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From Under a Bridge to Standing on The Rock

Dear Ministry Friends,

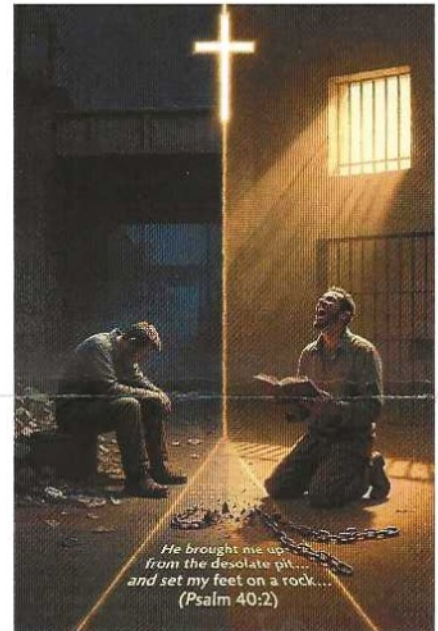
I want to introduce you to your brother in Christ (we'll call him "R." for this letter). His story begins after arriving in New York City from Puerto Rico:

"I was impressed by the city's size, feeling like I was on top of the world. Little did I know that in this concrete jungle I would become a criminal and drug user..."

R. landed a job but lived only for the weekends: clubs, cocaine, prostitutes. A growing addiction drove him to rob businesses, homes, and people on the streets. He became a wanted man, hunted by police and drug dealers alike. For fifteen long years, he lived under a bridge, surviving by scavenging dumpsters, always looking over his shoulder in fear.

He later described that season with the words of Leviticus 26:36: "...the sound of a shaken leaf shall cause them to flee; they shall flee as though fleeing from a sword, and they shall fall when no one pursues."

Shortly afterward, he was arrested, which he later called a "divine rescue." God used even that painful moment for good, just as Joseph said in Genesis 50:20: "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good."



While in a Pennsylvania state prison, R. found Jesus. After becoming an active member of the prison church, God planted within R. a desire to preach the Gospel to those still lost. Through your faithful giving, ARM was able to provide him with a Bible and Bible studies. **R. proudly completed all nine Bible studies from ARM, from the Gospel of John through Christian Doctrine vol. 3.**

In his own words: "I thank God that He never gave up on me. He set me free. '...He inclined to me and heard my cry. He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet
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upon a rock, and established my steps. He has put a new song in my mouth' (Psalm 40:1-3).

This is why ARM exists, and why your partnership matters. Thank you for being part of R.'s story and the stories of countless others like him. **Because you gave, a man who once lived under a bridge is now standing on the Rock, Jesus, singing a new song, and preparing to preach the hope he has found.**

Through your generosity, you directly enable ARM to provide Bibles, Bible studies, and discipleship events to thousands that transform prisoners' lives, like R.'s, and help them find hope in Christ.

Your generous gift today will make a powerful difference:

- **\$129** sustains the entire ministry for **one hour**
- **\$1,032** covers a full eight-hour **workday**
- **\$3,096** provides resources for **24 hours**
- **\$21,692** supports a **week**

Your gift, of any amount, will open doors for more prisoners to hear the Good News, encounter God's love, and experience transformation in Christ.

Thank you for standing with us. Together, we are bringing the light of Jesus into the darkest places.

With eager expectation,



Troy B. Nelson
CEO/Donor Advisor

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