



Letters From Prison

To Partners of MINTS Seminary In-Prison

“Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.”

Hebrews 13:3

Dear Partners of MINTS Seminary In-Prison,

The following pages in this booklet are letters written by our brothers behind bars expressing their gratitude for your support of my ministry with MINTS Seminary In-Prison. As an evangelist and seminary professor with MINTS it is my mission to bring the light of the gospel to one of the darkest corners of our world – prisons. As the inmates will tell you in their letters, life in prison is a living hell. It is a place of loneliness, hostility and chaos. A place where men are stripped of their dignity, where kindness is looked upon as weakness, and where evil is glorified.

It is in this grim environment that the Lord has called me to share the love and mercy of God through Jesus Christ. As you read their letters you will discover how the gospel has transformed these once violent criminals into passionate disciples of Jesus who are now walking in grace. While serving their sentence, they are now serving Jesus by sharing the gospel with their fellow inmates and showing acts of kindness in a cruel, thankless and selfish environment. As a result of their witness to Jesus, a gospel movement is growing behind these prison walls. The chaplains and wardens at both prisons where I teach have witnessed the gospel-transformation in the inmates and expressed their support and gratitude for the ministry of MINTS Seminary In-Prison.

The prophet Isaiah wrote, “*The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness the prisoners*” (Isaiah 61:1-3). Because of your support of this ministry, I have witnessed the words of Isaiah at work in the lives of these men. Whenever I perform *The Gospel of Mark* or teach a seminary class to the inmates, I get to watch prisoners being released from the darkness that surrounds them and brought into the glorious light of Jesus Christ. Many of the letters that you read in this booklet will attest to the transforming power of the gospel in the lives of these inmates.

Upon completing their degree with MINTS and serving their time in prison, many of my students want to return to their communities and serve as pastors, evangelists, youth ministers, chaplains, and urban missionaries. Instead of returning to a life of crime, like most prisoners when released, these men will be living a life for Christ! A wonderful testimony to the power of the gospel!

As you read these letters, I would kindly ask that you take a moment to pray for each inmate. Ask God to bless his study of Scripture, both during class and in his cell. Pray that the Lord gives him the confidence and compassion to share the gospel with fellow inmates in both word and deed. I would also ask that you would pray for me and my ministry to these inmates. Pray that the Lord would open the eyes of my heart to His grace and truth as I study the Scriptures and prepare each class. Please pray that as I travel performing *The Gospel of Mark* in prisons that the Lord would open the hearts of those who don't know of the Father's love. Lastly, please pray that I would receive the necessary funds to carry on this mission of bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to our brothers behind bars.

Your Brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Coppola', written in a cursive style.

Chris Coppola

Dear MINTS Seminary In-Prison Supporters,

I want to thank you for supporting Rev. Coppolo's prison ministry with MINTS. Rev. Coppolo has a love for Jesus that just radiates from him. Rev. Coppolo's scholarly teachings, as well as personal insight, open up roads of understanding that have been eluding me for years. As important as Rev. Coppolo's enlightenments are in understanding the scriptures, his teachings would be a moot point if it wasn't for the MINTS Seminary coming into the prison system and utilizing Rev. Coppolo's knowledge and spiritual wisdom to educate society's downcasts. The MINTS courses are priceless to me. As one who has become neglected and forgotten by a society that preaches about humanity, but oppresses and disregards the life of a human that has made a mistake. In prison, I am surrounded by evil... evil thoughts, evil words, and evil actions. No matter how hard I try, from the day I walked into this vile environment thirty-years ago, a hate has welled up inside of me that literally

has no equal due to my having to live in a cesspool of
dispair while being inundated with a flood of anger
and resentment that manifests into every evil and
vile act imaginable being perpetrated on myself and
others. Unfortunately, this unrestricted tide of evil soaks
me, and other inmates, from the inmate population as
well as staff members. The MINTS courses bring
several things into my life. These courses allow me to
expand my mind while enlightening my spirit through
the teachings of men like Rev. Coppolo, who brings in
spiritual truths while allowing the love of Christ to
shine from his heart to mine. Almighty God has
blessed me, and continues to bless me, through the
ability to take Rev. Coppolo's class and the MINTS
courses. These courses provide a light in the darkest of
worlds, a light that will illuminate me now, and
always, for the Glory of God. I want to thank you
all for your support of the MINTS Seminary.

