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**A Personal Message  
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Chaplain Ray & Leola Hoekstra

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Dear Friends of IPM,

Our precious, much-loved Leola, "Mrs. Chaplain Ray," has gone home to be with the Lord. She will be greatly missed by the many who loved her and served with her. But we rejoice on her behalf that she is in the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. *"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8).*

God gave her a long life (89 years plus). He gave her a fruitful life (multitudes of inmates finding salvation through her ministry). He gave her a joyful life (gladness and rejoicing were continual hallmarks of her daily walk).

For decades, Leola went into the prisons arm in arm with my father, Chaplain Ray. He would introduce her with the loving nickname of "Lola Baby." She would give her testimony of salvation and personal healing as a child. My father would then preach the word of God, proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, and give an altar call regarding faith in the Lord. Typically, many would come to know the saving grace of Christ.

I look back on the times that Leola and I would go into the prisons to minister together. In the car, we would discuss what lay before us at the prison facility. Leola would often utter brief, spontaneous prayers. "Lord Jesus, guide us, fill us." Upon arriving, she would share her testimony and I would preach the gospel. Later, driving back in the car, she would say enthusiastically, "Bob, that was just like your Daddy and I used to do it!" I praise God for

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those blessed days.

Our appreciation gift for this month is What Must I Do to be Saved? - - How May I Know I am Saved? It is very rich in the exposition of the scriptures. It focuses on top priority spiritual truths, the gospel of salvation and assurance of salvation. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved . . . These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God" (Romans 10:13 and 1 John 5:13).

The book was selected at this time because of the special place that it held in the heart of both Chaplain Ray and Leola. My father viewed this book as a true ministry treasure. He requested that it be one of the first books sent to prisoners who write to IPM asking for spiritual help. Leola and I spoke often of the priceless truths contained in this book. She was delighted with its powerful content. (Also, a sideline note of blessing for our ministry partners - - there is a wonderful color picture of Leola and Chaplain Ray inside the front cover).

We praise the Lord wholeheartedly for the blessing of having Leola and Chaplain Ray in our lives!

Pressing on Together in Our Blessed Spiritual Heritage,

*Bob Hoekstra*

Pastor Bob Hoekstra

(for all of our "Chaplain Ray Family" and the IPM Team)

P. S. Again, our appreciation gift for this month is What Must I Do to be Saved? - - How May I Know I am Saved?.



The Lord blessed Leola and blessed others through her.

# With Praise to God for Leola Hoekstra

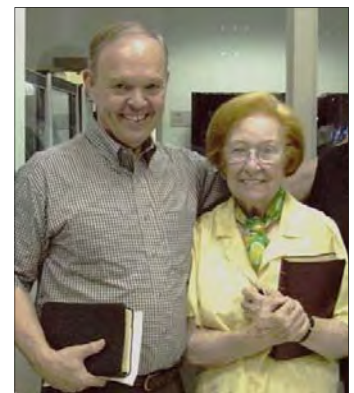
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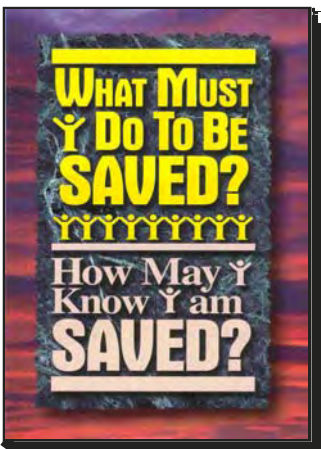
“O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the [one] that trusteth in him” (Psalm 34:8). Leola Hoekstra trusted in Jesus throughout her life. She was truly a godly Proverbs 31 woman. Leola was called into ministry at the early age of 17. She was involved in evangelistic outreaches in many parts of the USA, as well as in Jamaica and Haiti.



These pictures highlight the many years she served the Lord beside her late husband, Chaplain Ray, founder of International Prison Ministry. She carried on IPM after the Homegoing of Chaplain Ray. She then served beside Pastor Bob Hoekstra, Chaplain Ray's son, who now directs IPM in its ministry to prisoners across the United States, as well as in Ukraine/Russia and India.



As illustrated by these pictures, Leola loved the word of God and loved prisoners. She faithfully ministered to them with Chaplain Ray and with Pastor Bob. The IPM Staff all loved her deeply. The “Chaplain’s Boys,” like “Murf the Surf,” looked on her as a spiritual mom. Leola is now with Jesus (and her beloved Chaplain Ray). She has heard from her Lord, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant” (Matthew 25:21).



One of Leola's and Chaplain Ray's Favorite Books.



Cut Along Dotted Line & Mail

Yes, Send Gift Book:

Dear Pastor Bob, My gift to help prisoners understand how to be saved and the assurance of their salvation.

What Must I Do To Be SAVED?  
How May I Know I Am SAVED?

- Use this gift for *Bibles For Prisoners* .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
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- Bibles and Books for Russia & India Prisons* ...\$ \_\_\_\_\_
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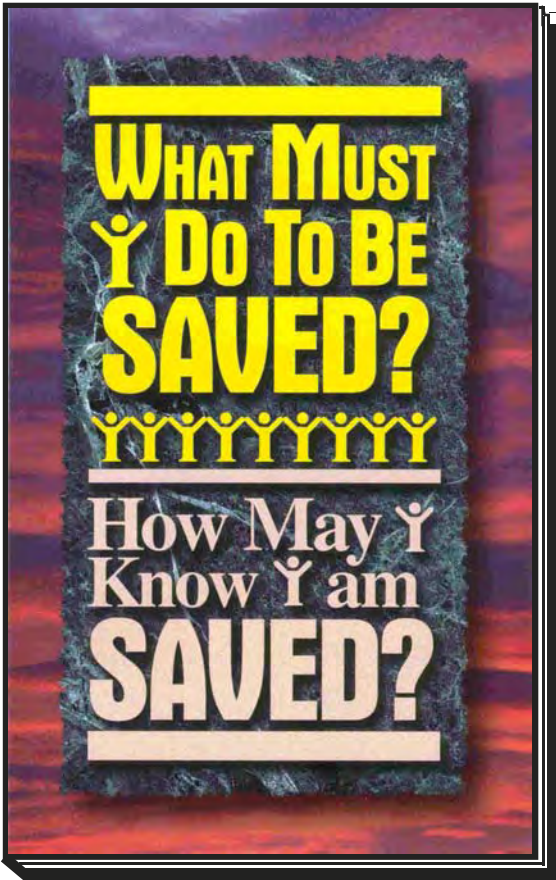
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***"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints." (Psalm 116:15)***

In the earliest years at IPM, Leola read and answered the prisoners' letters. In later years, Leola read the prisoner letters over the "Chaplain Ray" radio program. Today, IPM answers over a thousand letters a month, sending out thousands of books and Bibles. Chaplain Ray and Leola's spiritual legacy continues on as Pastor Bob directs IPM. May the Lord continue to lead and bless and bring much fruit.

L. T. Jones in a Texas prison wrote to IPM recently: "I am writing to thank you for the Bible, letter of inspiration and books. I very seldom get any mail from anyone, so I am most grateful. You sent me the book 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' I read it and fell in love with it, but one of my baby brothers in Christ was struggling with knowing he was saved. I let him read it and he fell in love with it and asked to take it home with him when he paroled. Would you send me another copy. Please pray for me and keep watch for Jesus is coming soon."

**Romans 10:13**

***For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.***

**1 John 5:13**

***These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.***

***IPM is grateful to our LORD for your gifts and prayers!***



**The Prisoners loved Leola!**



**She loved sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ**



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**Message or Prayer Request for IPM:**

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