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***“He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners.”*** Luke 4:18.

**Free Indeed!**

Every prisoner longs for the day when he or she will walk out of prison a free man or woman. Most don't realize that they can be free from living behind bars, and still be in a bondage far worse, the bondage of sin. Free Inside exists to tell these men and women about Christ, who came at Christmas to proclaim freedom from sin through His death on the cross.

**Team Talks Team # 1.**

God has been good in supplying Free Inside with a dedicated team of volunteers who will be the first to begin ministry at J. B. Gates in the New Year. We have been blessed to have the enthusiastic support of the head chaplain at J. B. Gates, Sister Patricia Cook.

The team met each other and the chaplain, Sister Patricia Cook, on November 8. We watched the Alpha prison video, I spoke about the vision of F. I. and Sister Cook gave helpful insights into prison ministry.

At 1 pm. on November 20 we all gathered again, this time in the visitors' waiting room at J. B. Gates for our orientation meeting with the counselor in charge of volunteer services. This was a good experience for all of us and we came away somewhat fearful, but encouraged that we are soon to begin ministry. I will be holding a debriefing session on the orientation soon. On December 3rd., I will hold Alpha training course for 2 of our volunteers who were unable to attend the first training course.

**Team # 2.**

Four folk from First Baptist Church, Manchester (FBCM), have expressed interest in learning more about opportunities to minister in prisons. I am preparing to hold an informational meeting with them and any other interested folk.

**Church Talks**

One of my desires is to have the opportunity of presenting the work of Free Inside to churches and small groups. On November 23 I did so at NewLife Christian Fellowship. This went well and we were encouraged by the financial support raised. However, we still have a long way to go to reach the level of support needed to make the ministry financially viable. The Lord is stretching our faith, it is scary but exciting to rely on Him. On December 7, I will be at the Worship Center in Hebron.

You could help Free Inside by asking your missions committee, pastor or small group leader to invite me to speak about the opportunities of reaching prisoners for Christ.

**Praise and prayer**

- Praise God for our team of volunteers, including new ones from FBCM and for the completion of the training and orientation. Praise too for contacts with prison chaplains in other facilities. Pray for the volunteers that they will grow in grace and the knowledge of Christ as they serve the Lord with Free Inside.
- Pray for the development further contacts with chaplains and prison administration officials in other correctional facilities, pray that other doors will open up soon.
- Pray for openings to speak at churches and in small groups.

***May you and your family have a wonderful Christmas and a New Year filled  
with the love and grace of our merciful heavenly Father.***

Sincerely,

Peter