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Dear Friends,

Christmas greetings from Gardner-Webb! It is my privilege to present the 2012 Advent Devotional Book.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German theologian best known for his imprisonment and eventual execution for resisting the Nazis' genocidal regime, once wrote, "A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes...and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent."

Though most of us have never been literally locked in a cell, we Christians can identify with the prisoner's plight. We know what it is to hope for absolution, for redemption, for a Savior strong and gracious enough to break the chains that would bind us to death. We know what it is to hope for a prison break.

Advent is a time for us to focus our hearts on the Author of that hope, to wait in confident anticipation for the coming of the One through whom God has rescued us from the dominion of darkness. May this Advent Guide, and the former prisoners' testimonies within it, bless you and your family this Christmas season as we celebrate the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

A. Frank Bonner

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