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“I Can Only Imagine”

As you receive this volume of **Letter From M.O.M.**, we are continuing with more of the testimonies of “How God Changes Lives” as well as some more of our own written articles. We can truly say that the “high” that many of our inmates have been trying to get through the wrong methods, is being surpassed by those putting God in **ownership** of their lives.

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Fellowship

Sorry that we are getting the newsletters out late. Bob’s typing is slow and the folding of the newsletters is being done by Bob & Linda because of not having the typing done in time for the board meeting. With the crashing of the computer this last year, we are building a new mail list. We got behind on letter replies and Resources Lists, and may occasionally miss one. Please write back if we do not answer, and *write clearly so we can get the mailing information correct.*

Intentions & Wishes

The intentions of this newsletter are to allow an understanding of jail & prison ministries. It is our intentions to get input from those incarcerated as well as those “free” to visit. Life experiences of the faith and fellowship from those locked up in the facilities are always desired to let others know of the value of “visitation”. I am certain that each of us have many stories of the miracles God has done in our lives.

Our wishes are that we would have a list of supportive churches and programs that individuals might look forward to attending, once released.

A list of services, such as housing, employment and counseling services, as well as some individuals available for friendly fellowship are also much needed items (Resource List).

God’s Word says if a man stumbles, how can he continue lest there be another to help him up. **Ecc. 4:10** “For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him [that is] alone when he falleth; for [he hath] not another to help him up.” **Proverbs 24:17** “Rejoice not when thy enemy falleth, and let not thy heart be glad when he stumbleth:” John **11:10** “But if a man walketh in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.”

Please help us with input for this newsletter as we strive to serve God. We appreciate any articles or input.

Missing M.O.M. ?

We must constantly remind individuals that we need to be notified of changes of address or facilities. If we get returned mail (about 20 each month), we remove that individual from the files. If you have, or you are going to be moved, please drop us a note to keep your file active. We get mail returned for bad ID #'s, no cell #, and no bed #. Make sure that your return address is inside the envelope as well as on the envelope – we get many damaged envelopes that are unreadable.

Letters that Express it All

We like to post real life situations, because God works in real lives and He is the one that gives “Eternal Life.”

For those of you that communicate with individuals that have computer access, we have added quite a bit to our web site. The “**Resource List**” (56 pages), ALL past newsletters (“**Letter From M.O.M.**”), inmate lookup links, and artwork are available to be viewed or you may download.

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I would like to add that we have shared many wonderful testimonies. Many individuals are afraid to share their testimony because they are not sure what to write or feel inadequate in their writing ability. God’s Word says in **Jeremiah 17:9** that “**the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?**”

Sharing Your Testimony

There are 4 parts to an individual’s testimony;

1. What my life was like before I met Jesus.
2. How I realized I needed Jesus.
3. How I committed my life to Jesus.
4. The difference Jesus has made in my life.

The importance is not what you have done, but what God is doing.

1. Your testimony Your life lessons
2. Your godly passions
3. The Good News

PLEASE Pray that the churches, friends and relatives of inmates would become supporters of this Jail/Prison ministry.

We have downsized the mailing list according to those responding with profile sheet updates

We have dropped to getting 60 to 100 letters/requests per month. Let those on the outside know of how much good M.O.M. does for inmates.

Skipping to Heaven

A few years ago, there was a family that lived in Milton, Tennessee. The Hewitt's were the average family in Middle America that lived on 3 acres with large oak trees and lots of green grass. They loved their house and enjoyed the solitude of being away from the bustle of a big city. Dad worked from home for a large company that was based in Chicago. There was mom, dad, 2 boys, their little sister Amy, 3 cows, 4 goats, and their dog, Skip. Skip was a small Australian Shepard mix breed with lots of energy. Skip got his name when he was young because when he ran through the tall green grass only his head would pop up as he ran. He looked like he was skipping through the grass, and so that's what the kids named him.

