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"Let's Do This!": A Bold Dream for Prison Revival

Dear Friends and Partners in the Gospel,

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your faithful generosity to ARM Prison Outreach. Because of you, lives are being transformed behind bars, and the seeds of a true prison revival are taking root.

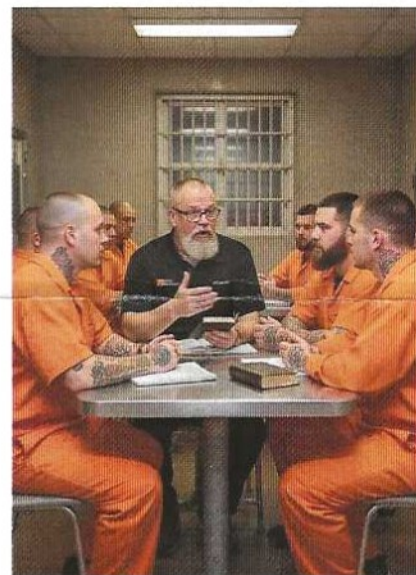
I recently stood in a prison classroom, looking into the faces of men carrying the weight of years of incarceration, tattoos representing their past regrets, and eyes that have seen too much darkness. As I shared a dream with them, their response moved me deeply.

I told them: **"Men, I dream of the day I walk into a Christian prison."**

The blank look on the faces looking back at me let me know they didn't understand.

I explained how in global missions, a group isn't considered "reached" until there is 1) a thriving indigenous community of believers, 2) a core group of mature believers capable of giving pastoral leadership, and 3) the resources necessary to disciple their own people without outside help. Scholars often point to a tipping point, around 20% of the population, living as committed, reproducing disciples for a renewal movement to become self-sustaining.

In their 1,500-man facility, that means 300 transformed men: not just saved, but growing deeply in Christ, stepping into leadership, teaching and mentoring others, praying together cell to cell. Armed with Bibles in their hands, discipleship training in their hearts, and the freedom to fan the flames of faith themselves.



As I painted that picture, the room began to clap, then cheer, and they shouted together: **"Let's do this! Let's become a Christian prison!"**

This is the heartbeat of ARM Prison Outreach, and your partnership is making it possible. We're not merely distributing materials or running programs. Through your gifts, **we're working to ignite a God-sized**

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movement where prisoners themselves become the primary carriers of the Gospel, spreading Jesus, pod to pod, facility to facility.

Because of you:

- Inmates are receiving Bibles as the first seed of transformation.
- Men and women are completing Bible studies that equip them to be disciple-makers.
- New believers are being baptized in portable baptistries, publicly declaring their faith in Christ.
- Former addicts, gang members, and "lost causes" are rising as leaders, planting "house churches" in their blocks, and mentoring the next generation of disciples (2 Timothy 2:2).

One day soon, I believe we'll walk into units and overhear inmates quoting Scripture to encourage one another. I'll hear chaplains say, "We don't need as many outside volunteers anymore, the **prison church** is carrying the Gospel forward itself." And we'll know it happened because faithful partners like you believed in the impossible and gave generously.

Your ongoing support is fuel for this revival. Every Bible placed, every study course sent, every baptism provided is making a tangible difference in fulfilling this vision among unreached prison populations. We are profoundly grateful for your partnership. Thank you for standing with us, for praying, and for investing in what God is doing behind bars. Your generosity is accomplishing extraordinary Kingdom work, work that lasts into eternity.

If the Lord has placed it on your heart to deepen your involvement, perhaps by increasing your support, sponsoring Bibles or baptistries for a specific facility, or including ARM in your estate planning, please know how much it would mean. Visit www.arm.org/donate, reply to this letter, or reach out to me directly at tnelson@arm.org. I'd love to talk about how we can continue this journey together.

Together, we're not just sending resources. We're helping spark a revival in prisons, and I can't wait to see what God does next through our shared faithfulness.

With eager expectation,



Troy B. Nelson
CEO

PS: God specializes in impossible places. Your gift today could be the spark that turns chains into change for thousands of incarcerated men and women. **Don't miss what God might do through your yes.** Also, if you would like to join us in praying for God's movement in prisons, we encourage you to check out our prayer guides at arm.org/pray.