dropped it in the dirt or stuck in the tractor tines or anywhere he was at. Nothing<sup>(1)</sup>..... Stressing now.

Well it is now almost five o'clock..... got to go. Praying minimum all the way home in my mind that no matter what ..... things will get taken care off. I did not want to put more stress on Bob about wallet so I tried to keep quiet so as not to put stress on him. Okay we will have to cancel credit cards n go to DMV and get Bob's ID renewed at the Lemoore Naval Base. (2)(2)(2). We get home and Bob checks messages on phone. "Hello this message is for Bob I found your wallet and would like to get it to you." OH MY GOSH!!!!!! WHAT!?!?!? At 11AM the next day a young lady "happened" to be going to see her mom for the day and just stopped for couple minutes to get her little girl out of car as the winding roads were a bit much for her. When she got off she found the wallet!!!! She went to her mom's and called from there so we called and we ended up meeting her at 8:30 pm that same night as she was going back home to Coalinga! That is 100 miles away from the mountain property and 65 miles from Visalia!! Almost like triangle distance for all three cities. We spoke to her for a while and so blessed and thankful  $\textcircled{\odot}$  that she was the one that found it. Of course rewarded her for all she did. It was a miracle that she was put in that path for sure. I bet her mom is very proud of her. God Bless you Kylee. Not a coincidence... A Blessing.

Okay so Chaplain Bob goes back to the hills few days later again in the 2. "Rugged Road Rage Jeep" (as I call it) @@@ pulling a small trailer. He left early as it takes hour and a half to drive there. I could not go as I had doctor appointment. I get a call few hours later from Bob that he is stuck on side of the road COO with a flat tire. (:). He called from his cellphone but how did that happen?!?! Usually we can't get cell reception in most area there in the mountains.???? Hhhmmm?? Okay so I get into the truck and picked up my sister-in-law and take the jack which was

not in the Jeep (:)(:) from Visalia to where he was stranded. We find Bob and pick him up so we go to the Tollhouse property to get a Jeep tire from the barn. Here we go back up to where Jeep and trailer are. The Jeep has right front tire all shredded. Many of you all are aware that my husband, Chaplain Bob, has Parkinson's and it is more noticeable now. Well he still likes to take charge and take care of things himself  $\Box \oplus$  a few cars passed us going slow then a big white suburban slowed and three guys stopped and asked if we needed help. I immediately put my hands like in prayer mode and nodded my head and whispered loud  $\square \textcircled{G} \square \textcircled{G} \square \textcircled{G}$  "yes please, please" They pulled over and immediately took tire off n put the other on and we all talked about where we were from n come to find out the father and son were related to my sister-in-law!!!!! She had not seen them in years n years! Now they are connected to contacts for the family. Wow that was a blessing for them all. They were chatting away and sharing memories  $\widehat{\mathbb{W}}^{\odot}$ then while they were talking the other gentleman tells Bob that he looked familiar. Hhmmnn. This man rides motorcycles in with Bill Glass Ministry Events to prisons and has Ministry also in Fresno....aahhhh well Meet Chaplain Bob that does the same!!! 

COINCIDENCE ?!? I DON'T THINK SO! prepared for us all. AMEN AND AMEN

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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.

Watch our website www.MovingOnMinistry.com

We are also affiliated with International Prison Fellowship www.PrisonMinistry.net/movingon

# 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.

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# 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.PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY \*\*\*\*\*

# 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." \*\*\*\*\*

# Sharing Your Testimony

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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

For those of you that communicate with individuals that have computer access,

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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 vou may download. www.MovingOnMinistry.com

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?"

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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.

Because we don't get paid doesn't mean it's free. We need support for expenses for supplies, paper, printing, stamps and envelopes. It really helps out so much. God Bless vou all.

done to thank Him for what He had done for them. (Exodus 23:14) "While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not erase." (Genesis 8:22)(NASB) God said this after He promised to never flood the earth again. So until the day that Jesus returns, the earth will always yield it's harvest.

In the Sermon on the Mount, one of the things that Jesus talked about was the Beatitudes. Each one of them starts with the word "blessed." (Matthew 5:3-12) They are designed to teach all believers, how we are to act and how God is going to bless us. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 1:3) (ESV) Paul is teaching that anyone who is in the Lord will be blessed by Him. Verse 7 "Yes, God will bless us, and people all over the world will fear Him."

Ezekiel 34:26 says "I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing: and I will cause showers to come down in their season, there shall be showers of blessing." (NKJV) The word "showers" does not simply mean the rain that comes down to water the earth. It also means the blessings that God gives to His children. There is a song lyric that goes as our prayers go up, the blessings come down. All believers need to realize this. The Bible even says that when we give our tithes to the Lord, He will pour down blessing upon us. (Malachi 3:10) Most people assume that tithing is giving money to the church, but, in reality, it can be our time and our works as well.

The word "fear" is used in this verse as a form of reverence. God promised the people of Israel that He would be with them and they did not need to fear. (Isaiah 41:10) In this verse, fear means to be afraid. But when the Lord is with us, we do not need to be afraid of our enemies. Peter wrote "Show proper respect to everyone. Love the brotherhood of brother, fear God, honor our King."(1 Peter 2:17) (NIV) The believer's fear of God is where they are showing Him respect and giving Him the honor and praise that He is due. This is something that all believers should be doing. BY JAMES BRICKER

All scripture is quoted from the New Living Translation (NLT) unless otherwise noted:

KJV King James Version

NKJV New King James Version New International Version NIV

ESV English Standard Version

NASB New American Standard Bible

## Day To Day Blessings

1. This is a story about a double blessing. Chaplain Bob and I went to the mountain = property as his usual activities to do some of the cleanup of the tall weeds and work on the tractors and stuff and start getting ground leveling for a storage building. Okay so we go up in the evening stop to get some snacks. I drove the rest of the way and stop at one parking lot at Humphrey Station Restaurant so he sees something with paperwork so he opens the door for light. We get to house at 9:30pm. Tired  $\bigcirc$ . Next day he is using the small tractor discing around area. We start to get ready to leave at 2pm. I get all the things we need to be ready and Chaplain Bob asks me if I have his wallet??? Uhhh no don't you have it? He replies "No". Okay I go inside the 😭 house and search every nook and cranny. No 😳 luck . I go walking around all of area to see if he might have

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This verse is another example of where something is repeated. It means that it is important for us to learn. Paul wrote that praise cannot come from men but only from God. (Romans 2:29) In Revelation 19:5, the Bible says, "Then a voice came from the throne, saying "Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, both small and great!"(NIV) Even though this was heard in heaven, it should also be heard on earth today. All those who believe should be praising Him all the time. The children of God make up His holy nation and as such, we should be giving Him the praise that he deserves.

Verse 4 "Let the whole world sing for joy because You govern the nations with justice and guide the people of the whole world."

Nehemiah led a group of Israelites to Jerusalem when they were held in captivity in Babylon. "Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."(ESV) This is found in Nehemiah 8:10. He said this to the people after he had read them the law. When believers are living in the joy of the Lord, we are able to find strength. (Ephesians 3:18) It is available through the love that God has for all those who are part of His family. We should be joyful for the love.

Isaiah wrote that when Christ comes, the government would be upon His shoulders. (Isaiah 9:6) The Jewish leaders did not fully understand this. They assumed that when the Messiah came, He would reign over them as their king. The problem is that Jesus first had to come to save the world from sin. That is why He came the first time. When He comes for the second time, He will reign over the world. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body, and be thankful." (Colossians 3:15) (NASB) Jesus will not only rule over all believers, but He will also rule our lives.

Verse 5 "May the nation praise You, O God, yes, may all the nations praise You."

This verse is identical to verse 3. That means that it is very important for us to learn. Therefore all the nations of the earth should be giving Him the praise that He is due. Ephesians 1:6 states "To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved."(KJV) Through His great love that He has for all of His children, we are accepted in His sight. This was achieved by the blood that Jesus shed on the cross. We should be always praising God for this. It does no matter if they are going through a good time or through a rough patch. Paul even wrote that we can count it as a blessing when we suffer for Christ's sake. (Philippians 1:27-30) In our times of suffering, we should be still giving God praise.

