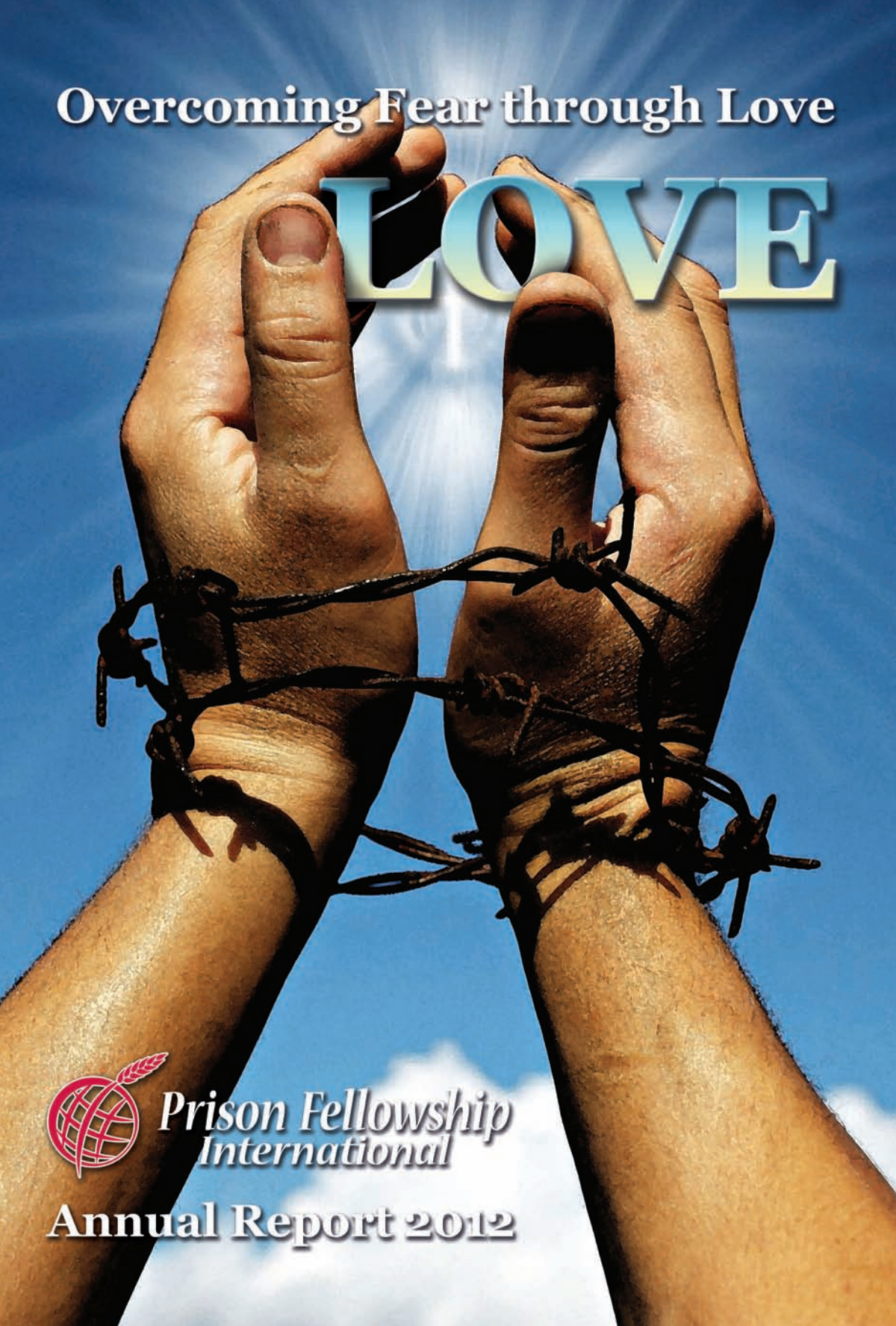
Overcoming Fear through Love



Prison Fellowship International

Annual Report 2012

Letter from the President and CEO

When I joined Prison Fellowship International (PFI) more than 30 years ago, I learned two important leadership principles from the leaders I worked with.

