Therefore, if anyone is in Christ; *he is a new creation.*

*The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV
Ylli, Prisoner, Vaqarr Prison

This is a man in his 40s, incarcerated for drug trafficking. When PF Albania volunteers first met Ylli at the opening TPJ session, he was adamant that he was innocent. Ylli told his TPJ Course Leaders, “I did not commit this crime.” He insisted that a policeman set a trap for him. Ylli completed the course and graduated from TPJ.

But on the day of his TPJ graduation event, Ylli shared something important with a TPJ volunteer. Ylli confessed his sin, saying “No one else is guilty of my crime. I deserve to be in prison. This course helped me know God and it helped me know myself better.”

Psalm 32:5 (NIV)

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Prisoner, Western Australia Correctional Centre

I understand God is real and that He loves us no matter what our past is. The videos in the course helped me realize I can live in the present and accept God into my life.

Every saint has a past, every sinner has a future.

Prisoner, New South Wales Correctional Centre

Participating in The Prisoner’s Journey course, the other prisoners and I had great interaction working as a group. We worked together to gain better understanding and become closer to Christ. The sessions also allowed us to acknowledge that it is not only during this course when we are on a journey with God—but all throughout our lives we are on that journey with Him and Him with us.

“I am going to find a church and keep learning.”
Rafael, Recuperando, APAC Teófilo

This program was very important, not only for me, but for all the Recuperandos that participated with me. I had a very big change of mentality. I changed my behavior and my way of speaking.

I was a person who did not accept opposition, I wanted to fight, I did not talk to my family because I did not forgive my father for abandoning me. I thought about leaving and returning to crime again. After that course I began to give more value, because I noticed that nothing happens without purpose. I saw I could get something good in everything that I live within the APAC.

Today I have the word of God with me and I can walk in a different way, recovered.

Arnald, Recuperando, APAC Frutal/MG

When I came to APAC I was not interested in the things of God, I was still in the world of crime. I had no sorrow for anybody, I had no mercy for anyone, even myself. I was full of evil, full of hatred, and resentment.

It was when I was invited to make The Prisoner's Journey that things changed in my life. I started to see differently, my thoughts changed, my heart transformed, I read the Bible and everything became different.

I fell into the reality of life and I noticed that I was harming several people, even those that I like. In TPJ I was able to be closer to my family, recognize forgiveness, thank God for the life I have and all those who helped me in this Journey.
The Prisoner’s Journey benefits the guards and the prisoners. The program promotes a change in each person, both internally and externally, to hold himself responsible and accountable. By having this change, the prisoners will be able to reintegrate into society. The prisoners are also able to share and benefit the spiritual learnings with other prisoners while they are here in prison.

Christ can make an interior change in our lives and the program has given great attention on the prisoners, so that at the end of this stage in prison, they can generate spiritual opportunities once released.

Elvis, Prisoner, Petorca

The course helped me to have a clearer vision of Jesus. I have a lot of faith and I know that Jesus protects my family and my children. Now I’m following in his footsteps and he has a purpose for my life.
I met the Lord in this place.

Today I understand that God has a great purpose for my life. I thank Him for being in prison and for allowing me to be an instrument in His hands—I invite other prisoners to take The Prisoner’s Journey. I know that the Son of God can give them comfort, hope, and joy.

My desire is to become a TPJ Course Leader. The old things are gone and today in Jesus Christ all things are new. People in prison can see and feel my joy and peace.

I thank God because in this prison I got to know how much God loves me. I was able to have an encounter with Jesus through The Prisoner’s Journey program. After that I found a reason for living. I began to acknowledge my attitudes of anger and resentment and realized that I alone am responsible for what happened to me. I feel a constant need and hunger for the Word of God and I can not stop telling others about Jesus Christ and how good it is to study and know His Word.

Jesus is generating a change that is noticeable every day in this prison yard.

Losing my freedom, my family, and my children has been very hard. The guilt and the shame haunted me. During The Prisoner’s Journey, I learned to be close to the Lord and He has given me peace and strength. I need to regain my family, my home and my children for the glory of God. Jeremiah 33: 3.

The grace of Jesus Christ sustains me every day and now I can testify to my family and friends that I am no longer the same. But they do not believe me. So I ask God to give me time and wisdom to gain the trust of people. I ask God for wisdom to share His Word with others. I am a soldier of Christ today.
I have a 2-year old son who I love very much. I am serving a sentence of 6 years in prison. I have been in prison for 2 years, and my time here has not been very good. But through the course of The Prisoner’s Journey, I discovered that it is never too late to make a change. What I learned during this Course motivates me to go ahead and see that Jesus is the one who gives His life for each one of us.

Sometimes you feel alone. But during the TPJ Course, I realized that Jesus is with us. Jesus never leaves us helpless. Knowing this makes me feel full of life. Now I know that Jesus cares for me. I have been separated from my family. Since I took this course, and learned who Jesus is, my family began to see a change in my life. Now they come more often to visit me. But it is all thanks to God, for this program that showed me who Jesus is, and made me reflect on myself. Now I value my family.

---

Marvin, Prisoner, Tamara Prison

I thank my God for everything, because I have learned a lot from what I did not understand before. But now I know that Jesus came and why he came. Now I understand that my life without Christ has no meaning. I want to give thanks to our Course Leader, Joseph, for he has been fulfilling God’s commandment to visit the prisoners.

Jesus is the Savior of the world and He is the one who gives life and everyone who believes in Him will not be lost but will have life together with Him.

This course has made me free. Despite being locked up, my soul has been freed in Christ.

---

Wilson, Prisoner, Tamara Prison

Through The Prisoner’s Journey I learned: Who is Jesus? Why did he come? And now what should I do? I have been able to learn about Christ and His purpose.