All praise that is given to God is special to Him. Churches will sing songs of praise to Him as a form of praise. When the people of Israel left Egypt, they sang a song of praise to God. (Exodu 15) They were thanking God for rescuing them. "Seven times a day, I praise You, because of Your righteous judgments. "(NKJV) This is found in Psalm 119:164. We should be praising the Lord all the time because of all that He has done for us.

Verse 6 "Then the earth will yield it's harvest, and God, our God, will richly bless us."

The Jewish people celebrated two festivals called The Feast of the Harvest and The Feast of the Ingathering. Both of these were done to celebrate the harvest. The Lord wanted the Israelites to give Him the first portion of the harvest as a tithe to Him. It was

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(Note from Beatriz, what an encouraging letter  $\ensuremath{\textcircled{}{\odot}}$  ) (Beatriz typed up letter)

Hi! I hope this letter will find you all blessed and fruitful in all that you set out to do in Christ Jesus. I hope and pray Psalm 91: 10 - 11, "No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; for he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all his ways." For you M.O.M.  $\odot$ 

I am doing well and thankful that this whole institution where I am currently serving my time, is Covid – 19 free. Thanks to God<sup>©</sup> Thank you for keeping me on your mailing list and always letting me know that I am thought of and prayed for on my birthdays!

It has been approximately sixteen (16) years that I have had the honor of receiving your mail, (*newsletter published since Oct. 2003*). I remember my first letter to you, crying out about me being alone with no one to write me, and by the grace of God you have been with me every step of the way. During mail call 99.9% my name gets called, it comforts me when I get the envelope containing the letters from M.O.M. ©

The world is changing and many in here, as I am sure outside are losing their grip on commands of love God and love thy neighbor, as a result of the Covid–19 restrictions on our freedom.

All that is going on, makes me think of Matthew 24 – of the signs of the coming of our Lord Jesus. He says in part that it will be like the flood of Noah's time, when the floods came and took everyone by surprise.

I thank the Lord for the laborers whom he has sent into his harvest. I thank the Lord for you, Moving On Ministry.

While in here, I have been constructive with my time. I have been attending college courses and working on receiving my AA degree in business and Anthropology. I believe the Lord is going to use me and I am cultivating in my mind. I do not know how or where He will use me, but I must gird up the loins of my mind right. ©©

To me since I have been getting closer to my release date, the thought of getting out of prison is intimidating to me. I had become homeless toward the end of my time before my arrest, and I'm sure that I will go back to that when I am released. But to be honest, I am not absolutely certain of that projected outcome. I knew that it is just a thought that crosses my mind whenever I pay attention to the rearview mirror of my life. Just touching bases with you a little bit, and I guess that I am also venting somewhat. ©

Well, wonderful family in Christ of Moving On Ministry. I will close for now. You are always in my prayers. IN CHRIST JESUS. KEN HERNANDEZ © ©

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 Verse 1 "May God be merciful and bless us, may His Face smile with favor upon us." The title of this Psalm is "Make Your Face Shine Upon Us." It is by an unknown author. When the Israelites were in the wilderness, God told Moses that no one was able to see His Face because then they would die. (Exodus 33:20) The reason is that due to their sinful nature, no one is able to see the Lord in all His Glory. On the day that Jesus returns, all believers will be given new bodies like the one that Jesus has. "When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you will also be revealed with Him in Glory." (Colossians 3:4) (NASB) Not only have we received these new bodies, we will be able to see God in all His Glory.

"For I will be merciful to the unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds, I will remember no more."(NKJV) This is found in Hebrews 8:12. The Lord is merciful to all those who have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. He has even promised to remember their sins no more. Because He sent Jesus to die on the cross as the perfect sacrifice, He is able to do this. The Lord told Moses to tell the people that He would bless them and keep them. (Number 6:24) Those whom the Lord has blessed will receive His Mercy.

There is a saying that a smile can light up a whole room. It may have started in order to life the spirits of people who are in a bad mood. In the book of Proverbs, it states that a good man will obtain favor from God. (Proverbs 12:2a) God grants all of His children favor because He loves them. Genesis 6:8 says "But Noah found favor in the Eyes of the Lord." (ESV) Noah is just one example of God smiling with favor on those whom He loves.

Verse 2 "May Your ways be known throughout the earth, Your saving power among people everywhere."

Wherever people look, they are able to see the power of God in everything around them. This is due to the fact that He is the Creator of everything. "He is the rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He." (Deuteronomy 32:4) (NIV) This is the reason why all believers should be telling others about the wonders of God's powers. Then they will be brought into His family and be under His love. Jesus told the disciples to make disciples of all the nations. (Matthew 28:19)

The Lord sent His Son, Jesus, to save people from their sin. "For the Son of man came to save that which is lost."(KJV) Jesus said this in Matthew 18:11. Due to the disobedience of Adam, all of mankind is lost in sin. Paul wrote that the wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23) Since God is holy, He is not able to abide in the presence of sin. Jesus did not have any sin in Him which is why He is able to save people from their sin.

Verse 3 "May the nations praise You, O God, yes, may all nations praise You." In this verse, the word nations can also mean people. When people or nations are praising God, they are giving Him glory and honor. The prophet Isaiah had a vision where he saw seraphim, which are a type of angel. "And one called at another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory." (Isaiah 6:2)(NASB) all believers should be saying the same thing. We are to tell others of His glory and of His wonderful deeds. (1 Chronicles 16:24) This is just one way that the children of God can give Him praise.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth.(Luke 2:14)

Dear Moving On Ministry family,

Merry Christmas, this Christmas as you consider all the awesome things that have come to you through Jesus/ God's perfect gift. Remember that this is a taste of all the good things that are yet to come.

I trust and pray that you continue to be blessed. It's a great joy each and every time I hear from you. Your fellowship continues to be a great joy and inspiration.

Despite this year being a year we'd like to forget but will always be remembered. I'm still going to have joy. Jesus is love. It was the loving circle of a family that first brought Christmas to our world. As we celebrate Christmas, it's still family that's at the heart of it all.

So saints of the most high know you're loved. Have a wonderful time with your loved ones. As we enter into a new year, remember, better than counting your years is to make all your years to count, Jesus is the reason we celebrate the season. May the timeless message of Christmas fill your hearts with joy and May God continue to bless you richly.

Love you, Carroll Watkins

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A FATHER'S PLEA by David Lewis

With my two sons and the times I missed. I daily think about this rather long list. From their dad's bad choices - please learn I say! And I'm so thankful they have taken - a better way. Things happen for a reason, and this is true – the Lord knew the solution – and it was now due. To wake me up as I had stepped off this path – these years verses Eternity just do the math. Graduations and weddings they all went by - as the bed in a prison cell – did I lie. Grandkids were born, so beautiful today – I missed it all and the price I pay. The youth of my sons and all the time we spent - the pictures I have and all the places we went. The Lord had His plan and this I say - all of these memories would be so vital one day. My example was poor, but you overcame, honor was brought to the family name. I am who I am, imperfection and all. To believe me or not - you make the call. A family they have and for this I'm glad – to take up the slack for their Absent Dad. My own way I tried and I went so low – and it took me to a place you never want to go. Pity nor Pride is not my goal - but in dark places tried to shine a soul. Walk the talk is the way I live - and how I go - to God be the Glory just so you will know. Perfection is not here but one day it will, to be like Him is how I yield. God sees the big picture and I see the small. He knows what is best when He makes the call. I stepped off the path, but I'm back to stay, and this will be shown – day by day. What will they think, I have no clue, To my two sons - HOW I LOVE YOU! To Justin, Jordan Lewis - and family. Written by Your Dad.

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M.O.M. Thanks for the Birthday letter & wishes. I pray that you all are safe out there and pointing others to the Cross of Christ for salvation. These are trying times and we know what Jesus says about these days in Matthew 24, Luke 21 & Mark 13. Our duty is not to worry but to share the message of Him and His Love for this decaying world. May the peace of Christ be your strength. 1Peter 2:9-12. In Christ Jesus,

Timmie Lee Fletcher.

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VERSES TO PONDER Submitted by **John Fordley**. Thank you John. © Matthew 5:14 - You are the Light of the World. Luke 1:37 - For with God nothing shall be impossible. 1Corinthians 13:4 -Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

#### <u>Give Me Courage</u> Submitted by John Fordley.

Oh give me courage Lord today to face what comes along. Give me faith and Love I need to fill each day with song. Oh, give me courage Lord to follow in Thy Way. Help me to do what I should do and hear me when I pray. Oh give me courage Lord today and strength to do Thy Will. Lead me and guide me Precious Lord for I need Thy Presence still. Oh give me courage Lord today. Come wash away my pain. Thou are my Master, Lord and King and ever shall remain.

