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Your Generosity Helped Charles Find a New Identity

Dear Ministry Friends,

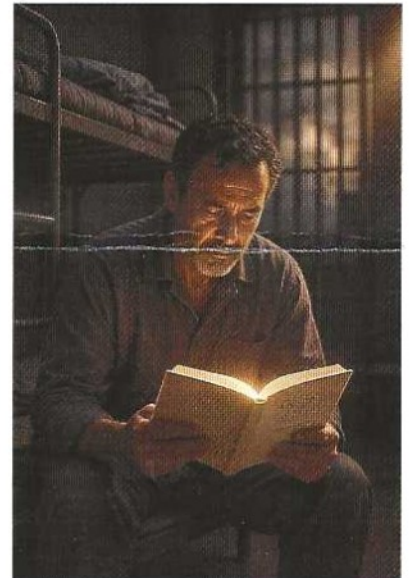
When Charles first walked into prison, he went in with more than a prison sentence; he carried with him years of meth addiction, a childhood of trauma and abuse, and anger that erupted faster than he could stop it. He had been in and out of trouble for so long, he knew prison was his future. Both programs and people had failed him. So the idea that a book could challenge the power of his addiction, his internal rage, or the shame that followed him into his prison cell seemed insulting.

That is where your partnership entered the story.

Because friends like you believe men and women behind bars are worth investing in, ARM was able to provide Charles with a Bible study at no cost to him, so he could participate in the discipleship group he was invited to attend. At first, he showed up but remained distant and cynical. Cravings still came in waves. His hands still shook. There were nights when he wanted to throw away the Bible study lessons. One evening he sat on the edge of his bed with the study on the Gospel of John open, convinced he was permanently damaged and that God had nothing useful to say to someone like him.

As he slowly read through and answered the questions in his study book, the words on the page began to challenge the lies he had lived his life by. In John 1, he noticed how the light of Jesus shines in dark places; in John 8, he resonated with the woman condemned by everyone, yet Jesus showed her mercy rather than throw stones; and in John 13, Jesus models strength through service, a radical idea for Charles. The lessons discovered in Scripture encouraged him not to let his past failures have the final word about his future.

The Bible was changing Charles, but so was the group of men in his study group. Each week he found himself talking about things he had usually kept to himself: his anger issues, failures, the questions he had about God and the pain in his own life.



Eventually, Charles began leading a Bible study of his own. Some of the men who came reminded him of himself when he first started: guarded, angry, and unconvinced that anything was going to change. Charles could relate, so he tells them, "I know what it feels like to think you are too broken. I also know what it feels like when God's truth proves stronger than the lies we tell ourselves."

His life is not perfect, but it is different because of the new identity Charles found in Jesus.

The Bible studies and discipleship resources only reach the incarcerated men and women because partners like you choose to fund them. You are the reason a man who once believed he was beyond hope now helps others discover the truth in Jesus. You are the reason Scripture continues to confront lies, form new identities, and raise leaders inside prison walls. You can provide **one Gospel of John study for a prisoner with a gift of \$15**. To make an even greater impact:

\$150 provides a group leader like Charles with **10 books** to start a new study group.
\$600 equips multiple groups within a facility, turning no one away for lack of resources.
\$1,200 increases the chance that more participants become **facilitators** themselves.
\$4,800 funds the creation of a **brand-new Bible course**.

Thank you for making the journey to a new identity in Jesus possible. Your partnership places the Word of God into the hands of those who desperately need it. If you would like to continue placing these resources where they can change lives, we would be honored to have you walk with us.

With eager expectation,



Troy B. Nelson
CEO/Donor Advisor

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