

AND SO WE KNOW AND RELY ON THE
LOVE GOD HAS FOR US. **GOD IS LOVE.**
WHOEVER LIVES IN LOVE LIVES IN GOD,
AND GOD IN THEM.

1 JOHN 4:16



LOVE IN ACTION
FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we step into a new year, I am filled with hope and gratitude for the incredible journey we share at New Life Prison Ministries. Our mission to introduce inmates across Canada to the transformative love of Jesus Christ through Bible correspondence courses continues to flourish against all the odds faced 2024. From a head office move to resource delays to a nationwide postal strike; God still provided a path to reach more inmates and chaplains. I am excited to share our first newsletter of 2025 with you, centered around the theme of "Love in Action."

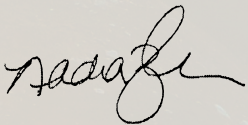
In a world that often feels divided and uncertain, we know the message of the gospel remains the most powerful force for true change. At New Life, we believe that love is not just a feeling but a call to action. It compels us to reach out to those who are often forgotten and marginalized. Through our programs, we strive to demonstrate this love by providing inmates with the opportunity to understand who Jesus is and how He can change their lives with the gift of salvation. Our students get the opportunity to explore their faith, find hope, and we can see time and time again how they experience transformation through the Holy Spirit.

In the past year, we have seen remarkable stories of redemption and growth. Many inmates have engaged deeply with our Bible courses, discovering the profound impact of God's love in their lives. As we move forward, we are committed to expanding our reach, offering more resources than ever before and growing a supportive community of volunteers to serve our students.


This year, we invite you to join us in this mission. Your prayers, support, and involvement are crucial as we continue to spread the good news of Jesus Christ behind bars. Together, let us embody love in action, bringing light and hope to those who need it most.

Thank you for being an essential part of our ministry. May this year be filled with blessings as we work together to share the love of Christ.

In His service,



Nadia Zeversenuke, *Executive Director*



"Like Amazing Grace says, I was lost but now I'm found. I couldn't have changed my life or make it through anything without Jesus!"

Nate, an NLPM Student

PARTNERS IN GOD'S LOVE AT GRANDVIEW CHURCH

"At Grandview, we deeply value our partnership with New Life Prison Ministries (NLPM) because it's a cause that resonates strongly with our values of service, outreach, and bringing the gospel to those who need hope. Jesus clearly calls us to visit and care for the marginalized, and serving those in prison is a tangible way for us to embody that mission. Our desire to connect with the Indigenous community is also a key reason we chose to support NLPM's latest undertaking through our annual Christmas offering. They have created specialized courses that speak to the unique needs and backgrounds of Indigenous individuals within the prison system.

Over the past four years, we've included NLPM in our Christmas offerings three times, supporting their efforts and showing our congregation the importance of extending hope to those in prison. This partnership is not just about giving, it's about building connections and working together to offer redemption and second chances. Several of our attendees are also active volunteers with NLPM, serving as student instructors and making a direct impact. This partnership allows us to live out our faith in practical ways, and we look forward to continuing to serve alongside NLPM for years to come."

Angela Collins
Justice & Compassion Coordinator at Grandview Church

In 2025, we are launching our new Church Partnership Program.

Are you looking for more information about our Church Partnerships Program? We would love to hear from you! Email mackenna@nlpm.ca to get connected.

OUR TEAM IS GROWING! WELCOME NATALIE & JESSICA

"God's tender mercy is being revealed across Canada in radical ways. What a gift to be apart of the New Life family and partner with the Holy Spirit in sharing the good news of hope to those who sit in darkness."

Natalie Mackie
Student Care Associate



We are thrilled to welcome Natalie Mackie to the New Life Prison Ministries team as our new Student Care Associate! With her extensive experience working in leadership with Power to Change and her deep commitment to serving Indigenous communities in Northern Ontario, Natalie brings a wealth of knowledge and compassion to our mission. Natalie is a creative writer and loves storytelling and she is also very excited to be contributing to our curriculum as an author. Her passion for supporting individuals on their journey to healing and faith aligns perfectly with our values. We are excited to have her on board and look forward to the positive impact she will make in the lives of the inmates we serve. Welcome, Natalie!



We are so excited to welcome Jessica McTaggart as our Outreach Coordinator at New Life Prison Ministries! Jessica brings a strong background in church ministry and a heartfelt passion for evangelizing. Having previously served as a summer intern in 2021, she is already familiar with our mission and values. Jessica's excellent time management, project coordination, and organizational skills make her a perfect fit for this role. Her enthusiasm for growth and innovation will undoubtedly inspire our team and enhance our efforts to reach inmates across Canada. We are thrilled to have Jessica back with us and look forward to her contributions!

“Whether we plant the seed, water the seed, or see it brought to life, we leave the results to our Heavenly Father.”

An NLPM Instructor

NEW LIFE SUPPORTERS

STEPPING OUT IN OBEDIENCE LOVE IN ACTION

This month, we are privileged to shine a spotlight on a couple from Ontario whose faith and obedience to God have profoundly influenced our ministry. Their heartfelt dedication to spreading the Gospel led them to generously support our new Bible correspondence course, *Who is the Creator?* This course, specially designed to reach Indigenous inmates, shares the transformative truth of God’s Word in a way that resonates deeply with their unique cultural context. What makes this initiative even more extraordinary is its author, Randilynn Ducharme, an Indigenous writer whose faith-filled perspective beautifully bridges culture and Scripture, offering a meaningful connection for those who engage with it.

This couple’s story is deeply rooted in a legacy of faith. Both of their parents served as missionaries, instilling in them a passion for sharing the love of Christ. When asked why they chose to support New Life Prison Ministries, their response was simple yet profound: “God wanted us to.” Their obedience to God’s call is a powerful testament to the impact of listening and acting on His leading.