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POEM FROM AUTHOR: ERNIE SANSON, (GREAT WORK ©)

If God had a wallet your picture would be in it. If He had a refrigerator, your photo would be on it. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Face it Beatriz, He is crazy about you!

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"The Unknown Soldier" By Richard Edward Weire, May 27, 2020

Each passing day gets longer than the last. Dreams of freedom from a very haunted past. Illness, Disease, Violence and Death..... I am sentenced to the wastelands where all... The Gladiators ..... will one day rest.

Scenarios of stabbings and brutality... Separates me from life's free world reality. Get up, smoke, eat and then go.... The hardships of my days you could never know.

Days turn to weeks, months turn to years... And many days of loneliness filled with tears. I am the Unknown Soldier society has scorned. I am the imprisoned. I am the soul of the unborn.

I am down but I am not slain. I will rise to one day fight again. I often wonder into the late of the night... A vision of beauty without any lights.

A dream of you with no sun shining thru. And all that I have is all that I'm after. Take a look into the mind of the soldier unknown.

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 points to remember regarding clothes fitting properly, posture, facial expressions etc..etc...etc...anyway it made a big difference in their lives about themselves and how they relate to others. There were many tears as sadness was being transformed into hope before my eyes. They realized that, yes indeed, God loved them and that they really were God's children and He never let go of us but we let go of God. Thank you Jesus!

When we read His truth, it gives us hope and strength to give up our baggage at His feet. We ask Jesus to forgive us, believe it and live a life that glorifies our Lord. We must know for a fact, 100% that we are a royal priesthood and must act upon it accordingly. II Peter 2:9-17. Sadly so many people go to church to leave their burdens at the altar to only go back at the end of the service to pick up their garbage and drag it back out again. They believe the filthy lies that were told to them and cannot see for they are blind to the truth. Their eyes, ears and heart are closed to the truth when all they have known is "you're no good", "no one will ever want you", "you make me sick", "you'll never amount to anything", "I hate you", "you're a nobody", "how could anyone love you after what you've done?" and the list goes on and on....Men and women are treated as the world sees them today because that is what you hear on commercials and books:"Take charge of your life", "dog eat dog to survive in this world", "Take home the bacon or you are nothing". I've got news for you.....

.....Yes, you can make a difference in your life by your choice of allowing the Holy Spirit to guide you in all you do and say. Give up everything, surrender all to Jesus Christ our Lord so you may LIVE. Allow God to work in your lives and guit working against Him. No more garbage in garbage out mentality. Once you allow the Holy Spirit to work in your heart and believe and trust that it is for real then you better get your seatbelt fastened and get ready for the ride of your life. God will open doors and prepare you the way for grand adventures that we could not even imagine. Along the way we might fall and that is where the Lords reminds us that He is the driving force and we must show love and obedience and get back up and go another step....Never, Never, Never give up! You can do it. When we see another brother or sister fall we must show love and encouragement to them. Have you ever prayed for patience? Well, I suggest you pray for "unconditional love" instead. Really! It makes a huge difference. Realize that you have to have respect for yourself and "forgive yourself" because when you asked for repentance and asked Jesus into your heart you were forgiven!!!!! Ephesians 6:10. One of our downfalls is that we do not believe because "Pride" has a hold on you after all who could love us after what we did?? Another attack of the enemy of our souls.

PEOPLE....Listen to me>>>>

Sometimes we are not aware that the enemy is attacking. The devil is like a roaring lion that prowls around looking to see who he can devour. He is a liar and a thief of joy and tears down family and relationships. I Peter 5:8

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was still hurting but more than ever I was aware of who I was In Christ. A human being and not that monster I made of myself. For me the hardest thing get rid of was the pride and that ego. Once I got rid of those two things my change begin to occur. I no longer had the need to prove something to others. I didn't blame God for the bad things that happened to me. It wasn't easy but God has been there for me all the way. He picks me up when I am down, when I feel that I'm not worthy of Him and His mercy. When I feel my heart empty He fills me with that Love that only He can give. Well I am going to end this letter here. Once again thank you all. God bless you. Love, H.A. Mendoza.

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Note From Sister Linda Reprint from March 20, 2010

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Just want to share a bit of encouragement with you all. I have read letters of great joy, happiness and hope in people's lives as responses come back after reading the "Letter From M.O.M. Newsletter.

I thank God for my husband that he is faithful in this ministry. Bob can be found daily in the computer room updating or adding to the coming month's newsletter if he is not up in the hills taking care of the property maintenance or out at the jail facility or prison."

As I read the letters of joy I also come across some individuals that tell of their testimonies of the saddest situations and of how God has brought them to know that all things are possible with God. When resentment, bitterness and anger take hold of a person's heart it is shown by actions and words that cut right through the heart which is just another ploy of the enemy to destroy you and your relationships. I know that pain, bitterness, anger, rage and sadness, that was so overwhelming in my life that I just wanted to end it all since I was very young. I am here today because Jesus died on the cross for me to LIVE and I want to share this hope with you too.

I used to model for Frenchy Stafford Modeling School when I first came to Visalia 20 years ago. I could not afford the fees so Frenchy asked me if I would like to exchange cleaning her house for her.

Yes! was my quick response not knowing at the time that God had sent her to me for encouragement that would help me see and understand others and situations in a different light. It made a difference in my life for my self esteem and was a great aid for me to speak in public. Frenchy took her time to do a one on one session with me and before I knew it I was modeling at several of the malls, Tulare County Fair, singing and fill in as MC when she was unable to do it. It takes one simple act of kindness and the love of God that shines through you when you know the Master. I thank God for Frenchy, may she rest in peace.

One of the eye opening experiences I had was when I had the opportunity at my old church to have the young ladies from some of the group homes to model leisure, summer, and glamour and work attire. I met with the ladies, had them write down some

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 I've come to understand where I lay my head is home.

So now I no longer waste my hate... And somehow I've adapted to what has become my fate. But despite the days, weeks, months and years alone... I know that God will one day call me home

Care to know more of the man behind the poem? Then write at: Richard Weire #C-082615, Florida State Prison (M/U), P.O. Box 800, Raiford, FL 32083

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# HISTORY MAKER

September 2020

You are a history maker! Your life is making history today. The question is.... Who are You making history for? Every action, everything you do Everything you think and say Every least motive .....are recorded in God's Book ..... To Make Your History! We all say many things and appear to be what We want others to think of us but: What does your history reveal of the real you? When God opens The Book of Life: When we stand before Him one day..... What will He read? What will HIS Book sav? What Did You Do Each Day Making Your History? The choice is yours? Choose wisely how You ...... Write Your History! By: Glenn E. Manus

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## Fulfilling His Calling

Many have heard the phrase **"Where God Guides, He provides.**" We have been providing service for His Word for over 19 years (Started M.O.M. started April 2001}.

We have mentioned that the reason to go into ministry is not for the money. Our "pay grade" is way below that of Jesus. Jesus, who never drew a salary or got paid for doing ministry.

We are often asked how much we get paid. We reply that we don't get paid.. They reply, then you do it for free? Our response is that we wished it was free. We actually pay to present God's plan. Our payment that often comes years later is individuals coming into the family of God. But then, what greater gift or payment is there?

As we look at the out of pocket expense, we often ask God if this is where he wants us to be. We say, "GOD, YOU ARE NOT PROVIDING," God replies, "Have I not provided the locations for your meetings and for your programs?" YES GDD, THAT IS TRUE, God replies, "Have I not provided the inmates to attend services and do the correspondence with?" YES GOD AGAIN YOU ARE THERE. God asks ""Do I get you to and from your destinations?" AGAIN YOU ARE FAITHFUL GOD. God asks "Did I not give you the Bible for a map of life? YES GOD, THAT HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL, God asks ""Did I give you the greatest gift I could give, namely my son Jesus Christ, so that you can receive salvation." GDD, TRULY THERE IS NO GREATER GIFT. God, I guess that actually it is finances that worry me. 'Freely ye have received, freely also give. GOD I DON'T UNDERSTAND. "GOD REPLIED THAT WHEN YOU WERE SEEKING A CAREER, YOU WANTED TO GO TO SEMINARY AND GET INTO MINISTRY. I HAD YOU LEARN A SECULAR JOB SO YOU COULD HAVE FINANCIAL SECURITY IN THE FUTURE AND NOT HAVE TO TAKE OUT OF THE FUNDING OF THE MINISTRY.