In Jesus' Name,
Charles
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Dear M.I.N.T.S Seminary In-Prison Supporters,

First, I want to thank you for supporting Rev. Coppolo's prison ministry with M.I.N.T.S.

I was introduced to Rev. Coppolo when he came to this prison I am in, Dade Correctional Institution, and performed the Gospel of Mark. If you've never seen this performance I highly recommend that you DO! Rev. Coppolo was so good, so passionate... and ABSOLUTELY brought the Gospel of Mark to life. There was a whole other side to the 'person' of God, in / through Jesus, that having the account acted out in front of me, brought to life. I was definitely able to draw closer into Jesus!

It has been so AWESOME to continue on with Rev. Coppolo with his instructing/teaching the M.I.N.T.S courses. It IS such an absolute blessing to be able to study/search the scriptures and draw-in to Jesus. I am receiving a level of peace and light in this dark world that I've never known, before. These classes ARE gonna be the start to me continuing my schooling.. my "showing myself approved" and establishing myself in the ministry / MY CALLING IN-GOD. While I am unsure of where He is leading 'exactly, I AM CONFIDENT THAT M.I.N.T.S IS EXACTLY WHERE I AM SUPPOSED TO BE NOW.

- One of the ways I AM being SO ministered to and helped is seeing Jesus' example of patience and LOVE, despite angry / hostile / "demanding" mobs arounds him. Nevertheless, Jesus stays in compassion and stays on-point to the "mission" for His Father. This helps me SO MUCH in my own hostile environment, where the masses are so rude and demanding.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my words on Rev. Coppolo and on this blessed M.I.N.T.S. class.

THANK YOU, moreso, for helping Mr. Coppolo spread the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ, through M.I.N.T.S - and his efforts. It is an honor to share what a blessing this course, and this man, IS to me and MANY others.
May God Bless You ALWAYS.

Sincerely,
Jason
Jason

Dear Mints Seminary In-Prison Supporters,

I pray that these thoughts reaches you in a season when; goodness, mercy, understanding, faithfulness, forgiveness, and love are your companions.

As for myself, my well being is based upon the task at hand, which is to get you to support Rev. Coppolo's prison ministry with MINTS. If I am able to do this I can truthfully say I am doing great, while waiting on the Lord's promises.

If I am not able to get you to support Rev. Coppolo's prison ministry I am depressed.

It would be a miscarriage of justice if I didn't pause here to give you a brief bio. I am 63 years old and has been in prison for forty-two years, which makes me a perfect candidate to articulate why you should support Rev. Coppolo's prison ministry.

Please note if you have never known the pressure of being an underdog, if you have never made bad decisions, if you have never felt shame, if you have never known the struggles that are associated with needing to forgive yourself, but not knowing how. You might as well disregard this letter.

But if you have encountered any of the above issues please support Rev. Coppolo's ministry.

The guys here at Everglades are young, old, and middle age. Some are fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, nephews, sons, and step sons. They are Whites, Blacks, Jews, Spanish, Chinese, and Italians.

Some of us are guilty, some are not. Regardless of our status there is one commonality that bond all of us. Being that we are in prison we have been tattooed with stigmas and stereotypes to such a degree that some of our own family members want support us.

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Rev. Coppolo, is not deterred by the portraits that been depicted of us. He is a willingly vessel of the Lord. Which blessed him with the ability to see us through the eyes of Jesus.

The moment he starts to teach the class. We dare to pounce, "Maybe there is hope. Maybe God has forgiven us. Maybe we can learn to forgive ourselves. Maybe we can once again be stars in our dreams, instead of getting killed in our nightmares.

If truth be told I have been blessed to encountered this man of God ONE time. That was Monday 6-13-22. Unfortunately, I had missed the first two classes. I asked Rev. Coppolo if I could make up for the lessons I missed and be apart of the class. He didn't exchange words with me, he simply said yes. At once tears emerged within me. Which surprised me for prior to that encountered I had cried so much that I thought I had cried out. I thought I would need a cry transfusion. I was wrong.