One day, dad announced at the family dinner table that he had great news. He had just accepted a promotion with his company as the new Financial Services Manager. It was a big promotion for him that would allow the family to live a different life. They could finally afford to take that family vacation to Disneyworld! The kids were very excited to hear that. But then dad shared the other news that he had, they would have to move to Chicago. The dinner table got very quiet. The children's thought of moving to the big city was scary. They were used to the country life with the green grass and the big trees. How could we leave this, our friends? Dad explained that his company had arranged for the family to lease a very nice apartment on the 8th floor with a view of the lake. Buying a house in the suburbs would have to wait a few years.

After some tears from the kids about moving away, Amy finally asked the question dad had feared most. "What about Skip? He's coming with us, right?" Dad took a deep breath. Skip will have to stay behind. The apartment has a No Pets policy. The crying and tears started again and the nicely prepared dinner turned too cold to finish. Moving day was quickly approaching and mom and dad called a family meeting. They told the kids that they had found a buyer for their house. The Stevens. It was a small family with an 8 year old girl whom they had promised a dog if she would agree to the family moving. So Skip was staying. They all agreed that this would be the best possible thing for Skip. He would get a new family, but would not have to move.

Moving day came and the Hewitt family was all packed. The kids got to introduce Skip to his new sister and they all ran through the green grass together one last time. Skip seemed to warm up to his new family and looked content as the family waved goodbye and drove off to Chicago.

The Hewitt's began settling in to their new apartment in Chicago. Learning the city life was a big change. So much to get used to. Learning at a new school, making new friends, hearing the new sounds of a city, all while wondering how Skip was doing. They missed him very much.

One night after dinner, dad got a phone call from Tennessee. Mr. Stevens called and wanted to know what was wrong with Skip. "What's wrong with Skip? Did he bite someone?" asked Mr. Hewitt. "No. No." Mr. Stevens explained. He's a great little dog and is wonderful with his daughter. "So what's wrong?" Well, said Mr. Stevens. It's a little strange to describe. You see, around 7 o'clock every night, Skip will go over to the fire place and lay down. He won't move. He just lays there and looks at us in between naps. We are wondering if there is something wrong with him and do we need to take

him to the vet? Mr. Hewitt smiles and says that there is nothing wrong with Skip. He is only doing what he has been trained to do. He goes on to explain that they are a Christian family with a strong belief in God. Every night at 7 o'clock they would gather together in the living room for a family devotion and prayer. "Family devotion?" says Mr. Stevens. Yes, it's what families like us do to help strengthen our walk with God, and our family, as we read the Word and pray together. "The Word?" Mr. Hewitt spends the next 45 minutes sharing his faith with him and explaining the importance of reading the word, praying, and doing this as a family, together. For all of this to happen, Skip had to learn to lay down on his blanket by the fire place and be still until they were done. Skip had learned this lesson well and continued to practice it, even with a new family. Mr. Hewitt had the wonderful opportunity of leading Mr. Stevens to the Lord that night and the two became good friends. Mr. Hewitt got to share with the family a few weeks later that Mr. Stevens had shared his new faith with his wife and daughter and now Skip was once again sitting quietly on his blanket next to the fire place every evening as his new family is reading the Word and praying to God.

If you have ever thought that God can't use you, just remember this true story about a dog named Skip.
Eric Smith

Generic vs. Name Brand

1. The definition of 'generic' is; characteristic of or relating to a class or group of things; not specific. "chèvre is a generic term for all goat's milk cheese"
- 2.

synonyms:

general · common · collective · nonspecific · inclusive · all-inclusive · all-encompassing · broad · comprehensive · blanket · umbrella · sweeping · universal · cross-disciplinary · interdisciplinary · multidisciplinary

I was surprised when told that generic medication, as compared to name brand, only had to be 60% as effective. I was later corrected that it had to be the same concentration. Many times the name brand and the generic do not have the same chemicals or placebo filler and can thus cause different reactions.