Chuck Colson, quoting Mother Teresa, said that our responsibility as ministry leaders is about ***"faithfulness not success."*** This made a deep impression on me and has continually motivated me to keep my personal and organisational eyes focused on Jesus. My goal as President and CEO has never been about building a large and successful global organisation. My primary concern has been to encourage our national leaders and the growing global movement to focus on Jesus. It is all about our relationship with Him and serving Him together among the prisoners of the world.

Concerning success, Gordon Loux, the first President of PFI, often stated that there is ***"no success without a successor."*** There is a huge measure of truth in this because leadership is not about building monuments, but it is about leading people and multiplying ministry through others.

After serving as PFI's President and CEO for more than three decades, I will be stepping aside in June, 2013 to make way for the next generation of leaders. I am very pleased that Timothy Khoo, who has served with me for more than 20 years, will be stepping into the executive leadership role. Timothy will continue working out of Singapore and will be assisted by Frank Lofaro, who will oversee the operations of PFI out of our Washington, D.C., Secretariat. Frank is also an experienced leader within the PFI movement.

When I took on the leadership of PFI there were just five national Prison Fellowship ministries including PF Ministries of the USA. Over the past 30 years, the PFI community has grown to include 127 national ministries that are located in every region of the world. The movement continues to grow as an expression of God's grace and mercy among prisoners, ex-prisoners, families and victims – the lives of offenders are being transformed, broken relationships are being reconciled, families and communities are all being restored through Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your part in this amazing work.

Ron Nikkel, President and CEO (1982 – 2013)

No Fear Overcoming Fear through Love ...

By Forgiving and Reconciling

Without forgiveness, reconciliation is not possible. And without reconciliation, it is much less likely that prisoners can successfully reintegrate back into society upon release. Prison Fellowship organisations around the world continually encourage and facilitate forgiveness and reconciliation within prisoners' families and within their communities.

Perhaps nowhere is forgiveness so essential and yet so challenging as in Rwanda, a country ripped apart by genocide in 1994. Simply punishing the perpetrators of this genocide does not bring about reconciliation or healing to the wounded community. So PF Rwanda has set up restorative justice workshops across the country that train participants (both victims and offenders) on how to facilitate reconciliation in their own communities. In 2012, PF Rwanda held its sixth restorative justice workshop in the small town of Ntarama, the site of some of the most brutal killings. During the workshop, offenders told of the shame and guilt they felt, while victims expressed the pain they endured and their need to move on. "The people in the room opened their hearts," said one victim, "…I am able to forgive." A perpetrator observed that the workshop was, "a chance for all of us to say goodbye to living in fear. I've been transformed by what I've learned here."

The offenders and victims who have participated in PF South Africa's Sycamore Tree Project® have also discovered the benefits of offering apologies and extending forgiveness. "I could feel the anger inside me make place for pain — her pain — and something I've never felt before, compassion and shame," said one prisoner participant. "For the first time in my life, I apologised, and I meant it."

28 national ministries ran the Sycamore Tree Project®, totalling more than **300 sessions** during 2012 in **124 prisons** around the world.

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By Welcoming Ex-Prisoners

Ex-prisoners returning to their communities carry a social stigma that makes it difficult to successfully transition to a life outside of prison. An unexpressed fear of anyone who has been in prison can keep the community from welcoming or supporting ex-prisoners, which often leads them back into a life of crime. Prison Fellowship Israel combats this fear by offering a shelter, known as the House of Grace, where recently released prisoners can stay until they find a job and permanent housing. One occupant, who had just completed a 20 year sentence in prison, noted that the, "House of Grace made me feel like part of a family. They gave me skills and taught me ways of dealing with life." In September, PF Israel marked its 30th anniversary of the House of Grace, which is located inside an abandoned 150-year-old church.

