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Where we have been...

In 1978, when Ron began Christ For Me as a publication for children, he had no idea what God was going to do. After we were married in 1984, weekends and evenings were spent writing the magazine, putting it together and sending it out. It was always our desire to work full time for the Lord with Christ For Me, Inc. In January of 2000, God gave Ron that opportunity with the inclusion of the Mailbox and Prison ministry. At first, I worked full-time at a phone company to supplement our income, and part-time at CFM creating and updating our website and writing stories for the magazine. In 2006, the Lord allowed me to work full time until 2013 when our first child was born. Then, I worked from home on a part-time basis. But I was still very involved.

I have seen people's lives change and witnessed God's provision, His protection, and His blessing. God has provided a building for the ministry, provided the equipment to print lessons and publications, and volunteers to do the work of the ministry. I know that God has a purpose and a plan for Christ For Me, Inc. So we move forward seeking His Wisdom as we look to different avenues of ministry.

Just last week, I received a note from one of our graders. It read, "Another time to rejoice, Donald S. said he was saved taking this course." Praise the Lord! This person is learning about the Lord and growing. Pray for Donald that the Lord will continue to work in his life. This is why we continue to seek ways to send courses to our students, to reach into closed prisons, and to look to ways that will reach more with God's transforming Word!



Where we are going...

One of my goals when I first started working full time was to establish an online Bible correspondence school, but the timing wasn't right. The coding was tedious and there were only a few website platforms that could be used to create what we wanted to do. By 2007, only one course was completed and available online. There were only a few students so when it had technical issues a few years later, I discontinued the site. Online technology has changed so much since that time and there are more course-building tools available.

With more and more prisons moving away from traditional mail, we are faced with the need to find alternative ways to reach our students. Facilities issue tablets to inmates for email and apps, but only certain websites and apps are allowed. ECS ministries has used one of these apps for all of their courses. I've looked into that app and the cost to set up 50 lessons is \$1500. I have continued to research other apps and to list our website with other prison ministry websites. The listings are working because not long ago, I received an enrollment directly from an inmate from the Arkansas prison system. This is exciting because he had access to our website. I have no way of knowing who can access our site, but if our students in prison can access our website, then we can use our website for all of our students.

Please pray with us as we navigate these issues. We need someone who has both the time and ability to set up online courses or work within the apps to provide lessons to our students. Pray that we will find the most effective way to reach those who want to study God's Word.

Establishing the Individual in the Word of God since 1978!

Ministry Report...



What is happening now...

Ground Maintenance - This past month, we've been reminded of the power of storms, as strong winds and rain swept through our area, causing minor damage. Fortunately, only one tree limb fell, sparing us from any significant issues. However, this event has underscored the need to address the health and maintenance of the trees on the property. We have contacted a local company to trim all the trees and

remove those that are dead. The estimated cost is \$3500. Please pray concerning this project.

Building Remodel Completion - In 2021, the Lord provided finances for a remodel of our building. Ron set up workgroups to help with remodeling. The stairway was moved, walls were changed, and new flooring was installed in most of the office. However, the project has not been completed. Two bathrooms, the print room and one office still need attention.

For that reason, we have asked for bids from several General Contractors in the area. We have received two bids at this point. Please pray with us that God will provide the funds for this project. We do have money in our savings, but the funds are reserved due to their purpose such as Bibles, postage, insurance, and other expenses that are designated by the donor.

Praises...

- for the two students saved through the Bible courses this month.
- for God's protection during the storms that came through Tahlequah on May 19.
- for the students signing up through the website.
- to be able to connect through Securus econnect with students and to send image files of our lessons to them in this way.
- for the volunteers who give of their time to make sure the students' lessons are graded and returned.

Prayer...

- for direction and wisdom in setting up procedures for online courses and econnect lessons (those that are sent through email).
- for volunteers to help with setting up websites and working with econnect students.
- for health for our staff and volunteers. Many still suffer from different ailments.

JAIL MINISTRY REPORT

by John Hoverson

I've seen both men and women brought to tears as I pointed out scriptures dealing with God's great and precious promises to the obedient, and His willingness to forgive the wayward if only they will return to Him. I'm appalled at the ignorance and at the same time thrilled with the response of these folks. So many want to believe, but have been fed lies and twisted messages for so long that they are finding it hard to trust what God has actually said. I've given away 14 Bibles this month and met with 116 individuals, mostly in small groups.

MAILBOX MINISTRY REPORT

In 2004, Barbara Andrews joined the ministry of Christ For Me, Inc. as the Mailbox Coordinator. For over 20 years, she served the ministry as the person who entered each student into the Mailbox program. She prayed, wrote, and encouraged students in their walk with the Lord. After dealing with some health issues in April, she decided it was time to retire from the ministry. She has been a big part and will be missed greatly.



Happy Retirement!

FINANCE REPORT

	April	May MTD*
Beginning Balance	63,282.57	42,920.71
Income	9,208.13	7,646.60
Expenses	13,571.81	8,569.68
Ending Balance	58,918.89	41,997.63
Savings	32,628.05	47,703.15
Total Balance	91,546.94	89,700.78

*as of 5/22/25

	1st Qtr	April	May MTD*
Total Students	302	312	213
Lessons sent	1547	1373	1049
Lessons graded	1326	1095	758
Certificates	116	97	66
Salvations	0	1	2
Bible Sent	1	0	1

*as of 5/28/25