We see God being presented in many different ways and it is causing confusion with knowing the true God. The 'false religions' being presented are many times close in appearance to the real thing (Name Brand). However when we get into a deep study and comparison, we find that the ingredients are not what they should be. Many times the false religions are presented with "sweeteners" to make them more desirable to the individual.

Some false religions present things in small doses so as to end up causing an immunity to the real thing. This is much as the flu shot that gives a small dose of the flu which then causes the body to build up an immunity to the real thing. Beware of the slow brain washing technique used by many religions, cults and sects.
Chaplain Bob

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Many are familiar with the 56 page “**Resources From M.O.M.**” that has approximately 650 listings in various categories (downloadable online). We can mail with donated 6” X 9” S.A.S.E, and Suggested donation prices for a total donation of \$3.00.

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For individuals being released to one of California’s 58 counties, there are internet listings of services and programs available. **Have a loved one print them out.**

<https://www.calpia.ca.gov/offender-development/resource-guide-directory/?CALPIAProviderMgraction=IEPProviders%3AProviders.list>

http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Community_Partnerships/Resource_Directory.aspx

http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Community_Partnerships/SearchByCounty.aspx?ct=??????

The areas of Service listings are as follows;

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| Adult Services | Homeless Services |
| AIDS/HIV Services | Housing Services |
| CDCR Contracted Services | Legal Services |
| Child Care Services | Mental Health Services |
| Child Support Services | Mentoring Services |
| Clothing Services | Native American Services |
| Counselling Services | Physical Health Services |
| Disability Services | Police / Sheriff / Parole |
| Documentation & Identification | Referral Services |
| Domestic Violence Services | Religious Services |
| Education Services | Substance Abuse Treatment |
| Emergency Services | Tattoo Removal |
| Family Services | Transportation Services |
| Financial Services | Veterans Services |
| Food Services | Vocational Services |
| Gender Specific – Female | Volunteer Services |
| Gender Specific – Male | |

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P.O. Box 257
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Calvary Chapel Prison Ministry
Attn: Carmine Aleprete
P.O. Box 1965
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

Little Lambs, Inc
John & Eileen Sala
P.O. Box 32
Sebring, FL 33871-0032

Otto & Jennie Ball
c/o Crossroads Ministry
P.O. Box 363
Hyde, PA 16843

The Felony Foundation (TFF)
P.O. Box 190806
Dallas, TX 75212-0806
(Pen-pals)

LaVoz de La Esperanza
101 W. Cochran St.
Simi Valley, CA 93065

El Concilio Del Condado
301 So. C St.
Oxnard, CA 93030

Set Free Prison Ministries
Bible Correspondence Course
P.O. Box 5540
Riverside, CA. 92517-9986

Iglesia Puerta de Salvacion
202 Lafayette Ave.
Lindsay, CA 93247

Ministero de Prison
P.O. Box 543
Live Oak, FL 32064

World Challenge
P.O. Box 8930
Pueblo, CO 81008-8930

Jesus People Info. Center
4338 Third Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95817

International Prison Ministry
Bible, Dictionary, Concordance
P.O. Box 1088
Chula Vista, CA 91912-1088

Crossroad Bible Institute
P.O. Box 900
Grand Rapids, MI 49509-0900

It has been sometime since I wrote you a letter. I have been locked up since Sept 7th 1994, 4 counts on a case plus a 3 strikes case and received 105 years to life for this. I used to think that I didn't hurt, kill or really do any damage and my god I got more time than _____! (feel free to fill in the blank with whatever suits your fancy if you got a crazy sentence also and want to rant and rave.) I was 16 years in prison at Solano when I got "myself" busted and ended up in the hole. My only true friend out on the streets died on Jan 1, 2009 and there I was so broken, so crushed in a cell alone. I lay on the floor crying, YEAH that's right I said CRYING. When I was out of tears I cried out to JesUS and got up off of the floor and started looking around this barren waste land of a cell and looked up on the wall that was straight across from my bed and I noticed in huge letter this name, JESUS in pencil and very dark. As I looked at this name I said out loud " WHY WOULD YOU CARE ABOUT ME AND WHY? " Then as I looked at these letters in this name "Jesus" my eyes looked at the two letters at the end "US" and I honestly started laughing. I thought to myself even in Your Name Jesus You thought of us. How amazing is this Bob n Linda or whoever else might be reading this letter. I gave every rotten thing that I had ever said or done and I got saved right there in that wilderness of a barren cell at Solano State Prison. I haven't looked back since. My sister, after 30 years is finally back in my life and is a Christian and now when she writes me she says in the same line with my name "I Love You Billy". It makes me cry, once