Through its new Target Communities programme, PF New Zealand is preparing communities to accept and support ex-prisoners in an effort to restore them to full community participation. PF staff train church and community volunteers, and create a "circle of support" for released prisoners. PF counsels and prepares the participating prisoners before their release and then introduces them to their community supporters once they leave prison. "This is not a mentoring role," explains Robin Gunston, PF New Zealand National Director, "it is walking alongside and helping each [ex-prisoner] overcome the many obstacles that are in their pathway."

More than 38 national Prison Fellowship ministries operate half-way houses or are building houses for recently released prisoners in need of shelter and support.

Prison Fellowship also uses skills training programmes to aid prisoners with their reintegration. PF Guinea-Conakry offers ex-prisoners training in auto-mechanic skills, along with Bible education, social and economic courses. Since the classes began, many former prisoners have already begun applying their new skills in auto-mechanic careers. Pre-release inmates in Nepal are learning garment tailoring from PF Nepal. So far, dozens of prisoners have participated in the six-month programme and will be ready for a new career upon release. "It's a golden opportunity in my life," commented one trainee, "Now, I do not need to depend on others to live."

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Over 100 national Prison Fellowship ministries offer "after-care" programmes for ex-prisoners.

By Caring about Prisoners

Fear of prisons and prisoners can keep the community from interacting with inmates, and such isolation can make successful rehabilitation and reintegration impossible. PF Russia's Kalina Krasnaya Prisoner Song Concert effectively brought prisoners into the community in a familiar, non-threatening context. Prisoners took part in a talent contest in which the finalists performed their original songs for a live audience at a Gala concert. The singers brought many in the audience to tears with their heartfelt performances. "The contest gave us a chance to feel free," said one inmate participant, "even if only for three minutes."

Most Christians would contend that inmates who learn of God's love and develop a genuine faith would be more content and less likely to reoffend than those who do not, a theory backed by statistical evidence. But prisoners, many of whom have not had much education, often have trouble understanding the sometimes obscure and complex writings in Scripture. In an effort to bring God's word directly to people in prison, PF Canada has partnered with the Canadian Bible Society to produce the first "prisoner's Bible." The Key to Freedom Bible features an easy-to-read typeface and clear, modern-day language, as well as stories of prisoners' transformations and encouraging notes from local prison chaplains.

PF is active in 127 countries around the world in more than 3200 prisons.

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For most of society, prisoners are out of sight and so out of mind. But if compassionate Christians knew of the conditions in which many prisoners are forced to live, they would want to help. Last year PF Cambodia started a new "Adopt-a-Prison" programme that brought such issues to the attention of churches. They began with Mondulkiri Prison, where inmates were crowded all day and night into tiny cells due to lack of security. Limited funds and inadequate kitchen facilities meant meagre food rations for the prisoners. PF Cambodia encouraged a church in New Zealand to adopt this prison, and soon living conditions significantly improved. Using the church's donations, the prison now has fences that allow the prisoners to enjoy exercise and sunshine outside of their cells. The cells have been widened and the grounds are now used for agriculture to supplement their previously inadequate diet.

PF offers Bible studies in more than 2400 prisons around the world.

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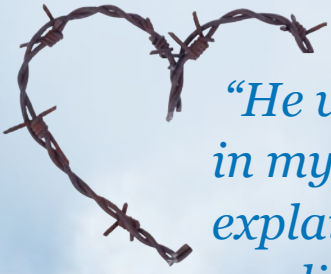
By Embracing Prisoners' Families

A prison sentence impacts more than just the offender. Families of prisoners pay a high price when the head of the household goes to prison. Losing that source of income can force a family into poverty. That became true for Ariunchimeg when her son went to prison. "He was the only one who worked in my family," Ariunchimeg explains. "After he was sentenced our life became worse and worse." Fortunately, she took advantage of PF Mongolia's microfinance programme, which loans funds to families of prisoners so they can launch a business. Ariunchimeg started a shoe business that has since allowed her to pay back the loan, support her family and even save some money for her son when he is released. To date, PF Mongolia has granted loans at 1 percent interest to more than 21 families, while a remarkable 90 percent of the loans have been repaid.



