



## Partners In Hope Recovery Society

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Hello Friends,

We've been enjoying some lovely sunny days here in BC and not as hot as down East though things are supposed to heat up today a bit I think. What I'm most grateful for weatherwise is that we've mixed up the sun and rain this year so the forest fires and smoke haven't been as brutal this year as the past couple of years.

As hard as it is to believe, on June 29 we celebrated 25 years of God's faithfulness to Partners in Hope. While we didn't register with the government until 1998 we certainly had "boots on the ground" in 1994. How well I remember getting off the plane in Vancouver and meeting my sister Ruth and thinking I would "freeze to death" since she was in shorts and a T-shirt and I was bundled up (It was 16 degrees Celsius!!) What I knew then and what God has done through the years are two very different things and believe me, God's plan is better!! Way better! We'll see what He has in mind in this next season.

I'm very grateful for God's continued blessing on our efforts here in Partners in Hope. The area of great expansion has been the writing and distribution of the monthly meditation booklets. (current sample attached to this email.) In the update I sent you a few months ago I told you how we started in 2016 printing about 150 and then increased to 600 by the end of that year and then how it had grown to 1700 monthly by the end of last year. We're up over 2200 per month at the moment. More than half are going to more than 30 prisons and correctional facilities across Canada with an inmate population of around 12,000. Most of the rest are sent to drug and alcohol treatment centers, and – many of them without a Christian witness in their program. Our prayer has been that we would get these in the hands of those on the "highways and the biways" that Jesus referred to in his story of the great banquet in Luke 14. Will you join us in praying that these booklets will be picked up and read and that the hearts and lives of the readers will be changed forever.

We recently received and have responded to a request from Hawaii and following what we believe to be God's leading have made initial contact with several prisons in bordering Washington State. It seems a huge leap to move into the States but God is in charge and we want to move forward in a sustainable way but in faith.

There's hardly a day anymore without correspondence from someone in the prisons asking for prayer, telling of praying the prayer to invite Jesus into their lives that we have printed in the booklet, asking for more materials for themselves or a family member. We have some new believer materials and the Christian recovery materials previously developed that we are currently able to send. We are in the early stages of developing some Bible study booklets in response to requests from inmates. While there are lots of Bible study programs on the market, due to certain regulations about materials going into correctional facilities, we need to have our own materials to meet these requests. It's a joy, actually, to sit with God's word and work out some reflection questions and comments, but it needs time and the work of the Holy Spirit covering and shaping it all, so please join us in praying for this work.

We continue to self-publish all these materials and that's a little job all on its own to keep the costs as low as possible. Postage is still the big expense – currently about \$1000 monthly. We're so grateful for the gifts that come to help subsidize these costs.

These meditations are also published online for download and printing ([www.partnersinhope.ca](http://www.partnersinhope.ca)) and also for digital reading on computers, phones, and tablets ([www.pihtoday.blogspot.com](http://www.pihtoday.blogspot.com)). Italy topped the list of countries in recent weeks with people there looking at the blog meditations. Canada, USA, Russia, United States, India, South Korea, Portugal, South Africa and an Unknown region followed.

We've bumped into a hurdle around getting 365 Day compilation of these meditations published but have been advised of some knowledgeable help. Please pray that this moves forward

We've increased the number of chapel services each month that we lead in the local prison so please continue to hold us in your prayer – any Sunday afternoon from 2pm – 7pm local time. We lead three chapels each of those days (every second week) and follow that up on the Monday once a month. We also visit on alternate Monday evenings and that's a great time for follow-up conversations and prayer.

So, once again, thanks for your interest and prayers in what God is doing. With whatever God gives us in the upcoming years, we pray to be faithful to His plan and see many people coming to know, love and serve Him. Thanks for your part in all we get to do.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elsie Quick".

Elsie Quick  
Program Director

P.S. We know there are many worthy causes to which you can direct your charitable giving. We'd love to be considered as you prayerfully respond to God's direction in your giving. Any gift is appreciated in any amount. Monthly planned giving is so helpful for us as we plan and move forward.

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