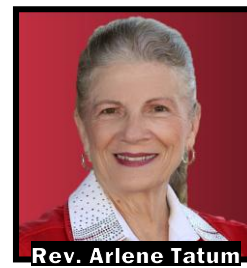


## International Reconciliation Ministries

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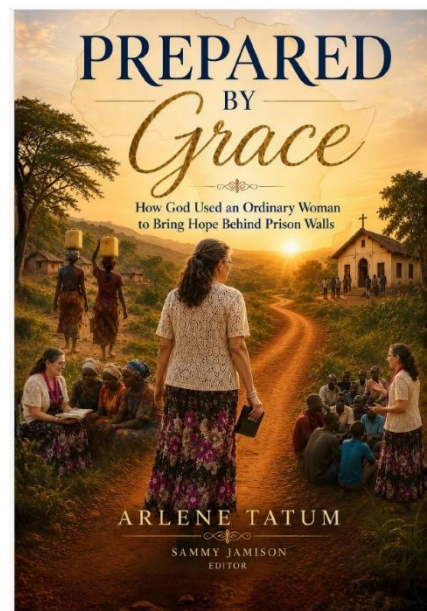
Rev. Arlene Tatum

Ministry Partners,

Sept. 2026

As travel time for my 22<sup>nd</sup> trip to Africa gets closer I have been reminded of God's grace and faithfulness to me over the years since I was a child and as I have been going through past trip journals in an effort to give good information to the men who have taken on the task of writing two different books about my life. By the time you read this newsletter the first book, "Prepared by Grace" should be available on Amazon. I was asked what I wanted the 'theme' of my life stories to be and without hesitation I responded. "Oh, God's grace and faithfulness."

Reading through the journals has also given me the opportunity to be reminded of how God has given me the opportunity to watch the Holy Spirit work in the lives of the inmates, villagers, the IRM teammates themselves and my own life for sure. Last trip I was told that the previous year a prison of about 600 had completely released all the inmates, except one, due to the changed behavior of the inmates after receiving Christ as Savior, forgiving, and apologizing.



Your partnership with IRM is making a huge difference. Here are some testimonies:



One inmate said, "Mom, many people reject and condemn us, but you shared about Jesus's love for us, you have given me hope today. I have been hopeless and have planned to commit suicide but as you were preaching, I gained hope again. At first, I refused to forgive but then I have shed tears as I forgave those who wronged me and I forgave myself."

A women prisoner said, "I am grateful for Jesus' salvation today. Little did I know I could forgive a dead person. I hated my abusive husband and I killed him. But today I have forgiven him and myself, may he rest in peace."

An inmate said: "I was a Muslim but today I have accepted Christ as my Savior, and I am now a Christian. I have been planning on going back and buying a machete to slaughter the individuals who sent me here, but I have forgiven them and I am overjoyed to accept change.

Broken hearts and lives **are** being healed by the Savior!

“I have been an alcoholic, and I have cheated on my wife, but I am going to call her and ask for forgiveness.” Then he dropped to his knees and put his hands in the air saying, “I determined to NEVER receive Jesus as my Savior, but I have changed my mind today. Would you lead me in the prayer of confession?” I was very happy to do that.

“The Holy Spirit must have made you aware of what happened here last night. Some of us were in such a fight that some almost had to go to the hospital. Your talk today on “Forgiveness” is just what we needed.”

The reconciliation that takes place in the prisons where IRM ministers are a powerful work of the Holy Spirit as we watch them shake hands and apologize to each other.

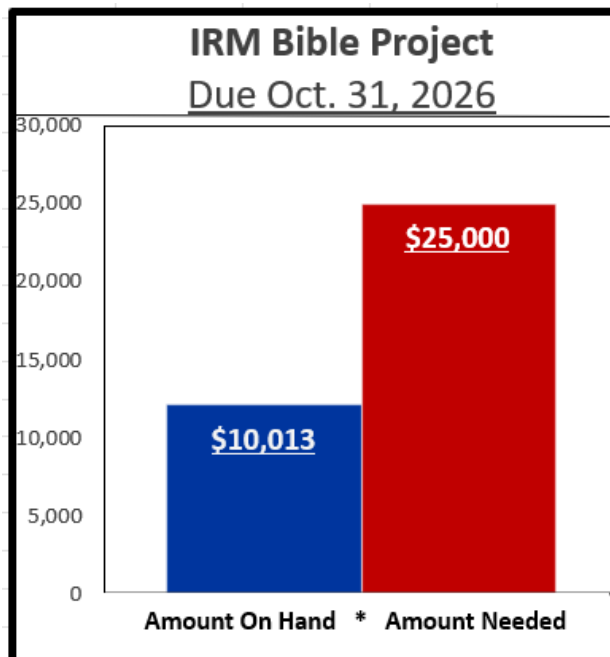
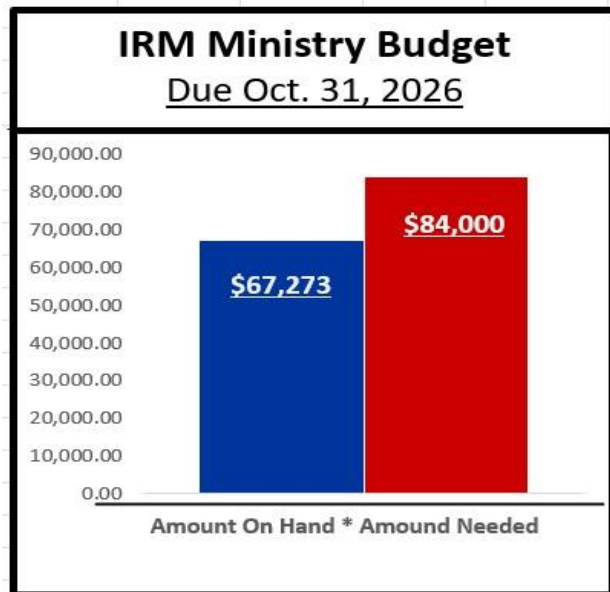
I really need your partnership for this trip along with your prayers and financial gifts to IRM as that will make this next trip possible.

**All donations need to be in by Oct. 31, 2026.**

**THANK YOU**

That none would be lost

*Arlene*



*My only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace. Acts 20:24*

**International Reconciliation Ministries – Arlene Tatum**

\_\_\_\_\_ With the Lord’s help, I/we will be praying for the Africa team and specifically Arlene’s health needs.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am enclosing \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a gift toward the Africa trip, specifically for the ministry & Arlene.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am enclosing \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help provide Bibles for prisoners and others in need.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please place my/our name on your mailing list to receive your newsletter.

**To receive a tax-deductible receipt:**

- Make checks payable to New Life Foursquare Church
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- Include this form and mail to New Life Foursquare Church, 2350 SE Territorial Rd, Canby, OR 97013



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