

Indian Life TYCHICUS Project



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

The question is not "What is a Tychicus?" but who was Tychicus? Tychicus was used by the Apostle Paul to deliver his letters and bring encouragement to the churches that were far away. His ministry was a quiet, unassuming one, yet played an important role that has been mostly unspoken of by Christians. It was through his ministry that we now have the epistles of Ephesians, Colossians and Titus. Through the letters that Tychicus delivered, these places and people received ministry.

You too can minister like Tychicus, by being involved in this project of encouragement and evangelism through the printed page.

How does it work?

Project Tychicus works very simply; an individual, family, or church group sponsors ten copies of **Indian Life** newspaper to a local prison for one year. As a result of this sponsorship, individuals can have an important role in ministering to a nearby institution.



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I would like to sponsor ——— prison(s) [\$52.40 per prison].

Please make your check payable to Indian Life Ministries.

Visa and MasterCard are accepted. If using a Credit Card, please fill in the following blanks and return it.

Name

Address

City

State/Province

Zip/Postal Code

Signature

Card Number Expiry Date

What is the purpose of Indian Life?

The two purposes of **Indian Life** newspaper are to reach and restore the Native community. The primary intended audience is the non-Christian Native person. Because of this, the paper includes many articles that are of human interest. Our hope is that a person who would not darken the door of a church or chapel would find **ILN** interesting, colorful, challenging and as a result would trust Christ as Savior.

Can't the Chaplain pay for the newspapers?

Most Chaplains have very limited budgets and many have no budgets at all. In addition many of the Chaplains are not evangelical Christians and would not help pay for the material.

Who is the target audience?

Our primary audience for **Project Tychicus** is the unsaved Native prisoner. Native prisoners can be found in most prisons in the United States and Canada. In fact, some prisons have as high as an 80% Native population.

Often non-Native inmates read the paper and some of them write to us and share their story of salvation.

One of the beautiful things about literature is that several people will read one copy of a newspaper or book. Within the prison system our newspapers and books circulate very widely among the inmates.

How effective is Tychicus?

By God's grace Indian Life has seen many men and women put their trust in Christ. The newspaper is read by many Native people in many different settings. Inmates, nevertheless, are the most receptive to our materials.

How many institutions is Project Tychicus trying to reach?

ILM is currently mailing one copy of **Indian Life** newspaper to each of the 4,299 institutions in North America. Of these 1,555 are prisons. The others are Tribal/Band Offices, Native Nursing Stations/Clinics Native Schools, Friendship Centers and Alcohol Treatment Centers.

ILM mails the newspaper to 186 prisons in Canada and 1,369 in the United States. In addition to reaching these institutions **ILM** mails out 10,300 newspapers per issue to individuals, churches, and missionaries. As a result, each time we publish, our evangelistic thrust is about 25,000-gospel witness. Should **Project Tychicus** be successful this number will increase to 30,000.

Can I sponsor another person or institution?

A donor is invited to sponsor any institution or individual Christian worker that they have a burden to help. In such cases, please provide the complete name and address of whom you would like to sponsor.

What happens if an institution is already sponsored?

Currently, 268 prisons are sponsored. **Indian Life Ministries** has approached several other possible donors with this project. Should two donors choose the same institution the **ILM** staff will assess the needs of that institution and determine if it could use a bulk of 20 newspapers. Should the institution only need 10 newspapers the staff will reassign the second donor gift to another institution as close to your area as possible.

How much does it cost?

Each bulk subscription of ten newspapers to a prison for one year is \$52.40

Can I get a tax receipt for my donation?

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** cannot, however, provide a tax receipt if you or your family is the beneficiary of the donation. **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 sponsoring the prison for another year.

How can I send my donation?

ILM's Canadian mailing office is:
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