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In looking at expenses, we often see the cost but don't realize the return.

Bryon with **CENTRAL VALLEY WHOLESALE LIQUIDATORS**, Visalia, CA. donated 12 reams of printer paper to print the 350 copies (68 pages each in half page format – 17 sheets each) of the **Volume 110 Newsletter** for mailing and donated another 12 reams to print additional 50 copies of the **newsletter** to be mailed out and printing 20 of the full size newsletters to be handed out. Also printing 40 copies of the 72 page list of **Resources** (half page format). Value of the donated paper is \$ 144.00.

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Purchased toner for printouts was \$ 68.18

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# 6 X 9 envelopes cost \$ 87.65.

Postage for mailing the 350 copies of Volume 110 newsletters was \$ 490.00 (Postage was \$ 1.40 each).

This one mailing had a cost of \$ 789.63 - our highest cost single day mailing.

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Our main concern is with the increasing costs and decreasing income. Most of the expenses are handled by Chaplain Bob and Sister Linda from their retirement checks. We have several of our volunteers that donate. Occasionally we have an inmate or two donate towards the mailing of the List of Resources (Donation now suggested at \$4.00).

We thought that M.O.M. would be closing its doors and its P.O. Box. But God came through,

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Due to so much going on with the Covid-19, I got behind on some of the mail but had to share part of this letter: God is doing amazing things in this man's life and had to share as I truly believe that many will be so encouraged and not give up like Horacio. God Bless you all. Thank you for sharing Horacio.

Dear M.O.M. Bob and Linda and volunteers.

I hope that this letter finds you and loved ones in the best of health. That God is keeping you and everyone safe during this time. I want to thank you all for the letters. I do appreciate what you do for us inmates.

.....(private conversation for us not added....but more continued) I believe I can now think in a better light is because of my Lord and Savior. ..... I know that prisoners have flaws and beliefs but what I have experienced these past seven years are a miracle and God's Grace. God has opened my heart and mind to see what He has done for me. I know that we are doubtful at times and this doubt makes us do the wrong things. Because we rely on our own understanding and not God's. We let our mind wander and we get in trouble (sin) but God has done a lot for me. I am at peace with myself and the actions that led me down this path. It doesn't mean that I don't have regrets, not at all. What it means is that I have learned to make choices that are pleasing to God. It means that I take full responsibility for my actions. That my love for God is greater than anything else. For many years I thought that what I was doing was the right thing. The pain inside of me wouldn't let me see clear. was a prideful person vet I was hurting inside. I didn't know why I was hurting and in pain. I was mad at God and at myself for all the things that were happening in my life, but.....God freed me of all that pain and I began to heal.

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dropped it in the dirt or stuck in the tractor tines or anywhere he was at. Nothing<sup>(1)</sup>..... Stressing now.

Well it is now almost five o'clock..... got to go. Praying minimum all the way home in my mind that no matter what ..... things will get taken care off. I did not want to put more stress on Bob about wallet so I tried to keep quiet so as not to put stress on him. Okay we will have to cancel credit cards n go to DMV and get Bob's ID renewed at the Lemoore Naval Base. (2)(2)(2). We get home and Bob checks messages on phone. "Hello this message is for Bob I found your wallet and would like to get it to you." OH MY GOSH!!!!!! WHAT!?!?!? At 11AM the next day a young lady "happened" to be going to see her mom for the day and just stopped for couple minutes to get her little girl out of car as the winding roads were a bit much for her. When she got off she found the wallet!!!! She went to her mom's and called from there so we called and we ended up meeting her at 8:30 pm that same night as she was going back home to Coalinga! That is 100 miles away from the mountain property and 65 miles from Visalia!! Almost like triangle distance for all three cities. We spoke to her for a while and so blessed and thankful  $\textcircled{\odot}$  that she was the one that found it. Of course rewarded her for all she did. It was a miracle that she was put in that path for sure. I bet her mom is very proud of her. God Bless you Kylee. Not a coincidence... A Blessing.

Okay so Chaplain Bob goes back to the hills few days later again in the 2. "Rugged Road Rage Jeep" (as I call it) @@@ pulling a small trailer. He left early as it takes hour and a half to drive there. I could not go as I had doctor appointment. I get a call few hours later from Bob that he is stuck on side of the road COO with a flat tire. (:). He called from his cellphone but how did that happen?!?! Usually we can't get cell reception in most area there in the mountains.???? Hhhmmm?? Okay so I get into the truck and picked up my sister-in-law and take the jack which was

not in the Jeep (:)(:) from Visalia to where he was stranded. We find Bob and pick him up so we go to the Tollhouse property to get a Jeep tire from the barn. Here we go back up to where Jeep and trailer are. The Jeep has right front tire all shredded. Many of you all are aware that my husband, Chaplain Bob, has Parkinson's and it is more noticeable now. Well he still likes to take charge and take care of things himself  $\Box \oplus$  a few cars passed us going slow then a big white suburban slowed and three guys stopped and asked if we needed help. I immediately put my hands like in prayer mode and nodded my head and whispered loud  $\square \textcircled{G} \square \textcircled{G} \square \textcircled{G}$  "yes please, please" They pulled over and immediately took tire off n put the other on and we all talked about where we were from n come to find out the father and son were related to my sister-in-law!!!!! She had not seen them in years n years! Now they are connected to contacts for the family. Wow that was a blessing for them all. They were chatting away and sharing memories  $\widehat{\mathbb{W}}^{\odot}$ then while they were talking the other gentleman tells Bob that he looked familiar. Hhmmnn. This man rides motorcycles in with Bill Glass Ministry Events to prisons and has Ministry also in Fresno....aahhhh well Meet Chaplain Bob that does the same!!! ARR + + + AR

COINCIDENCE ?!? I DON'T THINK SO! prepared for us all. AMEN AND AMEN

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# "Letter From M.O.M."

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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.

Watch our website www.MovingOnMinistry.com

We are also affiliated with International Prison Fellowship www.PrisonMinistry.net/movingon

# 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.

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# 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.PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY \*\*\*\*\*

# 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." \*\*\*\*\*

# Sharing Your Testimony

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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

For those of you that communicate with individuals that have computer access,

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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 vou may download. www.MovingOnMinistry.com

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?"

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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.

Because we don't get paid doesn't mean it's free. We need support for expenses for supplies, paper, printing, stamps and envelopes. It really helps out so much. God Bless vou all.

done to thank Him for what He had done for them. (Exodus 23:14) "While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not erase." (Genesis 8:22)(NASB) God said this after He promised to never flood the earth again. So until the day that Jesus returns, the earth will always yield it's harvest.

In the Sermon on the Mount, one of the things that Jesus talked about was the Beatitudes. Each one of them starts with the word "blessed." (Matthew 5:3-12) They are designed to teach all believers, how we are to act and how God is going to bless us. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 1:3) (ESV) Paul is teaching that anyone who is in the Lord will be blessed by Him. Verse 7 "Yes, God will bless us, and people all over the world will fear Him."

Ezekiel 34:26 says "I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing: and I will cause showers to come down in their season, there shall be showers of blessing." (NKJV) The word "showers" does not simply mean the rain that comes down to water the earth. It also means the blessings that God gives to His children. There is a song lyric that goes as our prayers go up, the blessings come down. All believers need to realize this. The Bible even says that when we give our tithes to the Lord, He will pour down blessing upon us. (Malachi 3:10) Most people assume that tithing is giving money to the church, but, in reality, it can be our time and our works as well.

