



Our Mission

We desire to introduce prisoners to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, help them build a firm foundation of faith, and equip them to minister to others whether they remain in prison or are released.

"I was in prison and you came to Me. Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

Matthew 25:36

Prayer Needs

- ♦ For the prisoners who read
- ♦ For the chaplains
- ♦ For an affordable permanent warehouse
- ♦ For our servicemen and women in harms way
- ♦ For the families of Ray Hall and Grant Jeffrey

THE POWER OF THE PRINTED WORD IN PRISON

A single book is read by 30 people and takes about 8 hours to read (30 x 8 = 240 hours).

There are 65 books per box (65 x 30 = 1950 people and 1950 x 8 = 15,600 man hours).

So just one \$25 box of books does the work of one person working full time, one-on-one for seven and a half years, without a vacation!

2012 Statistics to Date – 45 States

1,594 boxes 103,610 books
331 individual packages . 1,125 books
Grand Total 104,735 books
1,831 facilities on active list
915 facilities on the waiting list

Message from Ray Hall, Director

We all dread the inevitable day that will come to each of us. There is no escape, it will come. A wife will be lifted into Heaven and leave a grieving husband, a husband will be taken and leave a heart broken wife. The two that became one, will be only a half; waiting to become whole again. The survivor stands lost in a sea of memories with no hand to hold or partner with whom to face life.

My sweet little wife, Kazuko Umezu Hall went home on April 30, 2012. God gave us 56 years together and I am grateful for every minute. Our time together has not ended, it has just been suspended. I will spend forever with my sweetheart and Jesus. It just doesn't get any better than that.

Kazuko and I started Prison Book Project in Ray & Kazuko Hall, 1956, Awa Kamogawa, Japan August 1994. I know that she would want me to continue to fight as hard as I can. And in memory of her, I shall. I want to thank all of you for your support in the past and the support that I know is coming in the future. Together, we will add stars to Kazuko's crown every time a sinner picks up a book that we have supplied. And I intend to supply many, many more!



My good friend, supporter, and encourager, Dr. Grant Jeffrey followed Kazuko to Heaven on May 11th. The day that Kazuko left, Grant and his wife called me on the telephone and prayed with me. Grant prayed with a broken heart and I know that God listened. Understanding is slow in coming, but it is coming. Little did we know that Grant would join her just 11 days later. Please pray for Grant's wife Kaye, and for me.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.
Ray Hall

Equipping “Evangelists” One Package at a Time

The goal of **Prison Book Project** is to flood every prison and jail in America with life changing Christian material. In some places, we are met with enthusiasm; in other places, resistance. Resistance simply means that we'll just have to try a different way. We try to do things as cost effective and efficiently as possible.

The most efficient way to place the maximum amount of material is by building Chapel libraries. The variety of material is much greater and the number of readers increases when limits are placed on check out time. Sending boxes containing an average of 65 books is less costly than sending packages to individuals. Sending a box of 65 books has a cost of about \$25.00. Sending 65 books in individual 3 book packages would cost over \$82.00.

Officials at some facilities do not realize the importance of good reading material. Inmates have a lot of down time. The best way to keep them occupied is by reading. “Good” reading will help give them a better attitude and keep them busy. A real big plus is that good Christian material may also help them find their way to Heaven, heal their families and become better citizens.

When we do not have facility cooperation, we sometimes will send packages to individuals. The packages will contain three to five books. We try to encourage receiving individuals to share the books, but generally have no control. Some prisoners will set up lending libraries on their own. I am continually impressed by inmate “evangelists” who do great works behind those walls. There are not enough Chaplains to give the one on one encouragement needed by many prisoners. Books help to teach and enable prisoners to minister to other prisoners.



Boeing Employees Community Fund Helps Support Prison Book Project



Kim Doty presenting Ray Hall with \$1500 donation from Boeing Employees Community Fund May 25, 2012. This donation will support our work in Brevard County, FL.

Tyndale House and Crossway send Bibles to us that are contained in steel jackets. Of course, we cannot send those to prisons or jails. We have found a perfect place for them, the Army in Afghanistan. Over the past few years, we have sent 168 boxes to Military Chaplains serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Those boxes contained nearly 10,000 Bibles, plus other Christian books. A recent e-mail from an Army Chaplain said that as things get “sticky” over there, more and more troops are turning to the Lord. Prison Book Project supporters are giving comfort to those who are sacrificing so much. I wonder how many of those Bibles will be left behind.

