



Ministry Partners,

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It is hard to believe that it has been almost a year since my last trip to the Great Lakes Region of Africa. While plans for my 18th trip have been put on hold due to current restrictions, I am prepared to go as soon as God opens all the necessary doors, both here and in Africa.

The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some consider slowness. Rather, He is being patient toward you—not wanting anyone to perish, but for all to come to repentance. 1 Peter 3:9

Many of you commented on the testimonies included in the last newsletter, here are a few more.



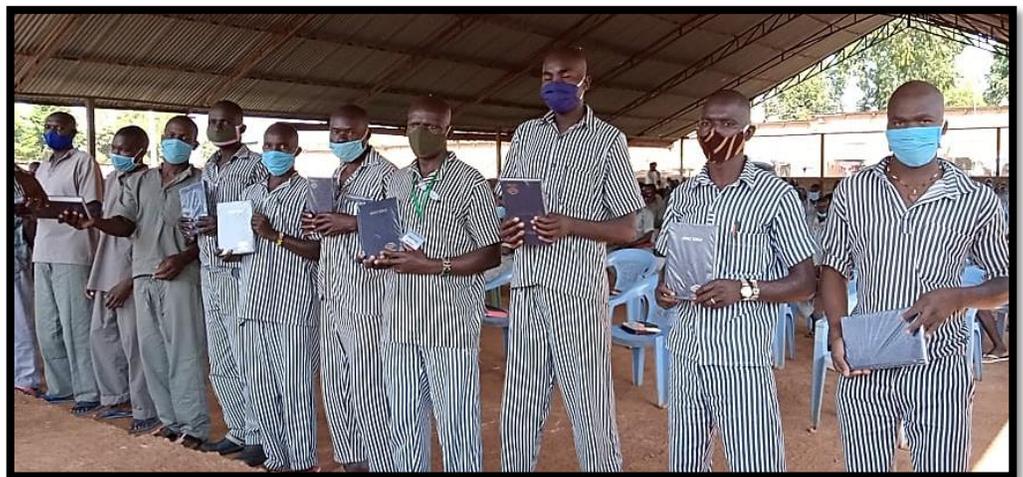
"I really thank God for today's messages. I have lived all this time not feeling worthy because of the choices I made when I was 14/15. I married a man who had another wife and it was the beginning of ruining my own life. After having two children, the man left and I thought, 'I have nothing left and no one will ever love me with these children.' I began drinking and doing many negative things. But today I received Jesus as my Savior and I realize how much value I have. It has been very hard for me since I entered this prison. When I came here I found that the woman who went after my

husband was also here. I forgave her but have held bitterness towards my husband for two things: 1. He wasted my life; 2. He left me contracted with HIV/AIDS. He died without me forgiving him, but today I found Jesus and I choose to forgive him."

After listening to the object lessons, a prisoner wept as he realized how much he had hurt his wife and children. He neglected them and made them suffer, then left to marry another woman. A few months later, he was arrested and put in jail. His second wife has never come to see him, but it amazed him that his first wife, the one he abandoned, came and visited him in prison. *"Jesus is now my Savior and it is my prayer that my first wife and children will forgive me. From today, I declare and pledge to live a changed life for my family."*



Though you cannot see the men's faces below, I assure you that joy and smiles are always in abundance whenever IRM presents the gift of God's Word.



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A VERY HAPPY JESUS BIRTHDAY TO EACH ONE OF YOU AND THANK YOU!

That none would be lost,

Arlene



International Reconciliation Ministries – Rev. Arlene Tatum

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