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Nearly 45 PF ministries offer tangible support (such as clothing and food) to **families of prisoners.**

The incarceration of a family member can be especially devastating to children, causing distressing financial and emotional consequences. PF Suriname's "Happy Kids Fellowship" days creates an environment where these children can feel safe and enjoy their childhood despite the stresses that come with having a parent in prison. PF Suriname volunteers bring these kids together for fun days of celebration that include performances by a professional gospel singer, train rides, "bouncy castles," face-painting, and plenty of food. The day ends with gifts of school supplies and candy for all the kids. "Some of [the parents and caregivers] told me that they were not able to give the children such special days," says Reidi Parisium-Linscheer, PF Suriname Board Chairperson. "The children had so much pleasure; they really enjoyed every moment of it."

More than **100 PF ministries** offer programmes to **support families of prisoners.**

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By Making Prisons Better

Prisons are often referred to as "universities for crime." Instead of deterring criminal behaviour and rehabilitating inmates, prisons tend to encourage and increase repeat offenses among inmates. But there is an alternative. PFI's faith-based prison programmes foster spiritual and moral transformation of prisoners by helping them to understand their own human dignity as well as that of others. In these special units, separated from the main prison population, prisoners assume personal responsibility and offer positive contributions to the community. The programme focuses on restoration of offenders to themselves, their families, their victims, their communities, and their Creator.

At PF Costa Rica's faith-based prison unit, known as APAC, inmates create crafts and art pieces that they sell in the prison to visitors and staff. "The [inmates] are true artists," notes Carlos Brenes Quesada, PF Costa Rica Executive Director. So much so that two of the prisoners in the unit were chosen from more than 2,000 proposals to represent local Costa Rican artists in the country's "Peace Parade." The prisoners painted one of the 70 doves that were on display in the city of San Jose to symbolize peace. "The hands that once violated the peace," says Carlos, "today bring peace to the capital city, thanks to the APAC methodology."

11 national Prison Fellowship ministries operate faith-based prison units.

Art has become a part of the curriculum in PF Germany's faith-based unit as well. PF Germany houses juvenile offenders in an old farmhouse—it is the first alternative prison unit run by an NGO in the country. Last year the young residents learned the art of woodcarving from accomplished sculptor Walter Hornstein, who generously donated his time to teach them. He worked with them to make remarkable wooden sculptures, many of which were auctioned to raise funds for the programme's operating expenses.

Nearly 100 Prison Fellowship ministries provide in-prison programmes for inmates, including skills training, literacy, educational courses and spiritual studies and services.

By Getting Involved Before It's Too Late

They have been called the "orphans of justice." Studies reveal that children of prisoners are more likely to experience depression, withdrawal and aggressive behaviour than other children, and even more tragically, they are more likely to go to prison as adults. Prison Fellowship organisations around the world support these children in a number of ways, including programmes aimed specifically at crime-prevention.

As part of PF Cameroon's "Pride Project," volunteers spoke to at-risk youth in Yaounde. With the aid of police officers and judges, they drove home the message that poor choices lead to crime, and crime will lead to prison. PF Costa Rica invited world boxing champion Hanna Gabriels to deliver the same message to the children in its "Seeds of Love" programme. She encouraged them to reach their potential, pursue their dreams, overcome adversity and put effort, commitment and dedication into everything they do.

More than 100 national PF ministries operate the Angel Tree programme.

Nearly all Prison Fellowship ministries participate in PFI's Angel Tree® programme to support children of prisoners. Angel Tree®, which includes the Christmas gift exchange as well as many year-round programmes like camping and back-to-school activities, has been a lifeline to many lonely children of prisoners. Jacquie was so grateful for the gifts she received and love she felt from PF Australia's Angel Tree® programme when she was young that she volunteered to help with PF New Zealand's Angel Tree® campaign when she moved there as an adult. "I am with Prison Fellowship now because every Christmas I would think about the kind people that help out donating and collecting Christmas presents," Jacquie explains. "I feel for the children and young people who have their mum or dad in prison, and I don't want them forgotten."

