distributors to get the magazines out, and we hope to see this change so that our message can reach as many as possible behind bars. Pray for new distributors to find our material and take advantage of the magazine.

Thanks for what you do, and God bless you. —Mike Fisher, *operations manager*

"Thank you for this magazine I receive free of charge. I really enjoy the stories and poems. Many are a big source of encouragement."

MARITA L HUTCHINSON Lowell Correctional Institution Annex, Ocala, FL

"I had to tell you how much your magazine has helped me with my journey to God and His Kingdom for eternity. As you can see by my return address, I am in prison here at Wende Correctional Facility in Alden NY. Being in prison I don't have much money, but I wanted to send you this \$5.00 to help out. Keep up the good work of the Lord. Please keep me on your mailing list. Thank you and God bless you all.

> JOSEPH A PISERCHIA Wende Correctional Facility, Alden, NY

"Hello! I hope this finds you and your family experiencing all of the Lord's blessings. My reason for writing to you is I recently received my new subscription to *Loaves and Fishes*, which contained issues 31 and 32. This is so awesome. I love your publication. It has such great articles as well as testimonies and letters of encouragement from men and women across the country who are experiencing similar situations that I myself am going through.

"So I wanted to say thank you so very much. I also filled out the application for your Bible study courses of which I have already completed lessons one and two. Again awesome!"

> TOMMY SIGLER Pinellas Conty Jail, Clearwater, FL

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