

# **Tychicus Project**

## **What is a Tychicus? (Tik-ik-us)**

The question is not "What is a Tychicus?" but who was Tychicus? Tychicus served the Apostle Paul by delivering his letters and bringing encouragement to the churches that were far away. His courier ministry was a quiet, low profile, and unassuming but very important one. It was through his travels that we now have the letters to the Ephesians, Colossians, and Titus. Through the letters that Tychicus delivered, the people in these places received ministry.

You too can minister like Tychicus, by being involved in this project of bringing hope, healing and honor to Native North Americans by sponsoring our newspaper into correctional institutions where many are resident.

## **How does it work?**

*Indian Life Ministries* mails Indian Life newspaper to 1513 institutions free of charge. For many years ILM sent ten copies of each issue to these places. More recently, because of financial constraints, we have had to reduce the number of copies from ten to one. Nevertheless, we have always had a desire to restore our witness in these places. We knew that we could not afford to finance this endeavor ourselves; we had to trust in the generosity of God's people. As a result, the **Project Tychicus** program was born.

**Project Tychicus** works very simply; an individual, family, or church group sponsors ten copies of Indian Life newspaper to a local prison in your area for one year. We assign your sponsored subscription according to your zip/postal code when possible. You can also send us the name and address of the institution of your choice. As a result of this, sponsors can have an important role in ministering to a nearby correctional institution.

## **Couldn't the Chaplain pay for the newspapers?**

Most Chaplains have very limited budgets and many have no budgets at all.

## **Who is the target audience?**

Our primary audience for **Project Tychicus** is the Native prisoner who is searching for the truth. Such individuals can be found in most prisons in North America. In fact some prisons have as high as an 80% Native population. Within the prison system our newspapers and books circulate very widely among the inmates. As a result many have put their faith in Christ who is "the Way, the Truth and the Life." We process around 2,500 letters a year from the men and women who write us asking for help.

## **How many institutions is *Project Tychicus* trying to reach?**

ILM is currently mailing one copy of Indian Life newspaper to each of the 4,938 institutions in North America. Of these 1,513 are prisons. In addition to reaching these institutions ILM mails out 10,000 newspapers per issue to individuals, churches, and missionaries. That totals about 15,000 per issue. Should the first phase of **Project Tychicus** to prisons only be successful, this number will increase to 30,000. Completion of the second phase will increase total distribution to 65,000.

## **How much does it cost?**

A subscription of ten newspapers to a prison for one year is \$52.40, for two prisons \$104.80, for three prisons \$157.20.

## **Can I get a tax receipt if I make a donations to your ministry?**

*Indian Life Ministries* is a registered non-profit organization (charity) in both the United States and Canada. For this reason your gift is tax deductible. ILM is a member in good standing with the Canadian Council of Christian Charities. Audited financial statements are available upon request.

**What do you do when the subscription expires?**

After six issues of the newspaper have been mailed to the prison (about one year) ILM will send a letter to you asking for you to consider renewing your sponsorship for another year.

**How can I send my donation?**

You can make your donation through our online store or by mailing a cheque or International money order to:

In Canada:

**Indian Life Ministries  
PO Box 3765 Redwood Post Office  
Winnipeg MB R2W 3R6**

In the United States:

**Indian Life Ministries  
PO Box 32  
Pembina ND 58271**

Thank you for thoughtfully considering your involvement in this project. We look forward hopefully to your partnership with us.