I just finishing praying for you to support the man of God. So if you discern our heavenly Father pulling at your heart, mind, and soul. Please don't rebel. Instead, do His will.

Thanks for your audience.

Sincerely,
Andrew ... !!

Dear MINTS Seminary In-Prison Supporters,

I want to thank you for supporting Rev. Coppolo's prison ministry with MINTS.

MINTS is so important to me because it is critical for my continued responsible living and my success, both within prison and upon my release. This seminary training is directly linked to my vocational career. God has called me to ministry and the denomination which I am a part of (PCA) requires 4 years of seminary prior to ordination. Therefore, the very career that will keep me focused as well as employed upon release is contingent upon me receiving seminary training through MINTS such as Rev. Coppolo provides.

MINTS is also providing sound Christian teaching that translates into healthy and responsible living. The more I learn the truth about God and His Word, the more I live in righteousness, leaving behind the old man who committed the crimes. MINTS also gives us an opportunity to fellowship with like-minded men who have similar goals of entering ministry. This helps to foster the healthy relationships that are essential as a foundation for any community.

Finally, I want to do the same as Rev. Coppolo in the future and teach MINTS Seminary courses in prison. Knowing that there are community members such as yourself who are willing to provide financially for this endeavor is encouraging and empowering in my desire to persevere in responsible living and look forward to my future outside these fences.

In regards to Rev. Coppolo's performance of the gospel of Mark, it was amazing to be able to see God's Word performed word for word. He was speaking directly to my soul throughout the whole performance. Also, it is motivating to see God's gift and Rev. Coppolo's effort in memorizing all of those verses. If he can accomplish that, I can memorize some verses, maybe even a short book of the Bible.

I hope that you continue to support Rev. Coppolo's prison ministry and ask God to bless you and your loved ones with His grace and mercy.

Thank you so much,

Emilio

Dear Mints Seminary in-Prison Supporters,

I want to thank you for supporting Rev. Coppolo's prison ministry with Mints

Let me tell you, for me and for many others serving time in prison, Mints have greatly contributed to our self-betterment and rehabilitation, but not only that, but to change our lives with new purpose to serve Christ while in prison and upon release.

Supporting Rev. Coppolo to continue this sometimes no an easy task in this such a hostile environment is an altruistic ideal to make of this world a better one. I really appreciate Rev. Coppolo's fervor helping his students understand God's plans to humanity. God's promises.

As student of Mints Seminary for many years, I can say that Rev. Coppolo's job preparing God's servants in prison is extraordinary not only for his advanced knowledge of God's works but also for his charisma and truly spirit of service.

I really appreciate your support because all together we will achieve more.

Feel blessed for your kindness.

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Dear Mints Seminary In-Prison Supporters,

Thank you for supporting Rev Coppolo's prison ministry. Rev Coppolo's work and the MINTS class that I am taking is having a powerful positive effect on me and others in his class.

The gospel of Mark is very appropriate for it's fast paced action describing Jesus's ministry. In this prison, like most prisons, danger seems to be always present. Any action that an inmate takes is suspect and looked at as being negative.

Rev Coppolo's work is changing that perception and the mentality of the inmates in his class.

As we learn more about the Word and the context and share our feelings about Christ, our hearts are softening and our minds are opening. The lively discussions and insights the men in this class share are heart warming. Men are being saved.

These classes are the bedrock that are changing this prison. ~~Our~~ Our last lesson about the paralytic being brought to Christ through the hole in the roof by four friends tells us a lot about forgiveness. I try to share that message everyday in my thoughts, words, and actions.

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Yesterday I was at a Youth Summit for young adult inmates. The speakers were all felons. Some were reformed and upon release almost instantly became productive members of society. Everyone of them gave thanks and praise to Jesus Christ for the transformation.

That transformation began here in prison. The work of Rev. Coppola and others is changing the world and saving souls. This prison is safer and Jesus is here, many are recognizing Him in each other.

Thank you again.