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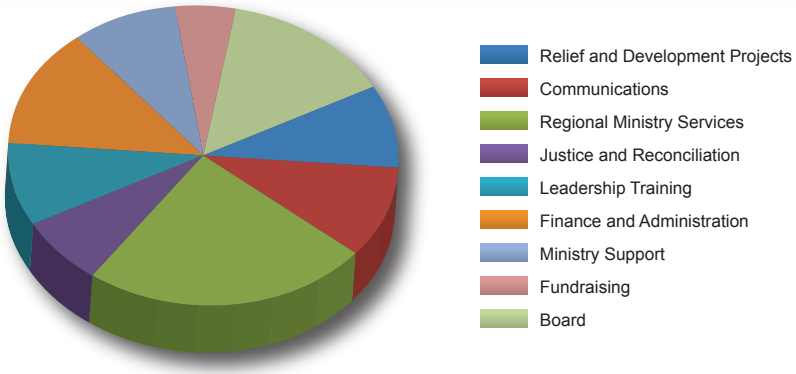
More than 427,000 children benefited from PFI's Angel Tree® programme around the world in 2012.

Statement of Activities (in $US) For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
SUPPORT & REVENUE	
Charter membership fees	2,688,945
Contributions	770,203
Contributed rent and other	159,850
Other income	177,000
Net assets released from restrictions	581,422
Total support & revenue	4,377,420
EXPENSES	
Ministry services and development	3,125,647
Supporting services	
General & administrative	712,209
Fundraising	273,499
Total expenses	4,111,355
Change in unrestricted net assets	266,065
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
Support for special projects	320,529
Contributed equipment & medical supplies	39,263
Investment income	815
Net assets released from restrictions	(581,422)
Change in temporarily restricted net assets	(220,815)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	45,250
NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF YEAR	5,909,729
NET ASSETS END OF YEAR	5,954,979

Expenses



Prison Fellowship International Fiscal Year 2012 Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Position (in $US) December 31, 2012

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,633,022
Investments	806,354
Certificates of Deposit	1,697,000
Accounts Receivable, Net	10,765
Inventory / Prepaid Expenses	107,610
Total Current Assets	4,254,751
Certificates of Deposit, net of current	1,841,126
Certificates of Deposit held for long term use	90,000
Deposits	
Equipment and furniture, net	30,732
Total assets	6,216,609
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable & accrued expenses	261,630
Total current liabilities	261,630
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	2,146,658
Unrestricted - board designated	1,351,260
Total unrestricted net assets	3,497,918
Temporarily restricted	2,367,061
Permanently restricted	90,000
Total net assets	5,954,979
Total liabilities & net assets	6,216,609

These financial statements present the activity of Prison Fellowship International. They do not include financial information from the 127 Prison Fellowship national ministries, who are members of Prison Fellowship International. All information shown here is extracted from audited financial statements, which are available in their entirety at www.pfi.org

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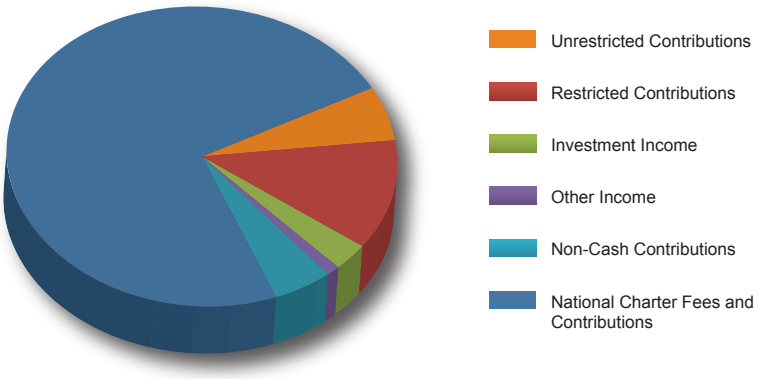

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Peru
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Venezuela

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Guam
New Zealand
Palau
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Solomon Islands
Tonga

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