again, yeah, I said "cry". The God of my Bible is most definitely the only God of reconciliation..... AMEN and AMEN.

Before I go I'd like to say this, maybe you already know and maybe you don't but do you know that when we use the word "NAME" did you know that it actually means "AUTHORITY and CHARACTER of JESUS. Well let me know what you think. God Bless you all and He will and is continually gonna bless your ministry that truly helps bless US , the shadow folk of society.
1Thessalonians 5:17

God Bless all.....**William Newport** aka "BIBLE BILL" ☺☺☺☺ May 2019

Recent "Behind The Walls" Bill Glass Events.

In 2018 M.O.M. participated in the "Behind The Walls" events for Greater Fresno CA area event and went to Avenal, CA on May 5, 2018. M.O.M. was committed to the High Desert event in Susanville, CA on July 29, 30, 2018.Oct. 27, 2018 found M.O.M. assigned to the Chino CA prison yard for the Behind The Walls event.

May 4, 2019, M.O.M. was a part of the Bill Glass Ministry Event at Avenal State Prison at Avenal CA. Then on June 8, 2019 M.O.M. participated in the "Behind The Walls" event at "California Rehabilitation Center (CRC) in Norwalk, CA.

Update on Bob's health

Recently Bob went in for his neurologist 3 to 6 month checkup. He was told by the doctor that he did not have to come in any more. This was a surprising statemen by the doctor. When Bob asked why, the doctor replied "Because we have you fairly under control and will just keep renewing the prescription." You see, Parkinson's Disease has no cure but rather the effort is to control the symptoms. It excites Bob when he thinks of the eternal body being prepared for him. No tiredness, no pain. a perfect body to serve God. Bob is claiming the victory for God.

Miracles, Signs and Wonders

Greeting to my Brothers and Sisters of Moving On Ministry (**MOM**). My name is Chaplain George Castro, Co-Chair of Moving On Ministry and local Chapter President of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International (**FGBMFI**) in Visalia, California.

On March 2019, the Lord gave me the opportunity to go to Esteli, Nicaragua as a missionary spreading the Good News of Jesus. The Revival is an annual event and is held in March. This was the 20th anniversary of the Outreach, known as the "*Fireteam*".

This "*Fireteam*" Outreach was a prophesy spoken in 1998 in Guatemala. The prophesy predicted an "*Awakening*" in Nicaragua. This is the largest gathering of Full Gospel Brothers and Sisters on this side of the world. Around 4,000 people attend this "*Fireteam*" Outreach. Approximately 2,000 Christian Nicaraguans gather and prepare for the arrival of 2,000 visiting Christians from around the world from around 20 countries. These visiting fellow servants are from different ethnic backgrounds, speak different languages and all love God. Our Mission is to evangelize and bring in the "*Lost*" to the Kingdom of God. It is a 10-day Holy Ghost Revival.

My stay was for two weeks. This was my third visit to this Country. Of the past trips to Nicaragua, this visit was the greatest. The Holy Spirit used me mightily like never before for prayer and healings.

I was stayed with a family this time. This family had no vehicle and were very poor, but very rich in the Lord, like many other Nicaraguans. I had met this Brother in 2017 when he came to visit his son in Visalia, CA, my home town. He had informed me that he wanted me to visit his town and stay with him and his family.

