



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
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Dear Partners in Ministry:

Thank you so very much for your gracious giving toward our Christmas Care Package Outreach at Webster Correctional Institution. Once again through your generous giving, we were able to provide a care package for each of the almost 600 inmates at Webster. In spite of financial uncertainty compassionate people like yourselves reached out in a tangible way to "the least of these." The Lord Himself commands and commends us, " 'Assuredly, I say to you, in as much as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me' " (Mathew 25:40).

With the burgeoning prison population spiraling out of control, we need to reach out. The latest prison statistics provided by Mike Barber Ministries show that since 1985 America's prison population has more than doubled. According to CNN, each day 1100 new prison beds are filled in the United States. The facts are sobering. We continue to reach out in love and see lives changed through the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Your gift demonstrates Christ's love at a time that is especially difficult for those in prison.

Inmates continue to thank me for their gifts. With finances tighter families are not as able to send inmates money for commissary items. Thus the care packages were especially welcomed and appreciated. "Remember the prisoners as if chained with them..." (Hebrews 13:3a). Thank you for remembering the Webster inmates in your hearts and in your giving.

May God continue to abundantly bless you that you may continue to give. "But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased" (Hebrews 13:16).

Thank you again. May God richly bless you in 2009, the year of new beginnings. Happy New Year!

In His Service,

Rev. Carol Salka

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