

OUR Christmas Gifts TO YOU:

Christmas Letters of Thanks From Death Row Inmates!

More Chaplains Restored to Full-Time Status!

More Programs of the Good News in Georgia Prisons!

Making a difference? We should say so. As our Christmas gift to you, we wanted to share just a little of the feedback HeartBound gets every day and the difference YOU are making in the lives of Georgia prisoners.

Thanks from Death Row and Other Places....

“I just wanted to say thank you all very much for the blessings you keep sending me and fellow death row inmates here in Jackson, Ga. I for one truly appreciate each of you taking the time to remember us. Please thank the kids for the lovely hand made cards. That was the best gift of them all. Mine was not signed but on one side was a lovely cross with a heart in the center colored orange on a yellow sheet of paper. The reverse side was white paper with a beautiful Christmas tree drawing. May Jehovah God bless each of you this day and everyday. Keep putting God first and walk with Christ daily.” Sincerely, Troy and Clay

“This is my 19th Christmas in prison and my 3rd here at Burruss, and I have always been blessed to witness God’s love radiate from His children. Never is that more evident than when God’s daughters and sons take time out of their busy, busy schedules to spread some Christmas cheer and share the message of God’s Gift. Thank you for all your love, your concern, and your gifts.” With brotherly love in Christ, Jim

“I just wanted to say “thank you” for putting together and bringing us a great service/Christmas program. For the gifts, love, caring, and most of all for the wonderful word of God. You and everyone that came with you are greatly appreciated for taking the time out of your lives to bring blessings to those you don’t even know.” Sincerely, Christopher L.

More Chaplains to Share More Good News

I guess it’s really true: THE SQUEAKY WHEEL GETS THE GREASE! Yes, for four years now, we’ve been squeaking, and we’re getting the grease! After facing elimination just three short years ago, 18 of Georgia’s 47 state prison chaplains have been returned to full-time status! That means 18 full-time shepherds for God’s fenced-in flock! Who would know that “squeaking” came in the form of YOUR prayers and support??!

More Programs to Spread the Word of God Behind Prison Walls

So far in 2007, we’ve held 112 Christ-centered programs in Georgia state and federal prisons. Plans are now underway to distribute thousands of Christmas bags containing hygiene, snacks and best of all, Christian

literature to needy inmates. Inmates are more open to our spiritual message when we care for their physical needs at the same time. The REAL GIFT these bags contain – **the Good News of Jesus Christ.**

If you would like to go “behind the walls” and help HeartBound pack and distribute Christmas bags, just let us know. The distribution dates are below. Time is 10:00 a.m. for all.

December 7 th – Bag distribution at Walker State Prison, Rock Springs, GA December 13 th – Bag distribution at Ga. Diagnostic and Classification Prison, Jackson, GA December 14 th – Bag distribution with motorcycle evangelists “Uncaged Ministries”, Burruss Correctional Training Center, Forsyth, GA.
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Irony? ReGifting? Poetic Justice? Call it What You Will....

I guess this is the best “regifting” you could ask for -- the gifts we give to you this holiday are really the gifts YOU GAVE to Georgia prisoners all year long.

YOUR prayers brought chaplains back to Georgia prisons.

YOUR gifts make Christmas bags to inmates possible.

YOUR support provides prison programs with the good news of Christ.

That’s just like our God, isn’t it? Give Him a gift, and He gives it right back – only better!

Thank you, at Christmas and always, for being part of HEARTBOUND!!

Serving the fenced-in flock, *Andrea Shelton, Jan Spencer and the HeartBound Board -- Darcy Harper, Woodrow Hudson, Richard Maner, Galen Oelkers, Vennie Owen, Martha Ray, Lisa Timmons and Norah White*