Dear Friend,

We received a letter just this week, thanking us for sending him Bible studies faithfully for three years. This student has been growing and learning about the Lord through the studies. He said, "I look forward to receiving my studies every week. I really love all the different puzzles you provide me with. You have made a big difference in helping get the good news to all. Praise for all the graders and everyone who helps." This includes you, because of your generosity.

Just last week I received a phone call from a lady who has been taking the Firm Foundations course. Occasionally, her lesson is delayed in the mail, so she calls to check on it. I love visiting with her and hearing her enthusiasm for the lessons. She has been a Christian for only a couple of years, but through the Firm Foundations lessons, she is learning and growing. Students always tell us how much they like this course. It is because of your partnership with us that we can send Bible courses like this to people who want to study God's Word in a systematic way.

This past month has been extremely busy. A few of our volunteers have been dealing with ongoing health issues. Volunteers are a key component to our ministry. Their jobs are very important. Whether it is grading, opening the mail, entering students into the computer, pulling the next lesson to send to them, entering their grades, or working on a special project, each person is important to the ministry. I am thankful for each one who gives up their time to work with us.

At the beginning of February, we were granted access to Oracle NetSuite. This accounting program has many features that help with data management. One of the features includes a better way to send e-receipts. This is an area that we would like to pursue. We will still be able to send receipts by regular mail, if you prefer. But if you would like your receipt by email, please send us an updated email address. In doing this, you will save us a little in postage. We will send a newsletter to you by email with the receipt. Send your email address to cfm@christforme.org. Thank you again for your partnership with Christ For Me, Inc.

In His Service.

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Director

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV)

# Ministry Report...

#### MAILBOX MINISTRY

This month we heard from several students who had not sent in lessons for several months. Currently, 89% of our students are incarcerated. Ten percent of our students are Spanish.

### Mailbox Ministry - 1st Quarter



	January	February	March *
Total Students	302	255	282
Lessons sent	1547	1094	1231
Lessons graded	1326	907	860
Certificates	116	68	71
Salvations	0	1	0
Return Rate	86%	83%	70%
Bible Sent	1	2	0

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary month end numbers - some lessons may still be in the gradiing process.

### **JAIL MINISTRY**

John continues to reach men and women in the Wagoner County Detention Center and also at the Jess Dunn facility. When he goes into the prison, he has to adjust the way he interacts with each person so that he can be sensitive to their personalities, background and even their crimes. He pays attention to the needs of his students so he can direct them to the Lord.

### FINANCE REPORT

	January	February	March*
Beginning Balance	39,827.24	36,717.22	61,339.49
Income	9,477.73	34,366.94	12,293.38
Expenses	12,587.75	9,744.67	10,350.30
Ending Balance	36,717.22	61,339.49	63,282.57
Savings	32,400.68	32,472.65	32,551.53
Total Balance	69,117.90	93,812.14	95,384.10

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary month end numbers

# Praises...

- that Lyndia Land is getting stronger and able to work after having surgery in February.
- ➤ that Bob Crank has been able to work after his surgery at the end of March.
- for those who have volunteered to help write questions for future lessons.
- for our students who find ways to send lessons in even when it is difficult.

## Prayer...

- for Barbara Andrews who has been with the ministry for 21 years. She has ongoing health issues which have resulted in her decision to fully retire. She is dear to us and will be greatly missed. Pray for her health.
- for wisdom as we navigate how to make online lessons in the correct programs that can be used by inmates.
- for health for our staff and volunteers.