Through their generosity, doors have opened for Indigenous inmates to encounter God in transformative ways, creating opportunities for spiritual renewal and hope. We are deeply grateful for their partnership and for the eternal impact they are making.

To all of our donors, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your faithfulness and support. Your generosity enables us to bring the hope and healing of the Gospel to inmates across Canada. Together, we are sowing seeds of transformation and making a lasting difference. Thank you for standing with us in this vital ministry!

Jessica McTaggart
Outreach Coordinator



GRATEFUL FOR GOD'S PROVISION AND OUR INCREDIBLE TEAM

As we step into this new year, our hearts are full of gratitude for God's unwavering faithfulness and provision. Despite the challenges posed by the recent Canada Post strike, we are amazed at how God guided us through every obstacle, sustaining and strengthening our ministry in incredible ways. In just the first three weeks of January, our office team processed over **2,000 completed Bible studies!** Their dedication and tireless efforts ensured that everything stayed on track, while our volunteers across Canada stepped up in remarkable ways to help us maintain the momentum needed to serve our students. Their faithfulness and commitment have been truly inspiring.

January also brought the exciting addition of **190 new students** to our program! We are overjoyed to welcome these individuals as they embark on their journey of faith and transformation. Our volunteer instructors have been essential in making this possible, giving generously of their time and energy to provide personalized feedback, encouragement, and guidance for each student.

Reflecting on how God brought us through the challenges of the Canada Post strike, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for every person who supports this ministry—whether as a volunteer, instructor, donor, or prayer supporter. Your dedication and partnership make this work possible.

As we move forward into the rest of 2025, we are filled with anticipation for what God has in store for New Life Prison Ministries. Together, with your continued support, we look forward to seeing more lives touched and transformed by His love and grace. Thank you for being such an integral part of this mission!



"I always thought that I was unworthy of being loved. I didn't have anyone supporting me in my life. Everyday I thank God for being my friend and for always being there for me."

Joe, an NLPM Student

INTRODUCING OUR NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, RENEE

We are thrilled to introduce our new Volunteer Coordinator, Renee Corless! Renee has been a valued member of the New Life team for the past four years, serving as part of the student care team.

From the moment I started at New Life, it was clear that Renee's heart was deeply devoted to our students. Whether she was processing and scanning studies, maintaining the student database, or sending out student packages, Renee always went above and beyond to ensure that each student received the care and support they needed. Through her, I've learned the importance of seeing the deeper meaning in our work, even in the routine tasks we carry out each day. It is such a joy to now see Renee stepping into the role of caring for our instructor team. Having worked closely with her, I know firsthand that our instructors are in great hands. Renee is a natural leader, and our instructor team, who are the heartbeat of this ministry, will surely be blessed under her guidance.

In addition to her role in Student Care, Renee will serve as Volunteer Coordinator. Renee will be the primary point of contact for our team of 200 instructors across Canada. She will be supporting them as they write and respond to students, ensuring they are equipped and supported in their important work. Renee is warm, gentle, and so in love with Jesus warmth, gentle spirit, and deep faith make her an ideal fit for this role. The Instructor team is truly fortunate to have her leading them! If you're interested in volunteering with us, please email me at mackenna@nlpm.ca, and we'll help you get connected with Renee's team.

Mackenna Gonyou
Church Partnership Coordinator



Renee Corless
Student Care &
Volunteer Coordinator

OUR STUDENTS ARE LONGING FOR GOD'S LOVE

Our students are deeply longing for God's love; a love that heals wounds, brings hope, and restores broken lives. Many of them come from places of deep pain and isolation, often feeling forgotten by the world. Behind prison walls, they are searching for something that can fill the emptiness they've carried for so long. Through their letters and completed studies, we see the raw, heartfelt yearning for a love that forgives, redeems, and gives purpose. They want to know that God sees them, values them, and has not given up on them.

In their own words, our students express the longing to experience God's love in a way that feels real and personal. They hunger to understand His Word, to know the truth about His grace, and to feel the peace that only He can provide. For many, the NLPM studies they complete are more than just lessons. Instead, they are lifelines, reminders of God's promises and proof that someone cares. As they explore Scripture, their hearts open to the possibility of a new identity in Christ, free from shame and filled with the knowledge that they are beloved children of God. Their longing is a powerful reminder of the universal need for God's love; a love that transcends prison walls, mistakes, and circumstances.

Pray for forgiveness
you are a kind God please have
pity on me. I have disobey you.
But now trust and believe in you.
So teach me true wisdom.
Only you can save me.
Forgive me I have sinned against
you.
Please wipe away my tears
Create pure thoughts in me.
make me faithful again you
are merciful Let me be happy
and joyful wash me with
hyssop until I am clean and
whiter than snow. Don't
Chase me away from you or
take my Holy spirit away
from me. I will teach your
law I trust and believe in
you power and glory
Amen.

WILL YOU JOIN US IN PRAYER?

Our students need your prayers. Many of them are walking through seasons of deep loneliness, regret, and uncertainty, longing to feel God's love and presence in their lives. As they study His Word, they are seeking hope, healing, and transformation. Please pray that their hearts would be open to receiving God's grace and that they would come to know the depth of His love for them. Pray for courage as they take steps toward faith, for peace to replace fear, and for the Holy Spirit to work powerfully in their lives.

We also ask for your prayers for our volunteers and team, that we may continue to share God's love with compassion and wisdom. Your prayers make a difference; thank you for standing with us and lifting up those who need it most.

Thank you for your continued support!

Ava Zeversenuke
Marketing & Event Coordinator

We have over 300 people
praying for our students,
chaplains and staff every month.

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monthly prayer guide?
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to get signed up.

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