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## God is worthy of Praise!

“And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? For sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? For sinners also do even the same. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend hoping for nothing again, and your reward shall be great and ye shall be the children of the Highest; for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.” (Luke 6:31, 32 & 35)

I want to take this time to thank you for your continued support to the ministry of Life Abundant. It is very easy to overlook those in prison. Some will say they deserve what they get because of their sin against their fellow man, but God is merciful to the unthankful and the evil. God's purpose is to seek and save that which was lost.

We have seen men and women come to Christ this past year. You make it possible for us through your financial giving to minister to precious souls in Bucks County Prison. One example of God's mercy and grace is the testimony of Kaitlin

## My Diamond in the Rough

By: Kaitlin Bangert

“For many people of all ages and backgrounds, Christ is a mystery; it was on July 3rd of 2009, when God found me in an old friend's house, and took me away from my unbelief. I was in jail that morning feeling helpless, confused, and angry; my life was in shambles, and I wished it were just a bad dream. God had put me in Bucks County Correctional Facility for a reason greater than I could comprehend at the time. Thankfully, there were Bible studies held almost daily at the prison, and God led me to go to them. At first I went out of curiosity and out of boredom, but little did I know, God drew me into them as part of his plan for my salvation. Since I have relatives who are saved, I understood the concept of salvation; I just never had a personal connection to the Lord before then. Being so, at services, I was able to apply what I had heard before to what I was starting to believe. Interestingly enough, about this time, my mother was browsing the jail's website for inmate services, and clicked on a link for Life Abundant Ministries—not even knowing what it was.



*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

*Isaiah 9:6*



There are no coincidences with God, and he led my mother to find Life Abundant Ministries to enlighten my faith. Shortly after my mother arranged a mentor meeting for me, I met Sonia and confessed with my mouth that Jesus is my Lord and Savior. During my first meeting, I highlighted some verses Sonia had selected out of the Abundant Life Bible for me to look at more in depth. Before coming to the Lord, I would have thought many verses sounded a bit cliché. However when I read them that day, I believed, and for once in my life, I felt like I could be part of a purpose; Christianity! Throughout being incarcerated for about five months, I stayed strong in the Word, memorizing scripture and getting to know more about Jesus, and what He did for us all. Many people would ask me how I stayed so positive when I was in such a negative situation, I would simply reply with a smile, "Faith". I used to suffer from constant anxiety, and knowing that God had already planned out my life has eased my worries. I cannot begin to explain how amazing of a relief it was when I realized that I can trust in God. My perspective on life has taken a complete turn around since I became saved. I used to wallow in self-pity, had a temper, and was concerned with material objects. I completely understand now that I had to be stripped of my earthly possessions, situations, and companions to see my way of life was not the way God had intended for me to live. It never made sense to me before as to why I would face constant disappointment; now I thank God for getting me through daily tribulations, and instead of crying out "why", I pray for understanding. With weekly meetings with wonderful mentors, I was able to deepen my understanding and gain strength in fellowship. It became clear to me that through my whole experience in prison, salvation was my diamond in the rough. As it states in John 10:10, "I come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Thanks to Christ, I can fulfill my purpose from God; I can have life, and live it more abundantly!"