And I have decided to follow His steps through Prison Fellowship Honduras and I hope the volunteers continue to come to visit us at the prison.
Susan, Prisoner, Thika Prison

I am so thankful to God for what he has done upon my life. I went through so many challenges since I was arrested, but TPJ came to bring hope in my life through Mark’s gospel. The sessions encouraged me and transformed my life totally. Now I have a new testimony of change in my life.

Frederick, Prisoner, Nyeri Prison

The Prisoner’s Journey course has transformed me...

I had thought of making revenge after completing my sentence.

But through the TPJ course my character has changed and I have been advised, challenged and transformed, inside out.

Bernard, Prisoner, Nairobi Prison

The Prisoner’s Journey Course has changed my life....sincerely speaking! It has developed, improved, and transformed me spiritually, even though I am a prisoner.
Warder Stain Sukali, Prison Chaplain, Ntcheu Prison

I have been a prison chaplain for some years now but I have never seen lives being transformed as is the case with those graduating from TPJ. TPJ is a miracle altogether for us in prison ministry.

MALAWI

I am from a core Muslim family. During The Prisoner’s Journey, I gave my life to Jesus and ever since then, He has never let me down. There is power in the name of Jesus Christ.

Musa is now a committed member of one of the TPJ follow-on discipleship programs.

Musa, Prisoner, Kogi State

Click the video icon to watch one of the first TPJ Graduation events in Malawi (Q4 2017)

NIGERIA
Ramil, Prisoner, Masbate Provincial Jail

I thank God for bringing The Prisoner’s Journey to this jail. **It is a great help for prisoners to be given attention. We are rarely visited.** There are no programs. Many of us attempt escape because we are not visited by our loved ones. There are no things to keep us busy. Now, because of TPJ, I have noticed changes in me and in my fellow inmates. I hope to learn more about God and His Word.

---

Luis, Prisoner, Sintra Prison

I was in prison before this, and released. But after many years in prison, I had great difficulties adjusting to life on the outside. I stayed with my mother, but I couldn’t find work. I had no profession. I did not have any money, plus I got back into taking drugs and eventually did not keep up with the parole requirements. The court revoked my parole and sent me back to prison. My mother died recently and I felt very hopeless until I heard about this course and so I signed up for it.

Through the lessons, Bible studies and testimonies from the other prisoners on the TPJ videos, I feel more calm and **I have found Jesus** again in my life. I feel that my repentance and Jesus’ forgiveness have changed my being and He is still changing me. I need more of this teaching!
I was a sinner who did not know Jesus at all. I grew up in the family of pagans so I have been using drugs all my life. I have been a karate man so consuming drugs was not enough for me. So I started selling drugs until the police started coming to my place. I was stealing to have money to pay for sex and I used to fight against them many times until I found myself here at prison. Arriving here it was somehow hard for me to manage the situation. I could not even join the temple inside the jail. The day I heard of The Prisoner’s Journey, I said, ‘let me join’.

I learned in the group of TPJ- Who is Jesus? Why did he come? And so what? My mindset and my life have been changing slowly. Now I testify that I am no longer the same as I was when I entered the prison. I will follow Jesus, no return back.

Here in the prison, I have been hearing women singing for the Lord. I heard and felt something and when I heard of TPJ, I registered for the course. Slowly I have been changing day and night.

I thank God to have been imprisoned because here I have been blessed to know Jesus Christ who died on the cross because of my sins. Otherwise I could never accept such change in me if I was on the outside.
Botshabelo, Prisoner

I learned to understand Jesus’s mission of coming in the world, and salvation was made more clear to me. I now understand the message of the cross and the reason why Christ died for us. I understand now to spread the Good News of Jesus. I understand what Christianity is and that it’s not by good works that we can receive the gift, but only by grace.

Prisoner, P.C. Militar Prison

Entering prison is one of the most traumatic experiences that a person can suffer.

The people one sees as friends and companions, they abandon you. Inside, at first everything is despair. But eventually everyone discovers himself. And in my case, I discovered God. To my creator whom I had always forgotten, and He is shown, gives light, hope and peace.

I never thought that in here I would find my peace.

Thomas, Prisoner, Mango Prison

I thank God I am alive, because if I was not in prison, I don’t know whether I would live or die. Before I came to prison, there was no truth in me.

But with TPJ courses, I discovered the teachings that give hope, faith, confidence, and joy. Today I have abandoned the character of vengeance that I had before, because I have been taught to pardon and to have patience.

I thank God who brought me into prison and showed me the life in Christ.
Andrés, Prisoner, Canelones Prison

This course is good, but the best thing is that I was delivered to JESUS. I had been to church services many times before this. I made many attempts to hear the Word. I’ve listened to preachings or things like that, but all the things I heard never got into my heart. The Prisoner’s Journey sessions gave me the opportunity to know Jesus like this, in a new and real way.

Now I go to church here in prison because Jesus is very close to my heart. And also, when I leave this prison, I want to stay connected with Prison Fellowship Uruguay, and I want to be baptized.

Maybin, Former Prisoner, Luanshya Correctional Facility

I was in prison, and I took the TPJ course.

The program made me a real disciple of Jesus Christ.

I took the training and became a TPJ Course Leader for other prisoners, while I was still in prison.

Recently, I was released. Now, I serve as a key volunteer on one of Prison Fellowship Zambia’s volunteer Task Forces.

Rita, Former Prisoner, Kabwe Female Correctional Facility

The Prisoners Journey has made me very strong spiritually.

The program also helped me be released on parole earlier because of the program’s impact in the correctional facilities.