My friend and his wife asked a friend of theirs if he could take them to pick me up at Augusto C. Sandino International Airport, located in Managua, the countries capital. The distance from the airport from their home was approximately 100 miles. I was picked up around 10:00 pm and started the 100 mile journey to Esteli, which would be my home for the following two weeks. The first stop was to put gasoline in the vehicle for our trip though the jungle, mountains and dark single lane dirt roads. My friend promised me he would pick me up at the airport and he did. He put all the money he had for gasoline, \$800 Córdoba's, which was equal to \$26.00 American dollars. The gasoline was about \$5.00 per liter. He paid the station attendant and we left. The fuel gauge needle marked $\frac{3}{4}$ tank full. The first sign of a miracle was that the driver was startled when the fuel gauge went to $\frac{3}{4}$ full. He said that was not normal or not even

possible. I insisted we fill the tank, but my friend said we would pray that we make it. Me of little faith, I said, “*pray*”. I insisted I had money to fill up the gas tank. I didn’t want to get stranded in the jungle.

My friend then tells me that was all the money he had to his name. Well we arrived to his home safely and had approximately 1/2 tank of gas left. I unpacked my suitcase and we ate a late dinner. After dinner, my friend was fumbling through his pockets looking for his house keys. Lord behold, my friend pulled out the same amount of money, \$800 Córdoba’s he had paid the station attendant. He and his wife started crying, the driver started crying and I started weeping with joy knowing the Lord replenished the exact amount of money my friend had paid the station attendant.

That was the second miracle. We were so spiritually high and thankful to God for this miracle. My friend then started saying that it was because we had prayed and were obedient to the Lord. He then begin to say that the reason God replenished the money is because of me. I said what do you mean it’s because of me?!! He said if he hadn’t been faithful in picking me up at the airport, this miracle would not have happened. We were overwhelmed with joy on what the Holy Spirit did that first night. We didn’t go to bed until early in the morning.

The following days were packed with many other miracles, signs and wonders. The Holy Spirit used me to pray for people and healings were brought forth. The word spread like wild fire that the man from the United States would pray for you and you would be healed.

Another real life example of a miracle healing was when a friend of mine asked me to pray for his 80 year grandmother who was bedridden for about a month from a diabetic stroke. She had no strength to live, her hearing had diminished, and she stopped eating and was not speaking anymore. I began to pray for a miraculous healing and applied Holy Oil that my wife had brought back from Israel.

The following day I spoke to her daughter who lived close to her mother. She was in tears. I was thinking maybe her mother had passed away. She told me that her mother had called her early in the morning talking to her, singing and praising the Lord, just like she used too before she had her stroke. My friend said she couldn’t believe that her mother had been healed so quickly. Three days later I visited the grandmother I prayed for and couldn’t believe what I was witnessing. A miracle right from the Throne of Heaven. She thanked me for restoring her health.

Another miracle was a visitation to a nearby hospital where I visited a young man in his 20’s who had been in a motorcycle accident due to his drinking

and driving. His wife was there at his side worried about the doctors decision of amputating his fingers, all four that had been severely damaged. I prayed a prayer of faith, Devine Healing and that he would get closer to God. After praying, his wife told me that how did I know her husband and father of her children had been running from God and his faith was weak.

A couple of days later, a group of Full Gospel prayer warriors were praying at another local hospital. The Administrator of the hospital was also the Administrator of the hospital where I had prayed for the motorcycle accident victim two days prior. The Administrator said if they had known that man from the United States who had prayed for that motorcycle patient. They told him that I was part of the Full Gospel Outreach. The Administrator said that the motorcycle victim had been released and that his fingers were healing and did not require amputation as planned.

These were just a sample on what the Holy Spirit can do when you are open to His Prayer and Healing. I can't heal a fly, but with the power of the Holy Spirit flowing through me, I witnessed firsthand Miracles, Signs and Wonders like never before.