We received a shipment of more than 19,000 Bibles here a few years ago. The truck driver was a Muslim. As we unloaded those Bibles, I opened one carton and showed him what he had delivered. He begged me for one of them and I gave it to him. The first Bible in that shipment went to a Muslim truck driver. How awesome is that?



Your help is needed to touch lives behind bars. Each box of books costs about \$25 to mail. Please join our team and participate with us in this important work.

☐ I will give a monthly gift of \$ _____

☐ Please continue to send the newsletter

☐ I will sponsor _____ box(es) at \$25 each

☐ Please send information brochures # _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Please send checks or money orders to: **Prison Book Project • P.O. Box 1146 • Sharpes, FL 32959**
(501-c-3 tax-exempt organization)

Excerpts from prisoner's letters

- ♦ The gifts given to us through the Chapel program represent the best opportunity men here have to make productive use of their time. Prison will change a person – sometimes for better, often for worse. Thank you for helping to tip the scale towards better by making this ministry available. God Bless! Mike ☺
- ♦ I wanted to write you for some time. I have read many of your books you have sent to us. I am the extremely happy owner of the one-year chronological Bible sent here. I really enjoy it! Praise God! I want to thank you and everyone who donated to you. You reap what you sow . . . I was in prison and you visited me. God will bless. The best is yet to come.
- ♦ I just read "Reflections Through the Window" and started "One heartbeat away." I'd like to receive any books that you offer. These stories give me hope, let's me know anybody can change with faith in God and our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for your time. May God bless you and your foundation.
- ♦ To Director, Raymond Hall and to all the volunteers at Prison Book Project and also to Tyndale House Publisher, Inc.: I just want to tell you Thank You and God bless each and everyone of you for making my life more joyable, for the books you have sent me. It's people like you that make me want to be a better person in life.
- ♦ I was never really in a church, never looked at or read the Bible. I have read the Bible in the last year. I pray and before I say things to family or others, I stop to think, would God approve? I feel Him work in me and through me. I go to Bible studies here at the prison. I study and I will do for someone else as you have done for me "HELP." Thank you again.
- ♦ I am writing to you because the Chapel library at the prison where I am an inmate recently received a donation of books from your ministry. THANK YOU!

Feedback from Chaplains & Ministries

- ♦ Thank you for all you do to help bring truth into the lives, minds, and hearts of the women here and to those at other institutions. This is a program where value can never be measured this side of heaven. God bless you all in the great work! WI
- ♦ We recently received 11 boxes of literature from your ministry; Bibles and books that touch on numerous topics of interest to the offender population. I can't express how grateful I am to have received such a plentiful gift at no charge to us! Thank you all so very much for continually supporting the ministry. I know the offenders truly appreciate all that you do and enjoy the material you send that we make available in the Chapel library. May God continue to bless your ministry and all those who are involved! MO
- ♦ Thank you so much for your recent donation of books to the women within our facility. The shipment contains an excellent selection of religious and motivational literature. We thank God for all things provided and for our devoted friends who give in support of the women. It is good to know individuals such as yourself are devoted to helping those less fortunate. We are very grateful for your ongoing and continued thoughtfulness. Thank you for your faithfulness. May God continue to bless you and your organization! NY
- ♦ I just had to share how appreciative the inmates and I am about your Project. When we get boxes with the books in them it is just like Christmas. The amazing thing is they are expensive books and the inmates treat them like they are gold. I was able to give a man a leather Bible when almost all receive paperback and the look on his face was worth every penny spent to get it here. He has thanked me every time he sees me on the compound for giving it to him. MD

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**One box of books at a cost of \$25
will do 15,600 man-hours of ministry!
*WHAT A BARGAIN!!!***

*Each red pin on the map represents one
or more institutions receiving books from
Prison Book Project.*



*Micah Loyd presenting the 2011 Titusville
Area Chamber of Commerce "Non-Profit
Organization of the Year" Award to Prison
Book Project Founder and Director Ray Hall.*