The word "fear" is used in this verse as a form of reverence. God promised the people of Israel that He would be with them and they did not need to fear. (Isaiah 41:10) In this verse, fear means to be afraid. But when the Lord is with us, we do not need to be afraid of our enemies. Peter wrote "Show proper respect to everyone. Love the brotherhood of brother, fear God, honor our King."(1 Peter 2:17) (NIV) The believer's fear of God is where they are showing Him respect and giving Him the honor and praise that He is due. This is something that all believers should be doing. BY JAMES BRICKER

All scripture is quoted from the New Living Translation (NLT) unless otherwise noted:

KJV King James Version

NKJV New King James Version New International Version NIV

ESV English Standard Version

NASB New American Standard Bible

## Day To Day Blessings

1. This is a story about a double blessing. Chaplain Bob and I went to the mountain = property as his usual activities to do some of the cleanup of the tall weeds and work on the tractors and stuff and start getting ground leveling for a storage building. Okay so we go up in the evening stop to get some snacks. I drove the rest of the way and stop at one parking lot at Humphrey Station Restaurant so he sees something with paperwork so he opens the door for light. We get to house at 9:30pm. Tired  $\bigcirc$ . Next day he is using the small tractor discing around area. We start to get ready to leave at 2pm. I get all the things we need to be ready and Chaplain Bob asks me if I have his wallet??? Uhhh no don't you have it? He replies "No". Okay I go inside the 😭 house and search every nook and cranny. No 😳 luck . I go walking around all of area to see if he might have

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This verse is another example of where something is repeated. It means that it is important for us to learn. Paul wrote that praise cannot come from men but only from God. (Romans 2:29) In Revelation 19:5, the Bible says, "Then a voice came from the throne, saying "Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, both small and great!"(NIV) Even though this was heard in heaven, it should also be heard on earth today. All those who believe should be praising Him all the time. The children of God make up His holy nation and as such, we should be giving Him the praise that he deserves.

Verse 4 "Let the whole world sing for joy because You govern the nations with justice and guide the people of the whole world."

Nehemiah led a group of Israelites to Jerusalem when they were held in captivity in Babylon. "Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."(ESV) This is found in Nehemiah 8:10. He said this to the people after he had read them the law. When believers are living in the joy of the Lord, we are able to find strength. (Ephesians 3:18) It is available through the love that God has for all those who are part of His family. We should be joyful for the love.

Isaiah wrote that when Christ comes, the government would be upon His shoulders. (Isaiah 9:6) The Jewish leaders did not fully understand this. They assumed that when the Messiah came, He would reign over them as their king. The problem is that Jesus first had to come to save the world from sin. That is why He came the first time. When He comes for the second time, He will reign over the world. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body, and be thankful." (Colossians 3:15) (NASB) Jesus will not only rule over all believers, but He will also rule our lives.

Verse 5 "May the nation praise You, O God, yes, may all the nations praise You."

This verse is identical to verse 3. That means that it is very important for us to learn. Therefore all the nations of the earth should be giving Him the praise that He is due. Ephesians 1:6 states "To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved."(KJV) Through His great love that He has for all of His children, we are accepted in His sight. This was achieved by the blood that Jesus shed on the cross. We should be always praising God for this. It does no matter if they are going through a good time or through a rough patch. Paul even wrote that we can count it as a blessing when we suffer for Christ's sake. (Philippians 1:27-30) In our times of suffering, we should be still giving God praise.

All praise that is given to God is special to Him. Churches will sing songs of praise to Him as a form of praise. When the people of Israel left Egypt, they sang a song of praise to God. (Exodu 15) They were thanking God for rescuing them. "Seven times a day, I praise You, because of Your righteous judgments. "(NKJV) This is found in Psalm 119:164. We should be praising the Lord all the time because of all that He has done for us.

Verse 6 "Then the earth will yield it's harvest, and God, our God, will richly bless us."

The Jewish people celebrated two festivals called The Feast of the Harvest and The Feast of the Ingathering. Both of these were done to celebrate the harvest. The Lord wanted the Israelites to give Him the first portion of the harvest as a tithe to Him. It was

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# PSALMS 67

(Note from Beatriz, what an encouraging letter  $\ensuremath{\textcircled{}{\odot}}$  ) (Beatriz typed up letter)

Hi! I hope this letter will find you all blessed and fruitful in all that you set out to do in Christ Jesus. I hope and pray Psalm 91: 10 - 11, "No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; for he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all his ways." For you M.O.M.  $\odot$ 

I am doing well and thankful that this whole institution where I am currently serving my time, is Covid – 19 free. Thanks to God<sup>©</sup> Thank you for keeping me on your mailing list and always letting me know that I am thought of and prayed for on my birthdays!

It has been approximately sixteen (16) years that I have had the honor of receiving your mail, (*newsletter published since Oct. 2003*). I remember my first letter to you, crying out about me being alone with no one to write me, and by the grace of God you have been with me every step of the way. During mail call 99.9% my name gets called, it comforts me when I get the envelope containing the letters from M.O.M. ©

The world is changing and many in here, as I am sure outside are losing their grip on commands of love God and love thy neighbor, as a result of the Covid–19 restrictions on our freedom.

All that is going on, makes me think of Matthew 24 – of the signs of the coming of our Lord Jesus. He says in part that it will be like the flood of Noah's time, when the floods came and took everyone by surprise.

I thank the Lord for the laborers whom he has sent into his harvest. I thank the Lord for you, Moving On Ministry.

While in here, I have been constructive with my time. I have been attending college courses and working on receiving my AA degree in business and Anthropology. I believe the Lord is going to use me and I am cultivating in my mind. I do not know how or where He will use me, but I must gird up the loins of my mind right. ©©

To me since I have been getting closer to my release date, the thought of getting out of prison is intimidating to me. I had become homeless toward the end of my time before my arrest, and I'm sure that I will go back to that when I am released. But to be honest, I am not absolutely certain of that projected outcome. I knew that it is just a thought that crosses my mind whenever I pay attention to the rearview mirror of my life. Just touching bases with you a little bit, and I guess that I am also venting somewhat. ©

Well, wonderful family in Christ of Moving On Ministry. I will close for now. You are always in my prayers. IN CHRIST JESUS. KEN HERNANDEZ © ©

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 Verse 1 "May God be merciful and bless us, may His Face smile with favor upon us." The title of this Psalm is "Make Your Face Shine Upon Us." It is by an unknown author. When the Israelites were in the wilderness, God told Moses that no one was able to see His Face because then they would die. (Exodus 33:20) The reason is that due to their sinful nature, no one is able to see the Lord in all His Glory. On the day that Jesus returns, all believers will be given new bodies like the one that Jesus has. "When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you will also be revealed with Him in Glory." (Colossians 3:4) (NASB) Not only have we received these new bodies, we will be able to see God in all His Glory.

"For I will be merciful to the unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds, I will remember no more."(NKJV) This is found in Hebrews 8:12. The Lord is merciful to all those who have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. He has even promised to remember their sins no more. Because He sent Jesus to die on the cross as the perfect sacrifice, He is able to do this. The Lord told Moses to tell the people that He would bless them and keep them. (Number 6:24) Those whom the Lord has blessed will receive His Mercy.

There is a saying that a smile can light up a whole room. It may have started in order to life the spirits of people who are in a bad mood. In the book of Proverbs, it states that a good man will obtain favor from God. (Proverbs 12:2a) God grants all of His children favor because He loves them. Genesis 6:8 says "But Noah found favor in the Eyes of the Lord." (ESV) Noah is just one example of God smiling with favor on those whom He loves.

Verse 2 "May Your ways be known throughout the earth, Your saving power among people everywhere."

Wherever people look, they are able to see the power of God in everything around them. This is due to the fact that He is the Creator of everything. "He is the rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He." (Deuteronomy 32:4) (NIV) This is the reason why all believers should be telling others about the wonders of God's powers. Then they will be brought into His family and be under His love. Jesus told the disciples to make disciples of all the nations. (Matthew 28:19)

The Lord sent His Son, Jesus, to save people from their sin. "For the Son of man came to save that which is lost."(KJV) Jesus said this in Matthew 18:11. Due to the disobedience of Adam, all of mankind is lost in sin. Paul wrote that the wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23) Since God is holy, He is not able to abide in the presence of sin. Jesus did not have any sin in Him which is why He is able to save people from their sin.

Verse 3 "May the nations praise You, O God, yes, may all nations praise You." In this verse, the word nations can also mean people. When people or nations are praising God, they are giving Him glory and honor. The prophet Isaiah had a vision where he saw seraphim, which are a type of angel. "And one called at another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory." (Isaiah 6:2)(NASB) all believers should be saying the same thing. We are to tell others of His glory and of His wonderful deeds. (1 Chronicles 16:24) This is just one way that the children of God can give Him praise.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth.(Luke 2:14)

Dear Moving On Ministry family,

Merry Christmas, this Christmas as you consider all the awesome things that have come to you through Jesus/ God's perfect gift. Remember that this is a taste of all the good things that are yet to come.

