

Partners in Evangelism: Annual Report

A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS

Partners has great news to report for 2006! In the last twelve months, we received **16,800 donations, totaling an astounding \$677,500.** Many of you have shared that you made a gift because *The Word Among Us* magazine has been so important to you in your own spiritual life and you want others to have the same blessing. We thank God for all our partners!

Partners' outreach to Catholic prisoners is now in its eighteenth year. Currently **45,900 prisoners in the U.S. and Canada** receive the magazine. Of these 15,400 prisoners receive the Spanish translation *La Palabra Entre Nosotros*.

Our outreach to Catholic service men and women—now in its second year—more than doubled. Partners is currently sending the magazine to **12,000 men and women in all branches of the armed forces.**

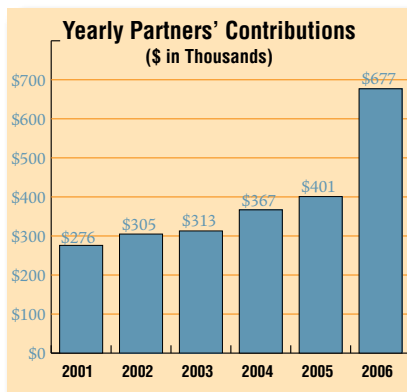
In this report we not only want to give you an update on statistics, we also want you to hear “the voices” of those whose lives you have touched through your partnership with us. Enjoy reading pages 2 and 3. But as you will see from the charts on page 4, so many more are asking for the magazine. We truly need your help in the coming months.

Prayer has always been foundational to our ministry. **Please continue to pray for prisoners and service men and women** to experience God's love, mercy, and protection.

God bless you all,

Angela M. Burrin
Ministry to Prisoners

Bryan Keilty
Ministry to Service Men and Women



Our Mission: to bring God's love, forgiveness, and presence through *The Word Among Us* and other spiritually enriching materials to Catholics in prison in the U.S. and Canada, and to Catholic men and women in the armed services.

Ministry to Prisoners

“I was in prison and you visited me.” (Matthew 25:36)

I want to say thank you to all those who have made donations to **Partners** to allow prisoners (like me) to learn more about Jesus Christ. I take *The Word Among Us* everywhere I go—cafeteria, gym, classes—and read the meditation numerous times every day. —Patrick, Utah

The Word Among Us is a valuable tool. **We use it every morning when we come together on this wing for a spiritual communion.**

—William, Texas

Through fellowship with another inmate I renewed my relationship with God and was shown *The Word Among Us*. It became part of my daily devotionals and **the prayer at the end of each daily meditation became a mainstay and taught me how to pray with more love and meaning to God.**

—Mark, Ontario, Canada

The Lord works in mysterious ways. I just found an old issue of *The Word Among Us*. **It has made the difference between my giving up and moving forward in my faith.**

—Thomas, California

It's difficult to put into words just how much *The Word Among Us* has meant to me but I thank you from the bottom of my heart. You've been a constant and true friend and **your gift has been my way back to life.**

—Mark, New York

Every day I read *The Word Among Us*. **It helps me to make it through the day.** At one time I didn't feel God's love and presence, and now I do.

—Bonita, Massachusetts

Pamphlets for Prisoners

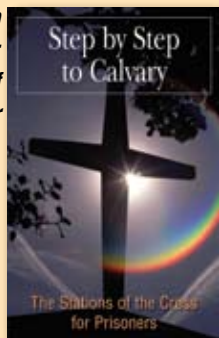


**God Forgives:
Can I?** 51,000
sent to prisoners.

**Dios Perdona?
Puedo Perdonar
Yo?** 28,000 sent
to prisoners.



**Step by Step
to Calvary:
The Stations of
the Cross for
Prisoners.**
22,000 sent to
prisoners.



Ministry to Service Men and Women

“You are my refuge and my shield. I put my hope in your word.” (Psalm 119:114)

I am a Roman Catholic priest in the U.S. Army. I don't think I have ever done anything as rewarding as ministering to these dedicated young men and women.

I spent part of this past year in Iraq. I then spent the rest of my tour as a patient in Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, D.C. In both places, I encountered large groups of young Catholic soldiers who were hungry for their Church to be present to them.

In Iraq, I often had to be delivered by Black Hawk helicopter into a war zone just to stay overnight. I would say Mass, hear confessions, repair young adult problems, put patches on young marriages being strained by distance, time, and finance, tell a story or a joke, and get back on the helicopter to travel to the next combat zone and repeat the process.

That one twenty-four-hour visit would usually be the only contact those young warriors would have with a priest or the Catholic Church for two or three weeks.

I would leave these groups of soldiers your publication, *The Word Among Us*. It has the daily Mass readings and meditations. It has stories of saints. And, it's the right size to fit into a backpack. It never failed that soldiers would ask for your publication every time I returned. It was their link to their faith. You cannot imagine the important role *The Word Among Us* has taken on in the battlefield and in the hospital as well.

Because of your generosity, every time a Catholic priest gets back on the Black Hawk, or pulls away in his Humvee, he can leave a piece of our faith in the hands of a young soldier who needs to be bolstered by knowing that he has not been forgotten. You have truly made an important difference.

“A great many of our chaplains and young Catholics told me what a rich source of blessing *The Word Among Us* has been. This was especially true for those who had just returned from Iraq, where they use *The Word Among Us* extensively, not only in their private daily devotions but in their Communion and prayer services. Thank you for making this possible.”

Bishop Joseph Estabrook,
Archdiocese for Military Services, USA

Chaplain Captain Peter M. Uhde

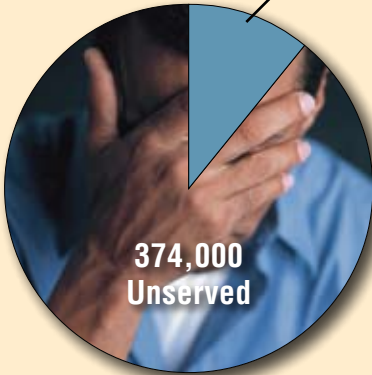
Still So Many Lives to Touch!

If you are not yet a partner, please consider joining us!

We currently reach 45,900 prisoners and 12,000 service men and women. But as the charts illustrate, there are thousands more whose spiritual lives we could touch with *The Word Among Us*.

45,900 Prisoners Served

12,000 Service Men and Women Served



Prisoners

Military

Prison Ministry Waiting Lists

50 chaplains are requesting more magazines for their inmates.

3,000 more prisoners are waiting for their copies.

Military Ministry Waiting Lists

There are 4,000 on our waiting list:

Sailors on ships without chaplains

Injured men and women in military hospitals

Forward deployed troops in the Middle East

Army, navy, marine, and air force bases worldwide

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