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**A Personal Message
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Dear Friends of IPM,

Revival -- spiritual awakening! It is greatly needed in many places at many times. Individual people need revival. Churches need revival. Nations need revival. Inmates need revival. Prisons need revival. Our appreciation gift for this month (*The Enforcer, the Story of "Happy Jack" Burbridge*) tells of how revival came to a prisoner and eventually to his prison.

The book of Acts records the greatest revival ever. Every true revival from God will have aspects of the same spiritual elements found in Acts. True revival will include prayer, waiting upon the Lord, for His work in our lives. "And, [Jesus] being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." (Acts 1:4-5).

True revival will include the empowering of the Spirit, enabling us to be effective witnesses of Christ. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth . . . And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost . . . Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost . . . And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 1:8, 2:4, 4:8, and 4:31).

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True revival will include the Spirit-empowered preaching of the word of God in general and the proclaiming of the crucified, risen Christ in particular. "Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it . . . and they spake the word of God with boldness." (Acts 2:22-24 and 4:31).

True revival will include conviction of sin and the salvation of souls. "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart . . . Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:37, 41).

Also, true revival will result in believers being hungry for the word, for fellowship, for worship, and for prayer. "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42).

Let's be calling upon the Lord for heaven-sent revival across our land - - including prisons near and far.

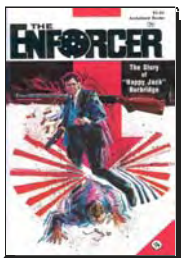
Praying with You for True Revival from on High,

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

P. S. Remember, our appreciation book for this month is *The Enforcer*, the testimony of Jack Burbridge.



Altar Call at the End of Service



True revival will result in hunger for prayer. Jesus brings revival from on high



Revival: A Great Awakening in the Prison

Jack Burbridge writes “I wanted to shout; instead, I told my friend about the night that the Spirit of God came into one small cell in a dark prison, and filled a man with the power of Almighty God.”

“A few men here and there have been saved ever since I had been in Terre Haute prison. Now they were getting saved almost every day. The Brotherhood had gradually grown to 30 members; now in a short period of time, it grew to 300 members. At last, our prayers were answered. We found ourselves in a revival. Not the kind of revival that men organized, but the kind that the Lord sends.”

“At first, we were amazed when a miracle took place. Then miracles began happening one right after another. The meetings of our prayer group were powerful and the Lord moved during the services to heal and save. I gave my testimony several times in the Brotherhood meetings, and men’s lives were touched. I was always surprised when the Lord saved men through my story, although it happened over and over again.”

“When invited to a Brotherhood meeting to hear Jack’s testimony, the guy exclaimed: “Happy Jack! Are you kidding?” But the man was just curious enough to come to the meeting to hear for himself. At the altar call, he came forward and accepted Jesus.”

“A black inmate came to us for prayer, and to find out if God could possibly help him. He had been on heroin for 18 years and his veins were burned out. He couldn’t live much longer in that condition. A brother and I shared with him, and he decided he wanted to accept Jesus. The power of God came over him and he was saved and healed. When doctors checked him out, his veins were completely restored. Praise the Lord!”

“A prisoner with a double life sentence and who totally stayed to himself was saved and later paroled. A militant leader realized that his god could not do for him what Jack’s God was doing for him and accepted Jesus as Savior. Later he was stabbed many times by his former militant group and the Lord healed him when doctors believed he couldn’t live. The militant group left him alone after that because they were afraid of him and felt that he had been raised from the dead as they knew they had slashed him nine times and shredded his lower body.”

“As the Christian brothers were transferred to other prisons, they prayed and the revival continued. Inmates have said to me: “You are the Happy Jack who was at Terre Haute. You led Frank to the Lord, Frank led Sam to the Lord, and Sam led me to the Lord.” The Holy Spirit transforms prisoners as Christians pray and share Jesus in person or in Bibles and books.



Encouragement to Pray for Revival in Prisons and in Christian Hearts!

Jack writes in “The Enforcer:” “Only Jesus by the Holy Spirit working in the heart can reveal a man to himself. I believe that God has a perfect moment planned to confront every person in the world with that knowledge (of his sin) and the choice (to believe Jesus.) It is a beautiful moment, but it is also agonizing. God does it all, not man.”

IPM prays in agreement with our partners for revival in prisons and salvation to all who will believe. God bless you for sharing.

Yes, Send Gift Book:



The Story of “Happy Jack” Burbridge

by Jack Burbridge as told to Victoria Chandler

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Prisoner Art Work on an Envelope to IPM

HAVING FAITH

As I sit in this lonely cell and cry, I ask the Lord, why oh why?

Every night and day I get down on my knees and pray, knowing He is near and works in a mysterious way.

I have faith in the Lord, without a doubt, as He is going to answer my prayer for me to get out.

Now I know about His precious love, it is even sweeter than a beautiful dove. I trust in the Lord with all my heart and there is nothing that will pull us apart.

I know He is powerful and has much might so I have no fear, cause I walk by faith, not by sight.

Now with strong faith, I can hold my head up high and now there will be no tears that fall from my eyes.

Jose G., California Prison

Jose is 19 years-old with a 50 year sentence. He loves Jesus.

Prisoner Prays for the Lost Souls in Prison with Him and Wants to Be God’s Vessel.

Dear Pastor Bob, Thank you so much for sending me the book “Renew Your Mind.” I have been deeply seeking to completely renew my mind with God’s Word and the power of the Holy Spirit. Every day I see my faith growing, my trust in Jesus strengthening, my compassion and love for others exploding. My heart’s desire is to spread the Gospel to the world through the power of the Holy Spirit working in me.

As you know, I live in a prison setting. There is evil all around me working in the hearts of many men. But there are many “lights” of God here as well. Men that truly love Jesus with all of their hearts. I pray and cry each day for all of the lost souls in here and I ask God to use me as His vessel. It only takes a little light to drive out the darkness; it only takes a little bit of love and compassion to drive out evil. Even though we are prisoners, we have great value in God’s sight. We were created in His image for a great purpose--to love Him and be His family and to love each other and be a family.

Pastor, please pray for me, that God will use me as a great light in a dark place. Please pray that men will see the love of God dwelling inside of me and that God will call them to repentance and the new birth. I won’t ever give up on telling others that Jesus saves! Hallelujah! Blessings to you in Jesus name,

Jeff B., Michigan Prison

My Way Out Is Through Jesus, Not Through Prison Gates.

Dear Pastor Bob, Thank you for the Bible Dictionary and Concordance. I appreciate the help you and your staff give out of the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. May many blessings be upon you and the IPM Staff. I couldn’t do this time without God. Prison is a severe trial that tests a person’s character to its limits. It can break the spirit and make a man lose his mind. In John 14:6, the Lord says “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” My way out is through Jesus, not through the prison gates, but through Jesus. It is impossible to live life out on the streets or in here without God. So I rejoice in our God, in faith, no matter the circumstance. God’s peace over you all,

Brandon H., Washington Prison

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Message or Prayer Request for IPM:
