

2010 Annual Report Edition

Hope Forgiveness



Restoration

Freedom

A Message from the Chairman and President



Michael Timmis
Chairman

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.” –Luke 4:18

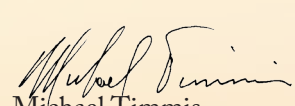
Freedom, hope, forgiveness, favour, and restoration—these words convey the profound Good News of Jesus Christ. These are the words we live by and the words we proclaim and demonstrate through the ministry of Prison Fellowship around the world. It is often among the poor, the powerless, the marginalized, and the prisoners that Jesus’ message is the most poignant. Jesus came to proclaim the Good News to all people, but especially to those in the depths of human misery and need.

We have both visited prisons where inmates joyfully sing out with a profound sense of freedom because they feel sustained by a true hope in God. We have also met prisoners who have lost all hope, resigned to the grim situation around them as they lifelessly wait for release or death. The difference is whether they have embraced this bold message of Jesus. And when they have embraced it, that is something worth celebrating.

Now in 117 countries around the world, Prison Fellowship volunteers are visiting the poor and powerless inside dark and gloomy prisons to share Jesus’ radical, life-saving message through practical witness and service. In the following pages, you will read how people in such oppressive, cruel, and bleak situations have found hope, forgiveness, restoration, and freedom by embracing the message of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your partnership in “proclaiming the year of the Lord’s favour” to those in deep trouble and human anguish.

Your Brothers in Christ,


Michael Timmis


Ronald Nikkel



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President & CEO

Hope for Forgotten Victims

Sadly, children of offenders are five times more likely than their peers to end up in prison themselves. Studies show that 1 in 10 will be incarcerated before reaching adulthood. As the unintended victims of their parents’ crimes, these children often suffer abandonment, neglect, poverty, loneliness, and shame. Prison Fellowship’s Angel Tree® delivers hope to these children in the form of Christmas gifts, educational programmes, camping, and more.

Last year, 101 national Prison Fellowship ministries participated in Angel Tree®, serving more than 34,000 children worldwide. In addition, 30 Prison Fellowship ministries have developed year-round support for prisoners’ children.



Rescued from the Streets

Twelve year-old Srey spent the first two nights of her mother’s incarceration sleeping with her sister outside of the police station in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Things didn’t improve when the police took them to live with their mother in prison. In many countries throughout the world, children like Srey take to the streets to beg and scavenge for food, abandoned because of an incarcerated parent. Fortunately, the story doesn’t end there. PF Cambodia staff rescued Srey two days later and brought her and her sisters to PF’s Michael House, where children enjoy safety in a loving environment until PF staff identify a long-term solution. “Thank

God for giving me a chance and time to stay in Michael House in Prison Fellowship Cambodia,” Srey exclaimed to the staff in a letter, “a chance to study and have safety.”

Opportunity for a Fresh Start

When Peter got out of prison in Zambia, he found what millions of ex-offenders find each year as they return to their communities: unemployment and stigmatization. But he needed to earn money to support his family. Thanks to PF Zambia’s micro-loan programme, he and hundreds of other ex-inmates receive that opportunity. A PF Zambia volunteer taught Peter the seafood trade and lent him enough money to begin buying fresh breams from Lake Mweru and selling them in the industrial city of Ndola. Peter repaid the loan, and he and his wife have since purchased a small home. Peter and others are now “running their own businesses and contributing to the community and country,” says Kenneth Kasweshi, PF Zambia’s Micro-Loan Manager.



“It was the worst time of my life when dad was in prison. Things were really tough. I felt shame and embarrassment. Even at school, some kids put me down. I will never forget how good it felt to get those presents every Christmas while he was away.”

— Son of an Inmate

“Being away from her tears me up — to see her face light up when she received her gifts was very special to me.”

—Inmate Mother





Care for Suffering Prisoners

In many prisons around the world, extreme overcrowding, poor ventilation, food shortages and substandard sanitation conditions lead to the rapid spread of serious and chronic diseases among prisoners. The limited resources of some developing nations often result in inadequate or non-existent medical care for these prisoners. In 1994, PFI began the Global Assistance

Programme to mobilise teams of volunteer doctors and nurses to conduct short-term medical projects. Since that time, hundreds of medical volunteers have treated over 75,000 prisoners in 35 countries, providing donated services and medicines estimated at \$10 million.



In 2010, PFI organised medical aid for prisoners in the following countries:

Country	Prisoners Treated
Jamaica:	700
Zimbabwe:	1,332
Uganda:	1,889
Cameroon:	1,500
TOTAL	5,421

Inmates, especially those in overcrowded prisons, suffer from widespread diseases like TB and HIV/AIDS as well as a host of individual ailments that, if left untreated can worsen and sometimes be fatal.

Sharing the Warmth

Knowing the feelings of loneliness and neglect that can come from living in prison, female inmates in Peru are reaching out to their fellow prisoners who are sick—most suffering from TB and AIDS—in Lurigancho Men's Prison by knitting them hats and scarves. As part of a new PF Peru programme called "Calor Para un Hermano" (Bringing Warmth to a Brother), the women have already knitted 160 scarves. "The beauty of the programme is to motivate the inmates to donate their time and labour for the good of their brothers," explains Pauline de Ferrero, PF Peru Board Chairperson. Students from a nearby high school deliver the scarves to the sick prisoners, giving them a chance to see the disturbing consequences of crime firsthand.



Prison Fellowship International welcomed two newly chartered ministries in 2010: PF Italy and PF Uruguay

Forgiveness Beyond Barriers



Seven years after the Solomon Islands' six-year inter-island conflict, tensions still run high. Last year, PF Solomon Islands used PF's Sycamore Tree Project® to bring peace to this troubled community. PF gathered former militants and victims from both sides of the conflict in Guadalcanal, where warring factions burned down homes and destroyed villages. PF's Simon Mannie, who served as a member of the former Malaita Eagle Force, apologized to the group for the violence inflicted on the people of Guadalcanal by his unit. After the session, one of the participants tearfully told Mannie, "You Eagle Force men killed my son, but today I forgave you." In 2010, PF Solomon Islands also held its first national conference entitled "Reconciling the Nation," during which a family torn apart by crime came together to publicly reconcile, a rarity in this country where permanent banishment is the culturally accepted punishment for offenders.

Reconciled Relationships

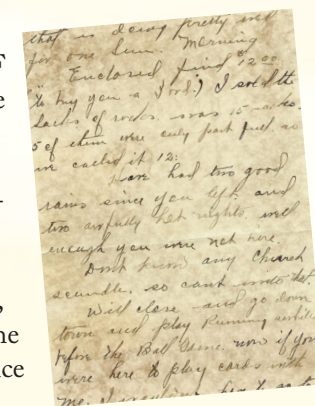
Victims forgave offenders and parents were reconciled to their incarcerated children during PF Lesotho's annual Restorative Justice Week, which encouraged reconciliation between prisoners and their community. To begin, PF volunteers met with victims, explained the concept of restorative justice and invited them to participate in the Restorative Justice Week. Those who



accepted visited the prison for the mediation programme. PF also prepared the juvenile prisoners by teaching a course that explored the concepts of repentance and responsibility. Some of their parents also took part in the programme, describing the damage the crime did to the family. "The outcome was overwhelmingly positive," noted Joseph Mpakanyane, PF Lesotho Executive Director. "We saw evidence of reconciliation and open displays of forgiveness between victims and young offenders."

A Letter of Apology

Andrew, an inmate in Rimutaka Prison, knew that participating in PF New Zealand's victim/offender awareness programme (Sycamore Tree Project®) would involve talking to rape victims—the same crime he had committed. But he wasn't prepared for how their response would impact him. When he recounted the story of his attack on an 18 year-old girl and then listened to the victims describe their ordeal, he felt such remorse that he wrote a letter of apology to his victim. But the reach of the programme didn't end there. Deeply affected by his letter, his victim approached PF New Zealand's STP coordinator to ask if she could participate in the programme because she could see the difference it made in offenders' lives.



"You Eagle Force men killed my son, but today I forgave you."

-Victim's Mother

Motorbikes and Restoration



Prison Fellowship ministries around the world creatively come alongside ex-prisoners returning to their communities. In Nepal, ex-prisoners have the opportunity to learn trades like motorbike repair and engage in life skills courses and Bible studies at PF Nepal's Model Rehabilitation Centre. "It is my great pleasure to share that I got a job in my local motorbike workshop," said Gokul, a recently released prisoner who graduated from PF's Model Rehabilitation Centre. "I do not need to steal anymore."

Connecting Parents and Children

It is heartbreaking: a young child having to grow up without his/her mom. But that is the reality for millions of children whose parents are in prison. PF ministries know the importance of restoring the fragile bond between an incarcerated parent and child. Last year, PF Costa Rica created a unique programme that records prisoners reading bedtime stories, along with a short personal message, to their young children. They then delivered the audio recordings and books to the children at an emotional gathering where the children played the recordings for the first time. "Hello, my love," one child heard her mom saying, "Yes, it's your mom. I want to read a story with you so that in the moments you feel sad or really miss me, we can be together." The children were grateful for the ability to hear their mom's voice anytime. One child told a PF representative, "I'm going to listen to my mom everyday in my room."



A Stitch in Kind

In the course of meting out punishment, most countries unfortunately leave little to no room for offenders to make amends for their crimes or to contribute voluntarily to their communities. But in South Africa, prisoners go beyond simply "doing time." Thanks to Prison Fellowship's Operation Give Back initiative, inmates can sew clothing for needy children. PF then donates the clothes to the children at an annual community event attended by correctional management, community leaders, and the participating families. Last year, prisoners distributed more than 10,000 items of clothing to kids in need. "Give Back aims to reconcile, restore, and build relationships," says Douw Grobler, PF South Africa Executive Director.

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-Incarcerated Mother

Freedom Behind Bars

Visit any of the 65 Prison Fellowship faith-based prison units in 11 countries around the world and you are likely to be greeted by an inmate who holds the keys to the unit. Prisoners enjoy an unprecedented amount of freedom in these unique prison units because PF staff treat them with dignity and trust. Prisoner participants engage in Bible studies, skills training, and reintegration classes. The difference these units have made in the prisoners' lives is remarkable, bringing recidivism rates well below the countries' national averages. The programme began in Brazil under the name APAC, and has now spread throughout the world. Last year, PF representatives met with PF Brazil to learn more about this effective prison methodology in order to start a faith-based programme in their countries. Representatives of the Association of Caribbean Heads of Corrections and Prison Services (ACHCPS) joined the PF contingent as well.

Educating the Soul

Everyday, PF ministries creatively demonstrate that imprisonment's physical limitations can be the beginning of a new kind of freedom. PF Ethiopia shows the way to freedom in Christ with certificate level Bible courses and vocational training. Through Emmaus Correspondence School (ECS), PF Ethiopia offers twelve comprehensive Bible classes over one year. By the end of last year, nearly 24,000 prisoners completed the courses with a diploma. PF also provides a one-year vocational training programme, which includes woodworking, metalworking, computer programming, and cobble stoning.



Finding a Way Out



La Chureca—a city dump located on the outskirts of one of Nicaragua's poorest cities—is home to hundreds of families with young children. They live in makeshift shelters held together with scraps of wood, plastic, and cardboard. Living amongst the rotting garbage, broken glass, and acrid smoke is especially hard on the children, who suffer from skin diseases, infections, and malnutrition. PF Nicaragua rescues these children from this brutal existence by bringing them to a PF-run day care and school, offering them a clean, safe environment

where they can play, and receive schooling and computer training. "Our objective is to give these children an education and a way out of a place where they don't belong," explains Luis Pena, PF Nicaragua Board Chairperson.

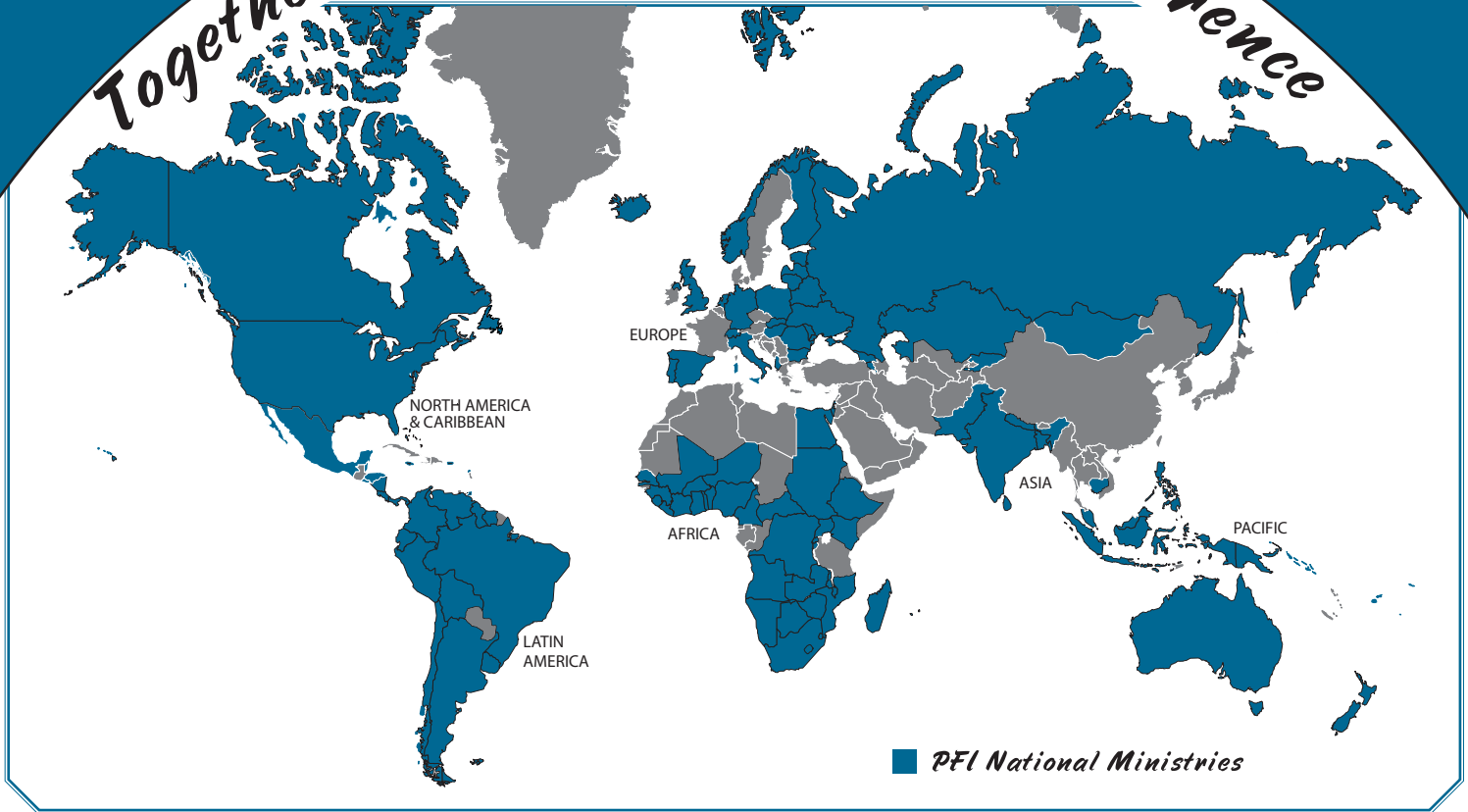
Steps to Recovery

