

December 14, 2020

Granton Community Bible Church
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Dear Friends

As we come to the end of a very challenging year, I'd like to thank you for your faithful support, which ensures vulnerable and desperate inmates hear of God's love and learn how to submit their lives to Him. Our Bible correspondence courses, with the help of trained and compassionate instructors, provide discipleship to new and growing believers.

In 2020, more than 1,000 students completed 12,000+ studies, and 65 inmates began a relationship with Jesus. Over 90 instructors disciplined students as they corresponded with inmates with each exam returned.

Although Covid-19 meant significantly lower donations and fewer office volunteers to help, 2020 has also been a year of growth. Without office volunteers, we were forced to re-examine our office practices. We have been able to eliminate some redundant processes and are well on our way to converting our exams to the scantron method, which reduces both postage, and time for volunteers and staff. The scantron exams have been well received by our students. Changing our studies and exams to the new systems was time consuming, but we anticipate reaping the savings in 2021.

2020 was also a year of new partnerships. Early in the year, we formed a partnership with Prison Fellowship Canada to provide aftercare services for our students. PFC has a wide network of churches across Canada who are trained and equipped to help former offenders restart life. We are delighted with the support PFC has been able to provide, even during Covid.

We turned the Dismas groups we were leading over to the Dismas Fellowship Network, and Paul Tuck moved his employment to Dismas.

In summer of 2020, we were approached by Crossroads Prison Ministries Canada, who had long been encouraged to partner with New Life. They wanted to be part of a Canadian ministry so their supporters' revenue would stay in Canada. Effective January 1st, 2021, Crossroads will be closing its charitable operations in Canada. Most of their volunteer mentors (equivalent to NLPM Instructors) are beginning involvement with New Life. We will be adding The Manga Messiah series from Crossroads' curriculum in 2021.

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2020 has been a year with very little formal contact between our supporting churches and New Life Prison Ministries. Early in my time here I spent several hours with Gerrit and Susan Blok, learning about their 35 years leading this ministry. For many years, Gerrit travelled regularly to churches and prisons and provided stories and statistics to the churches. We would love to provide an update in your church, even if it must be done by Zoom to the congregation or missions committee. Please contact me if you would like to arrange a time.

Our student Kevin recently sent us his testimony. I know you will be encouraged to hear of God's workings in his life.

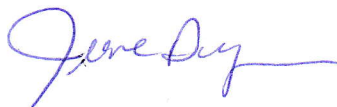
I was angry at everything and everyone. I wanted purpose. I wanted to know why I was living. I needed assurance from someone that there is more to this life. Then one day my great grandfather handed me a Bible on a very dark day of mine thank God I read it. My life was changed.

He reserves my life from death and has blessed me more times than I can keep count of. Each day and night I pray to Jesus to help me in times of evil and God bless he has done just that. People think I am crazy, but I know He hears my prayers.

God blessed me with a daughter and a lot of nieces and nephews, plus our family relationships have been just perfect these last few years.

Over 2020, Granton Community Bible Church's support has provided studies for 38 inmates. That means that 3 students receive a special package each and every month! Thank you.

Christmas blessings to you,



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