I want thank God for giving me the opportunity to witness these miracles and healings. *Me of little faith* did God's Work in Esteli, Nicaragua. Don't never under estimate the power of the Holy Spirit even when you don't have your own power to heal. We can't heal anyone, only the Holy Spirit can. Matthew 17:20 says; He replied, *"Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."*

The total of lives **"Saved"** in the **"Fireteam"** 2019 throughout Nicaragua was a record high of 1,200,500. There were a total of 20 different sites throughout Nicaragua sending out Disciples to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ. I'm looking forward to returning to Esteli, Nicaragua next year if God wills.

God Bless You, Chaplain George Castro.

Many of you have heard of Bob and Linda’s missionary trip to Swaziland Africa in January 2006. Perhaps you even heard of the miracles witnessed by Linda. For those that have not heard, or don’t remember, I will re-tell the stories.

It was a cold overcast day in January 2006 as the bus arrived in Tulare, CA to transport the ministry volunteers to Los Angeles Airport. After a short layover, we boarded the flight to Atlanta Georgia. Another short layover and we were off for ministry in Africa with the “Dream for Africa” team.

Due to the length of the flight from Atlanta to Johannesburg and low fuel capacity, we were required to make a fuel stop on the island of Cape Verde which contained only an airport and a prison.



Lack of Respect for Pen Pals and Volunteers

From Bob: It is with sadness that we have to write this article and publish the requests of pen pals and volunteers. We lose so many volunteers due to disrespect of them by inmates. One thing that is pounded into the individuals in jail / prison ministry, is respect of the inmates. Unfortunately there are a few individuals that do not return the respect. The following letter was received from Marlene Henderson, one of our correspondence volunteers. **Chaplain Bob**

From Linda: *In our newsletter we had a pen pal that was sincerely writing back to several requests. We recently received a letter from her (Marlene) that really broke my heart as to what was written and the questions asked of her and the bad remarks written to her.* ☹️☹️☹️☹️☹️☹️

What can I say but that it is so sad that she will not be responding or writing anymore due to her receiving several letters that were similar in request content and with inappropriate language? When someone chooses to be disrespectful it sadly affects thousands and that is what has occurred here. **Linda**

From Marlene: “ Please take my address off as I am unable to accept any more pen pals but I will keep a few on my list that I already have. Most of the letters request for stamps and other requests to buy items for them of which I am not able to do so. This was only for pen pal writing. ☹️ “

“Just want you all to know that I’m not taking any new Pen-Pals and I’ve asked M.O.M. to take my address off of the newsletters. So if you get one that still has it on there, please do not write me as I will only return it. This is why:

1. You all don’t own me and I’m not yours for you to tell me who I can and cannot write to.
2. My name is not “**Write An Inmate**” so whoever gives you my address they’ve had to give you my name as well.
3. Please do not ask me to buy you items on an order form or ask me to buy books for you at my cost or to send you books of stamps.
4. Don’t ask me to hook you up with some of my friends and there’s a difference between me telling you that God gave me this Pen-Pal Ministry to write to men and women inmates and their families since Dec. 1975 of which I’ve plainly stated that when I first write to you. I’m not a dating service and I’m not a bank. Also...I do not deserve to be called filthy names because if I get another letter like that, I will send it to M.O.M. and let them deal with you.
5. I have responsibilities that I have to take care of out here in the free world. One is my health and I have other Ministry Work also not just my Pen-Pal Ministry. I’m a Sunday School Youth Teacher supporting my

granddaughter so she can get her GED classes done so she can go to school and become a nurse to provide for her and her baby.

6. Most importantly no matter what.....I will be praying for all of you.

Marlene

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These are actual quotes from some of the different incarcerated individuals. The names have been removed

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"HOPE"

A fiction by Harold Johnson

"Hurry up! Let's go!".....those were the words I heard. I awoke in a dark room. I was sleeping hard, tired from this trip. I drove from Oklahoma to Washington State, taking only a couple of naps at rest areas along the way, driving most of the way non-stop. I was headed up into Canada to travel around. I was selling Native American Bead and Artwork.