I trust and pray that you continue to be blessed. It's a great joy each and every time I hear from you. Your fellowship continues to be a great joy and inspiration.

Despite this year being a year we'd like to forget but will always be remembered. I'm still going to have joy. Jesus is love. It was the loving circle of a family that first brought Christmas to our world. As we celebrate Christmas, it's still family that's at the heart of it all.

So saints of the most high know you're loved. Have a wonderful time with your loved ones. As we enter into a new year, remember, better than counting your years is to make all your years to count, Jesus is the reason we celebrate the season. May the timeless message of Christmas fill your hearts with joy and May God continue to bless you richly.

Love you, Carroll Watkins

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A FATHER'S PLEA by David Lewis

With my two sons and the times I missed. I daily think about this rather long list. From their dad's bad choices - please learn I say! And I'm so thankful they have taken - a better way. Things happen for a reason, and this is true – the Lord knew the solution – and it was now due. To wake me up as I had stepped off this path – these years verses Eternity just do the math. Graduations and weddings they all went by - as the bed in a prison cell – did I lie. Grandkids were born, so beautiful today – I missed it all and the price I pay. The youth of my sons and all the time we spent - the pictures I have and all the places we went. The Lord had His plan and this I say - all of these memories would be so vital one day. My example was poor, but you overcame, honor was brought to the family name. I am who I am, imperfection and all. To believe me or not - you make the call. A family they have and for this I'm glad – to take up the slack for their Absent Dad. My own way I tried and I went so low – and it took me to a place you never want to go. Pity nor Pride is not my goal - but in dark places tried to shine a soul. Walk the talk is the way I live - and how I go - to God be the Glory just so you will know. Perfection is not here but one day it will, to be like Him is how I yield. God sees the big picture and I see the small. He knows what is best when He makes the call. I stepped off the path, but I'm back to stay, and this will be shown – day by day. What will they think, I have no clue, To my two sons - HOW I LOVE YOU! To Justin, Jordan Lewis - and family. Written by Your Dad.

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M.O.M. Thanks for the Birthday letter & wishes. I pray that you all are safe out there and pointing others to the Cross of Christ for salvation. These are trying times and we know what Jesus says about these days in Matthew 24, Luke 21 & Mark 13. Our duty is not to worry but to share the message of Him and His Love for this decaying world. May the peace of Christ be your strength. 1Peter 2:9-12. In Christ Jesus,

Timmie Lee Fletcher.

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VERSES TO PONDER Submitted by **John Fordley**. Thank you John. © Matthew 5:14 - You are the Light of the World. Luke 1:37 - For with God nothing shall be impossible. 1Corinthians 13:4 -Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

#### <u>Give Me Courage</u> Submitted by John Fordley.

Oh give me courage Lord today to face what comes along. Give me faith and Love I need to fill each day with song. Oh, give me courage Lord to follow in Thy Way. Help me to do what I should do and hear me when I pray. Oh give me courage Lord today and strength to do Thy Will. Lead me and guide me Precious Lord for I need Thy Presence still. Oh give me courage Lord today. Come wash away my pain. Thou are my Master, Lord and King and ever shall remain.

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POEM FROM AUTHOR: ERNIE SANSON, (GREAT WORK ©)

If God had a wallet your picture would be in it. If He had a refrigerator, your photo would be on it. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Face it Beatriz, He is crazy about you!

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"The Unknown Soldier" By Richard Edward Weire, May 27, 2020

Each passing day gets longer than the last. Dreams of freedom from a very haunted past. Illness, Disease, Violence and Death..... I am sentenced to the wastelands where all... The Gladiators ..... will one day rest.

Scenarios of stabbings and brutality... Separates me from life's free world reality. Get up, smoke, eat and then go.... The hardships of my days you could never know.

Days turn to weeks, months turn to years... And many days of loneliness filled with tears. I am the Unknown Soldier society has scorned. I am the imprisoned. I am the soul of the unborn.

I am down but I am not slain. I will rise to one day fight again. I often wonder into the late of the night... A vision of beauty without any lights.

A dream of you with no sun shining thru. And all that I have is all that I'm after. Take a look into the mind of the soldier unknown.

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 points to remember regarding clothes fitting properly, posture, facial expressions etc..etc...etc...anyway it made a big difference in their lives about themselves and how they relate to others. There were many tears as sadness was being transformed into hope before my eyes. They realized that, yes indeed, God loved them and that they really were God's children and He never let go of us but we let go of God. Thank you Jesus!

When we read His truth, it gives us hope and strength to give up our baggage at His feet. We ask Jesus to forgive us, believe it and live a life that glorifies our Lord. We must know for a fact, 100% that we are a royal priesthood and must act upon it accordingly. II Peter 2:9-17. Sadly so many people go to church to leave their burdens at the altar to only go back at the end of the service to pick up their garbage and drag it back out again. They believe the filthy lies that were told to them and cannot see for they are blind to the truth. Their eyes, ears and heart are closed to the truth when all they have known is "you're no good", "no one will ever want you", "you make me sick", "you'll never amount to anything", "I hate you", "you're a nobody", "how could anyone love you after what you've done?" and the list goes on and on....Men and women are treated as the world sees them today because that is what you hear on commercials and books:"Take charge of your life", "dog eat dog to survive in this world", "Take home the bacon or you are nothing". I've got news for you.....

.....Yes, you can make a difference in your life by your choice of allowing the Holy Spirit to guide you in all you do and say. Give up everything, surrender all to Jesus Christ our Lord so you may LIVE. Allow God to work in your lives and guit working against Him. No more garbage in garbage out mentality. Once you allow the Holy Spirit to work in your heart and believe and trust that it is for real then you better get your seatbelt fastened and get ready for the ride of your life. God will open doors and prepare you the way for grand adventures that we could not even imagine. Along the way we might fall and that is where the Lords reminds us that He is the driving force and we must show love and obedience and get back up and go another step....Never, Never, Never give up! You can do it. When we see another brother or sister fall we must show love and encouragement to them. Have you ever prayed for patience? Well, I suggest you pray for "unconditional love" instead. Really! It makes a huge difference. Realize that you have to have respect for yourself and "forgive yourself" because when you asked for repentance and asked Jesus into your heart you were forgiven!!!!! Ephesians 6:10. One of our downfalls is that we do not believe because "Pride" has a hold on you after all who could love us after what we did?? Another attack of the enemy of our souls.

PEOPLE....Listen to me>>>>

Sometimes we are not aware that the enemy is attacking. The devil is like a roaring lion that prowls around looking to see who he can devour. He is a liar and a thief of joy and tears down family and relationships. I Peter 5:8

Read your Map Of Life: THE BIBLE In Christ Jesus Linda

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was still hurting but more than ever I was aware of who I was In Christ. A human being and not that monster I made of myself. For me the hardest thing get rid of was the pride and that ego. Once I got rid of those two things my change begin to occur. I no longer had the need to prove something to others. I didn't blame God for the bad things that happened to me. It wasn't easy but God has been there for me all the way. He picks me up when I am down, when I feel that I'm not worthy of Him and His mercy. When I feel my heart empty He fills me with that Love that only He can give. Well I am going to end this letter here. Once again thank you all. God bless you. Love, H.A. Mendoza.

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Note From Sister Linda Reprint from March 20, 2010

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Just want to share a bit of encouragement with you all. I have read letters of great joy, happiness and hope in people's lives as responses come back after reading the "Letter From M.O.M. Newsletter.

I thank God for my husband that he is faithful in this ministry. Bob can be found daily in the computer room updating or adding to the coming month's newsletter if he is not up in the hills taking care of the property maintenance or out at the jail facility or prison."

As I read the letters of joy I also come across some individuals that tell of their testimonies of the saddest situations and of how God has brought them to know that all things are possible with God. When resentment, bitterness and anger take hold of a person's heart it is shown by actions and words that cut right through the heart which is just another ploy of the enemy to destroy you and your relationships. I know that pain, bitterness, anger, rage and sadness, that was so overwhelming in my life that I just wanted to end it all since I was very young. I am here today because Jesus died on the cross for me to LIVE and I want to share this hope with you too.

I used to model for Frenchy Stafford Modeling School when I first came to Visalia 20 years ago. I could not afford the fees so Frenchy asked me if I would like to exchange cleaning her house for her.

