

Cookies for Prisoners

October 28th, 2012

*Dear CTS families,
The following is a request for help from Terry Morgan, one of our CTS
Prison Ministry team members.*

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If you would like to help bring God's love to lonely prisoners, but aren't sure you would be suited to actually visit a jail or prison, simply bake a few dozen of your favorite cookies. They should be about 2-3" in diameter, and the sturdier the better. (Soft or sticky cookies can get badly smashed during packing and transport.) Peanut butter, chocolate chip, oatmeal, ginger snaps and sugar cookies are all great. You can use nuts, chocolate chips, raisins or M&M's if you wish. The one important rule from the institution is **NO ICING OR POWDERED SUGAR. (Visitors have sometimes tried to smuggle in drugs this way.)**

Package the cookies 2 dozen to a bag in 1 gallon freezer bags. Use the kind that are pinched closed by hand. Bags with a "zipper" contain a small piece of metal that can become a weapon, and are forbidden. Also please do not put anything else in the bags. A note, picture, waxed paper or aluminum foil are all contraband under prison rules, no matter how innocent in nature. We can also use brownies and rice krispie bars. Pack them 1 dozen to a bag.

Finally, we ask that you pray over the cookies as you make them, and pray for the residents for whom they will be such a blessing. We tell the men that the cookies have been prayed over. Once we get the cookies all assembled in the "cookie monster's truck" our whole team will again pray over them.

Please bake cookies with your children at home **and bring them to church Sunday, October 28th.** This is an excellent opportunity to teach your children about how God's love never ends and how forgiveness is for all who seek the Lord.