I jumped up to see what all the hollering was about as it seemed urgent. When I looked out of the motel room I saw a lot of smoke in the distance. I was like " What the heck is this?!" I turned on the T.V. real quick and there was a warning about a raging forest fire that was set by an arsonist. It was heading my way! The motel I was at was just right next to a bridge that crossed a big river. It was the only structure that was close to the bridge. There was no banging on my door by anyone to warn me of the coming danger. The motel looked deserted when I walked out of my room. Just then I watched a man and his wife squealing their tires right out of the parking lot heading over the bridge.

I looked towards the fire and smoke. It was coming fast towards the motel. Right about that time a car sped past the motel on the road going about ninety miles an hour.

I went back into my room and all of my things were there and I just knew that I did not have enough time to get it all loaded into my truck. I thought, well it might not touch motel, but, anyways I have to go! I ran to my truck and tried to start it. The starter just turned and did not start. I tried again for the next minute and yet still nothing! I decided to get out and just start running. I made it to the beginning of the bridge, turned around and I saw the biggest fire ever in my life. I ran across the bridge and there sitting in his car was a state trooper. He saw me coming. When I made it there, he said: "Where did you come from?" I said, "The motel" He said you're Lucky" I asked; "Why?". He answered, "Look." I turned around to see the fire was burning the entire motel up. I couldn't see my truck but I knew it was being destroyed. The fire never did make it across the river. I was in disbelief that everything that I traveled with was gone. I still had my life though! I took off and went down by the river bank. I looked around to see where the motel used to be and all I saw was smoke, but, it ended at the river. The fire went out around there then moved along the river until the firefighters finally put it out. Thank God no one died. A lot of property was damaged and part of the forest was destroyed, but, I was still alive!

I looked again toward the bridge and I watched the sunshine through all of the dark clouds. "HOPE" There it showed up during a dark and terrible time. The hope that this will pass and I will dust off myself and get back on track. With God all things are possible. In saying that..... "HOPE".

"HOPE" / A Fiction written by Harold Johnson.

New School Prayer

Written August 26, 2015 – Mobile, AL by a 15 year old school kid that got an A+ for this entry: The Lord's Prayer is not allowed in most US public schools any more a student in Minnesota wrote the following;

Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the rule.
For this great nation under God
Finds mention of Him very odd

They've outlawed guns, but first the
Bible
To quote the good book makes me
liable.

If scripture now the class recites
It violates the bill of Rights
And anytime my head I bow
Becomes a Federal Matter now.

We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen
And the unwed daddy is our Senior King
It's inappropriate to teach right from
wrong
We're taught that such judgements do
not belong

Our hair can be purple, orange or green,
That's no offence, it's a freedom scene
The law is specific, the law is precise
Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

We can get our condoms and birth
controls
Study witchcraft, vampires and totem
poles
But the Ten Commandments are not
allowed
No Word of God must reach this crowd.

For praying in a public hall
Might offend someone with no faith at
all
In silence we must; meditate
God's name is prohibited by the state

It's scary here I must confess
When chaos reigns the school's a mess
So, Lord, this silent plea I make:
Should I be shot, my soul please take!
AMEN

We're allowed to cuss and dress like
freaks,
And pierce our noses, tongues and
cheeks

Three Types of “Lost”

By Chaplain Bob

In reading [Luke 15](#), Christ talks of three types of lost in the parables. Each of these situations shows a different situation and a different solution.

Luke 15:1 Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.

Luke 15:2 And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

Luke 15:3 And he spake this parable unto them, saying,

Example 1

Luke 15:4 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

Luke 15:5 And when he hath found [it], he layeth [it] on his shoulders, rejoicing.

Luke 15:6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together [his] friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

Luke 15:7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Example 2

Luke 15:8 Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find [it]?