Yes! was my quick response not knowing at the time that God had sent her to me for encouragement that would help me see and understand others and situations in a different light. It made a difference in my life for my self esteem and was a great aid for me to speak in public. Frenchy took her time to do a one on one session with me and before I knew it I was modeling at several of the malls, Tulare County Fair, singing and fill in as MC when she was unable to do it. It takes one simple act of kindness and the love of God that shines through you when you know the Master. I thank God for Frenchy, may she rest in peace.

One of the eye opening experiences I had was when I had the opportunity at my old church to have the young ladies from some of the group homes to model leisure, summer, and glamour and work attire. I met with the ladies, had them write down some

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 I've come to understand where I lay my head is home.

So now I no longer waste my hate... And somehow I've adapted to what has become my fate. But despite the days, weeks, months and years alone... I know that God will one day call me home

Care to know more of the man behind the poem? Then write at: Richard Weire #C-082615, Florida State Prison (M/U), P.O. Box 800, Raiford, FL 32083

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# HISTORY MAKER

September 2020

You are a history maker! Your life is making history today. The question is.... Who are You making history for? Every action, everything you do Everything you think and say Every least motive .....are recorded in God's Book ..... To Make Your History! We all say many things and appear to be what We want others to think of us but: What does your history reveal of the real you? When God opens The Book of Life: When we stand before Him one day..... What will He read? What will HIS Book sav? What Did You Do Each Day Making Your History? The choice is yours? Choose wisely how You ...... Write Your History! By: Glenn E. Manus

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## Fulfilling His Calling

Many have heard the phrase **"Where God Guides, He provides.**" We have been providing service for His Word for over 19 years (Started M.O.M. started April 2001}.

We have mentioned that the reason to go into ministry is not for the money. Our "pay grade" is way below that of Jesus. Jesus, who never drew a salary or got paid for doing ministry.

We are often asked how much we get paid. We reply that we don't get paid.. They reply, then you do it for free? Our response is that we wished it was free. We actually pay to present God's plan. Our payment that often comes years later is individuals coming into the family of God. But then, what greater gift or payment is there?

As we look at the out of pocket expense, we often ask God if this is where he wants us to be. We say, "GOD, YOU ARE NOT PROVIDING," God replies, "Have I not provided the locations for your meetings and for your programs?" YES GDD, THAT IS TRUE, God replies, "Have I not provided the inmates to attend services and do the correspondence with?" YES GOD AGAIN YOU ARE THERE. God asks ""Do I get you to and from your destinations?" AGAIN YOU ARE FAITHFUL GOD. God asks "Did I not give you the Bible for a map of life? YES GOD, THAT HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL, God asks ""Did I give you the greatest gift I could give, namely my son Jesus Christ, so that you can receive salvation." GDD, TRULY THERE IS NO GREATER GIFT. God, I guess that actually it is finances that worry me. 'Freely ye have received, freely also give. GOD I DON'T UNDERSTAND. "GOD REPLIED THAT WHEN YOU WERE SEEKING A CAREER, YOU WANTED TO GO TO SEMINARY AND GET INTO MINISTRY. I HAD YOU LEARN A SECULAR JOB SO YOU COULD HAVE FINANCIAL SECURITY IN THE FUTURE AND NOT HAVE TO TAKE OUT OF THE FUNDING OF THE MINISTRY.

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In looking at expenses, we often see the cost but don't realize the return.

Bryon with **CENTRAL VALLEY WHOLESALE LIQUIDATORS**, Visalia, CA. donated 12 reams of printer paper to print the 350 copies (68 pages each in half page format – 17 sheets each) of the **Volume 110 Newsletter** for mailing and donated another 12 reams to print additional 50 copies of the **newsletter** to be mailed out and printing 20 of the full size newsletters to be handed out. Also printing 40 copies of the 72 page list of **Resources** (half page format). Value of the donated paper is \$ 144.00.

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Purchased toner for printouts was \$ 68.18

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# 6 X 9 envelopes cost \$ 87.65.

Postage for mailing the 350 copies of Volume 110 newsletters was \$ 490.00 (Postage was \$ 1.40 each).

This one mailing had a cost of \$ 789.63 - our highest cost single day mailing.

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Our main concern is with the increasing costs and decreasing income. Most of the expenses are handled by Chaplain Bob and Sister Linda from their retirement checks. We have several of our volunteers that donate. Occasionally we have an inmate or two donate towards the mailing of the List of Resources (Donation now suggested at \$4.00).

We thought that M.O.M. would be closing its doors and its P.O. Box. But God came through,

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Due to so much going on with the Covid-19, I got behind on some of the mail but had to share part of this letter: God is doing amazing things in this man's life and had to share as I truly believe that many will be so encouraged and not give up like Horacio. God Bless you all. Thank you for sharing Horacio.

Dear M.O.M. Bob and Linda and volunteers.

I hope that this letter finds you and loved ones in the best of health. That God is keeping you and everyone safe during this time. I want to thank you all for the letters. I do appreciate what you do for us inmates.

.....(private conversation for us not added....but more continued) I believe I can now think in a better light is because of my Lord and Savior. ..... I know that prisoners have flaws and beliefs but what I have experienced these past seven years are a miracle and God's Grace. God has opened my heart and mind to see what He has done for me. I know that we are doubtful at times and this doubt makes us do the wrong things. Because we rely on our own understanding and not God's. We let our mind wander and we get in trouble (sin) but God has done a lot for me. I am at peace with myself and the actions that led me down this path. It doesn't mean that I don't have regrets, not at all. What it means is that I have learned to make choices that are pleasing to God. It means that I take full responsibility for my actions. That my love for God is greater than anything else. For many years I thought that what I was doing was the right thing. The pain inside of me wouldn't let me see clear. was a prideful person vet I was hurting inside. I didn't know why I was hurting and in pain. I was mad at God and at myself for all the things that were happening in my life, but.....God freed me of all that pain and I began to heal.

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dropped it in the dirt or stuck in the tractor tines or anywhere he was at. Nothing<sup>(1)</sup>..... Stressing now.

Well it is now almost five o'clock..... got to go. Praying minimum all the way home in my mind that no matter what ..... things will get taken care off. I did not want to put more stress on Bob about wallet so I tried to keep quiet so as not to put stress on him. Okay we will have to cancel credit cards n go to DMV and get Bob's ID renewed at the Lemoore Naval Base. (2)(2)(2). We get home and Bob checks messages on phone. "Hello this message is for Bob I found your wallet and would like to get it to you." OH MY GOSH!!!!!! WHAT!?!?!? At 11AM the next day a young lady "happened" to be going to see her mom for the day and just stopped for couple minutes to get her little girl out of car as the winding roads were a bit much for her. When she got off she found the wallet!!!! She went to her mom's and called from there so we called and we ended up meeting her at 8:30 pm that same night as she was going back home to Coalinga! That is 100 miles away from the mountain property and 65 miles from Visalia!! Almost like triangle distance for all three cities. We spoke to her for a while and so blessed and thankful  $\textcircled{\odot}$  that she was the one that found it. Of course rewarded her for all she did. It was a miracle that she was put in that path for sure. I bet her mom is very proud of her. God Bless you Kylee. Not a coincidence... A Blessing.

Okay so Chaplain Bob goes back to the hills few days later again in the 2. "Rugged Road Rage Jeep" (as I call it) @@@ pulling a small trailer. He left early as it takes hour and a half to drive there. I could not go as I had doctor appointment. I get a call few hours later from Bob that he is stuck on side of the road COO with a flat tire. (:). He called from his cellphone but how did that happen?!?! Usually we can't get cell reception in most area there in the mountains.???? Hhhmmm?? Okay so I get into the truck and picked up my sister-in-law and take the jack which was

not in the Jeep (:)(:) from Visalia to where he was stranded. We find Bob and pick him up so we go to the Tollhouse property to get a Jeep tire from the barn. Here we go back up to where Jeep and trailer are. The Jeep has right front tire all shredded. Many of you all are aware that my husband, Chaplain Bob, has Parkinson's and it is more noticeable now. Well he still likes to take charge and take care of things himself  $\Box \oplus$  a few cars passed us going slow then a big white suburban slowed and three guys stopped and asked if we needed help. I immediately put my hands like in prayer mode and nodded my head and whispered loud  $\square \textcircled{G} \square \textcircled{G} \square \textcircled{G}$  "yes please, please" They pulled over and immediately took tire off n put the other on and we all talked about where we were from n come to find out the father and son were related to my sister-in-law!!!!! She had not seen them in years n years! Now they are connected to contacts for the family. Wow that was a blessing for them all. They were chatting away and sharing memories  $\widehat{\mathbb{W}} \odot \square \widehat{\mathbb{G}}$  okay then while they were talking the other gentleman tells Bob that he looked familiar. Hhmmnn. This man rides motorcycles in with Bill Glass Ministry Events to prisons and has Ministry also in Fresno....aahhhh well Meet Chaplain Bob that does the same!!! ARR + + + AR

COINCIDENCE ?!? I DON'T THINK SO! prepared for us all. AMEN AND AMEN

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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.