Your brother in Christ,

Bruno

Dear M.I.N.T.S. Seminary In-Prison Supporters,

I want to tell you how thankful I am for your support of Rev Coppolo's Prison Ministry with MINTS. I am thankful for this because I have been a Muslim for the last 7yrs and decided that I no longer believe in a lot of aspects of Islam. Plus with the current events with Islam in the world I felt I needed to change. Though I give God all the glory, Rev. Coppolo's teachings of the Bible and archeological facts convicted me in knowing that I made the right choice in believing in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. Again I give glory to God, but Rev. Coppolo was used as an instrument for me. ~~by~~ from God. The way ^{he} is active with us in his classes, and presents the Bible I know it to be truth. Again thank you for the support that you give him. If I didn't enroll in MINTS and met Rev. Coppolo I'm afraid that I would of went back to Islam. For this I am thankful to you all. Thank You and God Bless.

Sincerely,

Jose,

An Inmate at Everglades
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Dear MINTS Seminary & Prison Supporters,

Greetings in the name of our Lord & Savior
Jesus Christ.

I feel the need to write you and thank
you very much for supporting Rev. Coppola's
prison ministry with MINTS.

I would like to explain to you just how
important MINTS courses are to me.

As of today, I've been incarcerated 39 years
8 months and 11 days, lost all my family, Dad,
Mom, and four brothers, I then lost all hope
and really didn't care about living, I was deep
in the prison lifestyle.

In 2004, I was "trying" to be a Christian,
going through all the motions, without correct
structure, it doesn't work. I kept fighting
against God, but "HE" never gave up on me when "HE"
should have.

In 2018 I attended Kairos, honestly, I went
for the free world food, and to my surprise "God"
was there awaiting me. Even though I met "God"
my relation with "HIM" was rocky because of my
lifestyle during this time.

I needed "God" in my life, although I needed
something or someone to help in this journey,
I couldn't do it alone, I wanted to know "God",
I had to transform, although transformation
is a process. It takes faith and patience
to see the results that bring out the true
nature of "Christ" in any of us.

The MINTS courses mean so much to me I now stay focused and grounded as I have never before. It's amazing to me how we, students would see one another on the recreation yard and discuss "God", (the book of Mark) I find this to be at peace with my fellow inmates, never would these conversations take place were it not for Rev. Coppolo and MINTS.

I know and fully understand that thinking should be an active process that, when cultivated, can change a persons behavior, circumstances and ultimately, his fate.

My interest in spiritual things (MINTS) came from a need to reach out at my most powerless point and tap into a higher power, something beyond me, and at the same time, within me. I long for a sense of wholeness that I had never known but sensed I was entitled to. I set out to learn more about my spiritual self and I began exploring the bible while doing MINTS courses with other inmates some nights in the cellblock.

In MINTS I want to be able to encourage others to trust "God" with their lives and would like to be able to do full time service to "God" in some capacity, my life is living proof that "God" can and will use anyone surrendered to him.

Rev. Coppolo gave a awesome performance (by himself) of the gospel of Mark, I'm aware that Rev. Coppolo is aware that the greatest place to preach/minister isn't in big churches with swelling crowds and lofty recognitions. The greatest place to preach is in the trenches, in the fox holes and the happens of life. Rev. Coppolo has a grateful audience because he has taken the message to a messy place and scrapes the hog hairs off the prodigal sons of "God", who are locked away in the hog pens by the spiritual elite.

I have learned because of Rev. Coppolo's teaching, MINTS the gospel of Mark that "God" mightly uses some of the most wretched sinners whom he converted into great ministers. It is because these characters were people who were accustomed to passion and acquisition. They were people who although misdirected at one time, possessed such a burning passion that, if bridled and directed, could make them people of great accomplishment.

In closing,

It is a striking blow to my limited comprehension of "God" to accept that "HE" would use the most unorthodox procedures and inhospitable environments to develop me into something teeming with the potential for dynamic growth through the MINTS courses as well as Rev. Coppolo ministering to the inmates here at Everglades Correctional Institution.

Thank you for you reading my letter.