Luke 15:9 And when she hath found [it], she calleth [her] friends and [her] neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

Luke 15:10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Example 3

Luke 15:11 And he said, A certain man had two sons:

Luke 15:12 And the younger of them said to [his] father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth [to me]. And he divided unto them [his] living.

Luke 15:13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

Luke 15:14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

Luke 15:15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

Luke 15:16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

Luke 15:17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

Luke 15:18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

Luke 15:19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

Luke 15:20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

Luke 15:21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

Luke 15:22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put [it] on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on [his] feet:

Luke 15:23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill [it]; and let us eat, and be merry:

Luke 15:24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Luke 15:25 Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing.

Luke 15:26 And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.

Luke 15:27 And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.

Luke 15:28 And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him.

Luke 15:29 And he answering said to [his] father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy

commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:

Luke 15:30 But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.

Luke 15:31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.

Luke 15:32 It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

Example 1

The sheep realize they are lost, but do not know how to find their way back. The getting lost was a process of going on a path that was the wrong way or getting so far out, they did not know the way back. Remember, the Word says that the sheep was part of the flock and then went astray.

The sheep will be heard crying out to be found and will want to return to the safety of the flock and the shepherd's care. In this case, it takes a shepherd to go out and find the sheep and bring it back home.

An example of this sheep would be the individual that cries out for a "shepherd" to come to him and help him return to the flock. This is an individual that was in the flock and wandered away.

Example 2

The coin does not know it is lost and does not try to find its way back. The coin does not cry out. This example is where something was either dropped or was misplaced. If the coin was not in a secure place, it is easy for it to become lost.

In this example, the only remedy was to go out and check every nook, cranny and corner, cleaning the environment until the coin is found. Once it is found, there is no discussion with the coin, because it knows nothing,

but rather the master picks up the coin and carries it back to where it should be for safety.

The coin did not get lost of its own desire or actions, but rather got lost because of lack of proper care by its keeper. This is a common example of parents that do not follow God's word in **Ephesians 6:4, "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord"**

In this example, it was actually the master keeper of the coins that had done wrong, thus resulting in the coin being lost. The keeper realizes that one coin is missing and checks everywhere with a full cleaning of his environment around him, to find the lost coin. Then when found, the coin is brought home and the neighbors are notified to join in with the rejoicing.

When talking about "one sinner that repenteth," is the scripture referring to the coin? The coin has no knowledge of its location or condition. The scripture actually is referring to the one that lost the coin, and diligently searched to find the lost coin.

Sometimes, these lost coins are our own loved ones and children. Do we perform the cleaning of the environment as we search to recover the "coin?" How often do we invite the "neighbors" to rejoice with us when one of our "coins" is found and returns home? Or do we just ignore and hide the "lost and found" situations in our life, being in denial of the true situation?

Example 3

In the example of the prodigal son, he got to where he was lost by his own doing. He recognizes that he does not have a blessed or abundant life. The son knows he is lost and decides to go back on his own. This "lost" is usually the most common type of lost. This is where an individual intentionally goes a wrong path (different than the sheep example) and has to hit rock bottom, to realize that he is lost. In this example, you will notice that the father did not go out and try to persuade the son to come back. The father did not become the answer or provider for the son while he was lost. The father did not enable the situation. Rather the father continued to pray for the son, and when the son was so down, that the only way he had to turn (not as a son, but as a servant) was to the father, then the son, of his own accord, decided to go to the father, to fill the position of a servant. Notice that when the Father saw the son coming, he greeted him with open, loving arms.

Too often, when dealing with a "lost son" the parent tries to replace God. The parent, to solve the situations, instead of requiring the son to seek God for answers, unknowingly does intervening. Had the father in the example, gone out to the son when the son was lost, the son would not have returned with the humble spirit of a servant. Without the humbling spirit, there would be no repentance, and without repentance, there is no forgiveness. This demonstrates the "coming to Christ" of our own free will and deciding to totally give ourselves to Him with a servant attitude.