



## 2015 at a glance

Below is an overall overview of the Voices for Christ ministry as of the end of the year:

- 316 submissions received in 2015
- 77 members (67 of which have submitted works as of the date of this writing)
- 22 facilities in Michigan are represented – including Women’s Huron Valley
- Correspondence or submissions have also been received from California, Virginia and Arkansas
- 414 total submissions uploaded to the website from October 2013 – December 2015

## Overview of the ministry

Voices for Christ is a web-based ministry started in 2013 and dedicated to the Christian voices behind the narrow windows of prison. It is our goal to provide an opportunity for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are behind the narrow windows to carry out the Great Commission and tell the story of how Jesus has changed their hearts and lives.

Voices for Christ only accepts and publishes works received from individuals currently incarcerated. Works may be submitted by mail or through Jpay. For the mutual protection of Authors and Voices for Christ it is necessary that Authors provide formal written Consent to Publish before publication of their work. The ministry accepts the following types of works:

- Testimonies, Lessons, Encouragement, Hymns/Poems

Before inclusion on the website, all works are reviewed to ensure they meet a minimum biblical standard. Voices for Christ reserves the right to reject submitted material following a committee review and also reserves the right to edit any submissions for typographical errors. The anticipated time for works to be approved and uploaded to the website is 4-6 weeks.

In addition to maintaining biblical accuracy, Voices for Christ has established the following criteria:

- Must be less than 5,000 characters including spaces
- Must promote Jesus Christ, not a religion or denomination
- Must not contain any offensive language or be
- Must not be divisive or argumentative
- Must be original material (plagiarism is not acceptable)

For anyone interested in finding out more about Voices for Christ, please feel free to contact us for brochures and/or consent forms.



## Review Process

In an effort to remain unbiased and hold true to the Holy Bible, rather than the views or traditions of men, Voices for Christ recruits committee members from across denominations who are dedicated to serving Jesus.

The review process is as follows:

Stage 1: Reviewed by Voices of Christ administrators – if the reviewer finds that the work, in some fashion, does not adhere to the established criteria, it will be passed to Stage 2 for further analysis and review. Otherwise the work will be published.

Stage 2: A committee of four (4) individuals will review the work to determine if it meets the established criteria. The ruling of this committee is by the majority. If the work is found to be acceptable by the majority it will be published. If the work is not found to be acceptable by the majority, a letter will be sent to the Author explaining why the work was not accepted and giving the Author the opportunity to study the issue further and re-submit. In the event of a split-decision, the work will be passed to a member of the Stage 3 committee.

Stage 3: A member of the Stage 3 committee (with a formal education in Biblical Studies) will review the work and provide the final determination whether the work meets the established criteria. If they find it acceptable, the work will be published. If they do not, a letter will be sent to the Author explaining why the work has not been accepted and giving the Author the opportunity to study the issue further and re-submit.

## 2016 Goals:

We would love to provide our friends inside at every facility throughout Michigan an opportunity to carry the Good News in the upcoming year. (We've received submissions from 22 of the 32 facilities up to this point). Please join us in spreading the message and inviting others to get involved.