Sincerely,
Calvin L. Lewis

Dear MINTS Seminary In-Prison Supporters,

The purpose of this letter is to thank you for supporting Rev. Coppola's prison ministry with MINTS. These MINTS courses add meaning and purpose to serving time, provide a refuge of peace in a hostile environment and prepare me to serve Jesus while in prison and when I'm released.

During my 22 years in prison I've completed several faith based programs and Bible studies. Even so, recently the Spirit moved me to do more but I was not sure what that would be. Then, in late May of this year I was blessed with the opportunity to see Rev. Coppola's performance of the Gospel of Mark. Although I've read the book of Mark several times, Rev. Coppola's performance brought this Gospel to life. I was so inspired that I enrolled in his MINTS class so that I could study the book of Mark.

This class has offered an oasis of peace in the otherwise hostile environment of Dade CI. The homework requires several hours to complete. I carry my class composition notebook and Bible with me when I go to other programs so that I can study between activities. Years ago I earned an undergraduate degree and a masters degree. This course requires every bit as much thought and preparation as did classes for those degrees. Now, while I'm studying Mark, I'm transported to another time and place

When I do return to my cell after class I'm relaxed mentally and physically. I'm better prepared to face the daily challenges of prison life and to share God's love with others, both fellow prisoners and staff. I will complete my sentence in a few months and it is my intention to continue my MINTS studies through online classes. I don't know if I will ever earn a degree but I do know that these studies bring me closer to Jesus. I now see that my mission field is wherever I am, knowing that God is with me through the grace of Jesus and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

I thank God for Rev. Coppola's prison ministry with MINTS and for your continued support. Praying for God's blessing for you.

Sincerely
Charles M. I
Charles M. I

JAMON

DEAR MINTS SEMINARY IN-PRISON SUPPORTERS,

I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
REV. COPPOLO'S PRISON MINISTRY WITH MINTS.

MY NAME IS JAMON L. and I'm currently enrolled in MINTS SEMINARY COURSES. I've done MANY BIBLE COURSES HOWEVER, NONE HAS COME CLOSE TO THE KNOWLEDGE AND FELLOWSHIP I'M RECEIVING THROUGH MINTS TRAINING. MY AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WORD HAS GROWN IN WAYS I COULD HAVE NEVER THOUGHT, MY THINKING, HABITS AND WALK IN LIFE ARE MORE HEALTHIER FOR THE SETTING IN WHICH I'M NOW A RESIDENT. IN 2017 WHEN I TURNED MY LIFE OVER TO THE LORD MY MIND WAS SET TO LEARNING AND GROWING IN THE WORD OF GOD. AT FIRST IT WAS A ROUGH START BECAUSE I HAD TO GIVE UP OLD HABITS, OLD FRIENDS, AND OLD BEHAVIORS AND THAT WAS ONE OF THE HARDEST THINGS I HAD TO DO BECAUSE ONCE YOU'RE USED TO A CERTAIN LIFE STYLE IT BECOMES THAT MUCH MORE TO GIVE UP THAT LIFE.

I'M CURRENTLY SEEKING A B.A. IN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP. MY PLAN AFTER BEING RELEASED FROM PRISON IS TO GO INTO YOUTH AND TEEN OUTREACH PROGRAM. MY MAIN FOCUS WILL BE THE PREVENTION OF YOUTH & TEENAGE GANG PARTICIPATION. I PLAN TO USE MY EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE AND INFLUENCE WITHIN MY COMMUNITY WHICH WILL ALLOW ME THE CHANCE TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG BOYS & GIRLS TO COMPLETE SCHOOL AND NOT GIVE INTO PEER-PRESSURE ON ANY LEVEL. MY GOAL IS TO CHANGE THE MINDSET OF KIDS AND TEENS GROWING UP IN DYSFUNCTIONAL AND ABUSED HOUSEHOLD. I BELIEVE THAT MY CHANGE WILL INFLUENCE MANY OTHERS WHO KNOW AND KNEW THE OLD ME WILL BE MOTIVATED TO VIEW LIFE ON A DIFFERENT PLANE. ALL THIS AND MORE WILL BE ONLY DONE THROUGH CHRIST JESUS AND FOR THE LOVE OF GOD.