The typical prison system offers little to no support to prisoners suffering with anxiety, depression, or the effects of child abuse. But PF Singapore is making a difference. In an 18-month discipleship and counselling programme, PF volunteers journey with inmates through spiritual formation, inner healing, relationship reconciliation, and recovery. "Recovery is a journey, not just a process," explains Jeannie Chiu, PF Singapore's Executive Director, "and helping prisoners grow in their faith and ex-prisoners reintegrate with society takes tremendous effort and resources."

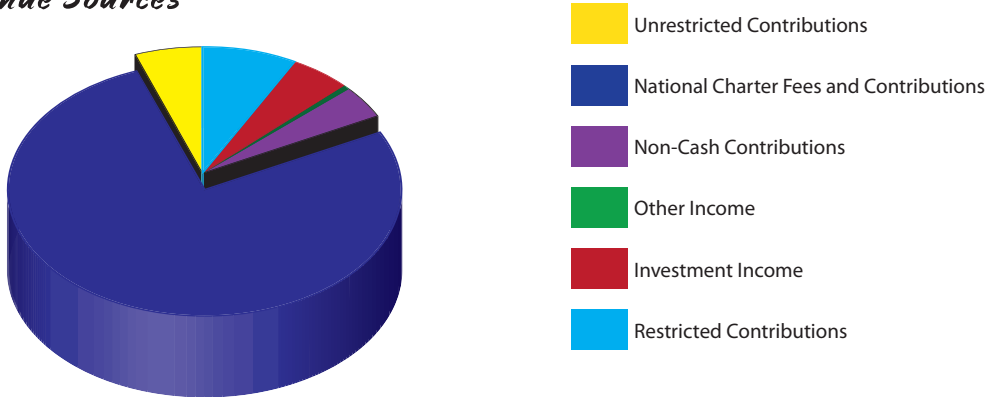
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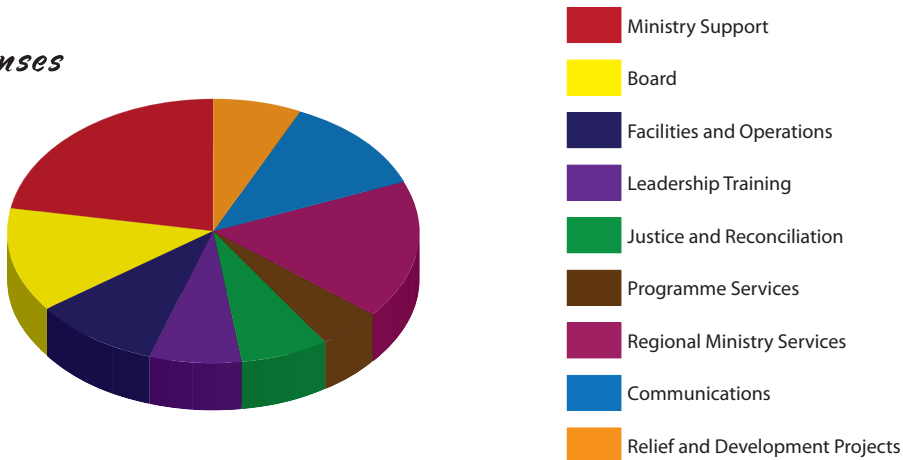
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2010 Revenue Sources



2010 Expenses



These charts illustrate the 2010 financial activity of Prison Fellowship International. Audited financial statements are available at www.pfi.org and upon request. The charts and statements do not include financial information from individual national Prison Fellowship ministries.