JAMON

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Theodore

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June 16, 2022

Dear MINTS Seminary In-Prison Supporters:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous support of Reverend Coppolo's prison ministry with MINTS.

Your generosity offers me the availability of courses to pursue my MA degree. Without your support I would never be able to afford this pursuit. In prison it is imperative for an individual to focus on the Kingdom of God and never let his eye wander. Contrary to what you may believe the prison system is a cesspool of depravity, violence, and lawlessness. It is a filthy, disgusting moral vacuum where self help, character building and hope must be self generated.

In taking Reverend Coppolo's course on the Gospel of Mark it gives me the time to fully immerse myself in the inspired word of God. His vast theological knowledge allows him to open thought provoking and potentially life changing discussions during class. The well ordered homework allows each student to spend an additional 3 hours weekly per class attended immersed in the Bible.

I have been in prison for thirty years. I am serving a life sentence for a murder I am a former career law enforcement officer. I was a Homicide Supervisor (Sergeant) with the then named Metro Dade Police Department here in Miami. At the same time I was employed in law enforcement I was also a commissioned member of the Army reserve.

Because of the generosity of people such as yourselves I earned both an AA and BA degree in Biblical studies while at another prison. Now you are affording me this opportunity which I really appreciate.

As a parole eligible inmate I can show the authorities that I try to use my time productively while incarcerated by showing my progress and grades in the MINTS program.

We get very little outside entertainment within the confines of these walls. Yet, once again your support allowed us to attend a performance of Reverend Coppolo's performance of The Gospel of Mark. His ability to memorize an entire gospel is amazing but the way he brings it to life is awe inspiring. Some will never read the Bible but for those blessed to be in the audience that evening this man brought this book of the Bible to life. His performance was so riveting that I felt I was back in the holy land in the time that Christ preached ~~the time~~.

You may never realize the impact and life changing potential your support of this prison ministry has but I will tell you from personal experience YOU are changing lives and hearts and you are doing it for the King!

Thank you for your continued support of an element of society that many shun. The prisons are fertile grounds for developing soldiers for Christ and you are backing the right shepherd to tend this unruly flock.

It is hard to fully express my gratitude in words but thank you ever so much.

Yours in Christ



Theodore

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Dear MINTS Seminary In-Prison Supporters,

I want to thank you for Supporting Rev. Coppolo's prison ministry with MINTS.

The Courses that MINTS have provided has given me more understanding of the Scriptures when there broken down word by word. It enlightens me with the wisdom of the knowledge that the Father wants us to pass on to others by living the testimony of how I lived in faith and what Jesus has done for me.

It teaches me to live by faith in such a darkened place where its not easy to Spread the Word of God to others as Sowing a Seed of hope for a lost soul who needs to hear what can save his life as it did mine. Living behind these bars is not easy for we deal with many different kinds of personalities and diverse Backgrounds from various life styles.

I plan on using this Knowledge to walk forward in the faith to Show others how much I changed during my incarceration. Not to Show how ~~eg~~ not to be angry at oneself and at others to be humble and peaceful through the living word of God.

Watching the Show has taught me that memorizing the Scriptures is possible through the dedication of the Study of the living word within us.

That Jesus Came to heal the Sick and release the sinners From sin by His blood on the Cross at Calvary.

To those who could of or seen this performance would know that it took time and elevation to the Living Word of our Lord Jesus Christ, that Came From the Father in heaven. With more support from the ministry to Spread the Word which was Commissioned in Matt. 28: 19-20 to the diciples or followers of the way in the ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jan 20, 2022

Dear MINTS Seminary In-Prison Supporters...

I want to thank you for supporting Rev Coppola's prison ministry with MINTS. I have come to know God behind these prison walls. My journey started 6 years ago. To further gain an understanding of who God is has no price. I've gained a appreciation for education. While currently a Miami-Dade College student, pursuing a BA in business; to also be able to earn a AA/BA in theological studies would be a great accomplishment. My goal is to one day preach/minister God's word. To be well prepared with experience and an degree sets me up for success. I'm a father and husband and Mints helps us have a plan for a successful future in Christ Jesus.

Thank you
God Bless!!

Your brother... R. Carlos

P.S: In a place of isolation and darkness to know there are people who care about us means the world. It truly reveals God's love to the world.

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Dear MINTS Seminary In-Prison Supporters

I want to thank you for supporting Rev. Coppolo's prison ministry with MINTS. The MINTS courses are very important to me with my walk with Jesus Christ. I have done many Bible correspondence courses to improve upon my knowledge of the Bible and deepen my personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Though I have learned a lot from them, they lack the personal touch of having a teacher present who loves the Lord, and cares enough to give of their time and resources to help me deepen my relationship with God.

I don't intend on letting the time, energy, or resources Rev. Coppolo puts into these classes go to waste. Rather I intend to use what I learn to reach out to other inmates who don't attend church services for various reasons. It frustrated me to no end when I hear fellow inmates talk about using what they learn when they get out of here, when they show no true compassion to the multitude of lost souls all around us. Tomorrow is promised to no man. I have and will continue to use that which I learn in here to minister to people here and now. If I get out of here, Amen, I will already have some practice of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ under my belt.

As for Rev. Coppolo's performance of the Gospel of Mark it was very inspiring, and I'm not just saying that. Seeing Rev. Coppolo quote the entire Gospel of Mark inspired me to do some memorization of my own. I started a little smaller with the Book of James. I've got the first two chapters locked in my mind, I plan to memorize the entire book in the coming weeks and months. Rev. Coppolo has already inspired me to think beyond my perceived limitations. I look forward to learning much more under his guidance. Sincerely Jason

Dear Mints Seminary In-Prison Supporters,

My name is Michael [redacted] and I am a student of Mr. Coppolo's.

I want to thank you for supporting Rev. Coppolo's Prison Ministry with Mints.

The Mints courses mean a lot to me as a new beginner in my spiritual growth.

There is a lot I didn't understand concerning the interpretations of the Bible.

However, thanks to Rev. Coppolo's break down made it clear for me to understand.

Being in prison these courses help me escape for a few hours the reality of

serving time in prison. The courses has taught me on how to follow Jesus' examples

on love, forgiveness, and faith. Being in prison and to tell another man I love you

brother, is found upon in this environment. But, it must be done. Trust me, I

am not used to telling another man I love you, but the Mints Seminar has

shown me through Jesus' words that it is my duty as a man following Jesus.

Thank you again for your support and God bless you.

Respectfully

Michael [redacted]

Everglades Corr. Inst.

PERRY T. I
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DEAR MINTS SEMINARY IN PRISON SUPPORTERS,

I want to thank you for supporting Rev. Coppolo's Prison Ministry with 'MINT'!

I've been an incarcerated Christian for over forty years. Pastor Chris, has been an answer to prayer. He's such an encouragement and he motivates me in my studies. He makes our studies interesting and he gets everyone involved in class.

I really needed this class. Pastor Chris help put the fire back in me to study GOD'S WORD, in a world I have a hard time recognizing at times. I hope to get out in the near future under 'Wrongful Conviction' and hope to obtain a degree through 'MINT' and be a positive influence for the youth when I get out of prison.

Please consider supporting this MINT Ministry as our Heavenly Father leads you to! I am learning so much from Pastor Chris!

Thank you and GOD Bless you in every 'GOOD WORK'!

Sincerely yours in Christ, W.D. Perry

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Oh, Pastor Chris's Drama of the book of Mark was just Great! You could hear a pin drop and the place was near capacity. What a Great performance! I've never seen anything like it!

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Rev. Chris Coppolo is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church of America (PCA) and is serving as a full-time missionary with MINTS Seminary In-Prison working as an evangelist and seminary professor to prison inmates. As an evangelist Chris travels to state prisons performing his one-man drama *The Gospel of Mark*. As a seminary professor, Chris teaches seminary classes to inmates at both Dade and Homestead Correctional Institute and Everglades Correctional Institute.

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Chris performing *The Gospel of Mark* to inmates at Walker State Prison, GA and Everglades Prison, FL