Watch our website www.MovingOnMinistry.com

We are also affiliated with International Prison Fellowship www.PrisonMinistry.net/movingon

# 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.

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# 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.PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY \*\*\*\*\*

# 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." \*\*\*\*\*

# Sharing Your Testimony

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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

For those of you that communicate with individuals that have computer access,

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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 vou may download. www.MovingOnMinistry.com

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?"

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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.

Because we don't get paid doesn't mean it's free. We need support for expenses for supplies, paper, printing, stamps and envelopes. It really helps out so much. God Bless vou all.

done to thank Him for what He had done for them. (Exodus 23:14) "While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not erase." (Genesis 8:22)(NASB) God said this after He promised to never flood the earth again. So until the day that Jesus returns, the earth will always yield it's harvest.

In the Sermon on the Mount, one of the things that Jesus talked about was the Beatitudes. Each one of them starts with the word "blessed." (Matthew 5:3-12) They are designed to teach all believers, how we are to act and how God is going to bless us. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 1:3) (ESV) Paul is teaching that anyone who is in the Lord will be blessed by Him. Verse 7 "Yes, God will bless us, and people all over the world will fear Him."

Ezekiel 34:26 says "I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing: and I will cause showers to come down in their season, there shall be showers of blessing." (NKJV) The word "showers" does not simply mean the rain that comes down to water the earth. It also means the blessings that God gives to His children. There is a song lyric that goes as our prayers go up, the blessings come down. All believers need to realize this. The Bible even says that when we give our tithes to the Lord, He will pour down blessing upon us. (Malachi 3:10) Most people assume that tithing is giving money to the church, but, in reality, it can be our time and our works as well.

The word "fear" is used in this verse as a form of reverence. God promised the people of Israel that He would be with them and they did not need to fear. (Isaiah 41:10) In this verse, fear means to be afraid. But when the Lord is with us, we do not need to be afraid of our enemies. Peter wrote "Show proper respect to everyone. Love the brotherhood of brother, fear God, honor our King."(1 Peter 2:17) (NIV) The believer's fear of God is where they are showing Him respect and giving Him the honor and praise that He is due. This is something that all believers should be doing. BY JAMES BRICKER

All scripture is quoted from the New Living Translation (NLT) unless otherwise noted:

KJV King James Version

NKJV New King James Version New International Version NIV

ESV English Standard Version

NASB New American Standard Bible

## Day To Day Blessings

1. This is a story about a double blessing. Chaplain Bob and I went to the mountain = property as his usual activities to do some of the cleanup of the tall weeds and work on the tractors and stuff and start getting ground leveling for a storage building. Okay so we go up in the evening stop to get some snacks. I drove the rest of the way and stop at one parking lot at Humphrey Station Restaurant so he sees something with paperwork so he opens the door for light. We get to house at 9:30pm. Tired  $\bigcirc$ . Next day he is using the small tractor discing around area. We start to get ready to leave at 2pm. I get all the things we need to be ready and Chaplain Bob asks me if I have his wallet??? Uhhh no don't you have it? He replies "No". Okay I go inside the 😭 house and search every nook and cranny. No 😳 luck . I go walking around all of area to see if he might have

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This verse is another example of where something is repeated. It means that it is important for us to learn. Paul wrote that praise cannot come from men but only from God. (Romans 2:29) In Revelation 19:5, the Bible says, "Then a voice came from the throne, saying "Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, both small and great!"(NIV) Even though this was heard in heaven, it should also be heard on earth today. All those who believe should be praising Him all the time. The children of God make up His holy nation and as such, we should be giving Him the praise that he deserves.

Verse 4 "Let the whole world sing for joy because You govern the nations with justice and guide the people of the whole world."

Nehemiah led a group of Israelites to Jerusalem when they were held in captivity in Babylon. "Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."(ESV) This is found in Nehemiah 8:10. He said this to the people after he had read them the law. When believers are living in the joy of the Lord, we are able to find strength. (Ephesians 3:18) It is available through the love that God has for all those who are part of His family. We should be joyful for the love.

Isaiah wrote that when Christ comes, the government would be upon His shoulders. (Isaiah 9:6) The Jewish leaders did not fully understand this. They assumed that when the Messiah came, He would reign over them as their king. The problem is that Jesus first had to come to save the world from sin. That is why He came the first time. When He comes for the second time, He will reign over the world. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body, and be thankful." (Colossians 3:15) (NASB) Jesus will not only rule over all believers, but He will also rule our lives.

Verse 5 "May the nation praise You, O God, yes, may all the nations praise You."

This verse is identical to verse 3. That means that it is very important for us to learn. Therefore all the nations of the earth should be giving Him the praise that He is due. Ephesians 1:6 states "To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved."(KJV) Through His great love that He has for all of His children, we are accepted in His sight. This was achieved by the blood that Jesus shed on the cross. We should be always praising God for this. It does no matter if they are going through a good time or through a rough patch. Paul even wrote that we can count it as a blessing when we suffer for Christ's sake. (Philippians 1:27-30) In our times of suffering, we should be still giving God praise.

All praise that is given to God is special to Him. Churches will sing songs of praise to Him as a form of praise. When the people of Israel left Egypt, they sang a song of praise to God. (Exodu 15) They were thanking God for rescuing them. "Seven times a day, I praise You, because of Your righteous judgments. "(NKJV) This is found in Psalm 119:164. We should be praising the Lord all the time because of all that He has done for us.

Verse 6 "Then the earth will yield it's harvest, and God, our God, will richly bless us."

The Jewish people celebrated two festivals called The Feast of the Harvest and The Feast of the Ingathering. Both of these were done to celebrate the harvest. The Lord wanted the Israelites to give Him the first portion of the harvest as a tithe to Him. It was

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# PSALMS 67

(Note from Beatriz, what an encouraging letter  $\ensuremath{\textcircled{}{\odot}}$  ) (Beatriz typed up letter)

Hi! I hope this letter will find you all blessed and fruitful in all that you set out to do in Christ Jesus. I hope and pray Psalm 91: 10 - 11, "No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; for he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all his ways." For you M.O.M.  $\odot$ 

I am doing well and thankful that this whole institution where I am currently serving my time, is Covid – 19 free. Thanks to God<sup>©</sup> Thank you for keeping me on your mailing list and always letting me know that I am thought of and prayed for on my birthdays!

It has been approximately sixteen (16) years that I have had the honor of receiving your mail, (*newsletter published since Oct. 2003*). I remember my first letter to you, crying out about me being alone with no one to write me, and by the grace of God you have been with me every step of the way. During mail call 99.9% my name gets called, it comforts me when I get the envelope containing the letters from M.O.M. ©

The world is changing and many in here, as I am sure outside are losing their grip on commands of love God and love thy neighbor, as a result of the Covid–19 restrictions on our freedom.

All that is going on, makes me think of Matthew 24 – of the signs of the coming of our Lord Jesus. He says in part that it will be like the flood of Noah's time, when the floods came and took everyone by surprise.

I thank the Lord for the laborers whom he has sent into his harvest. I thank the Lord for you, Moving On Ministry.

While in here, I have been constructive with my time. I have been attending college courses and working on receiving my AA degree in business and Anthropology. I believe the Lord is going to use me and I am cultivating in my mind. I do not know how or where He will use me, but I must gird up the loins of my mind right. ©©

To me since I have been getting closer to my release date, the thought of getting out of prison is intimidating to me. I had become homeless toward the end of my time before my arrest, and I'm sure that I will go back to that when I am released. But to be honest, I am not absolutely certain of that projected outcome. I knew that it is just a thought that crosses my mind whenever I pay attention to the rearview mirror of my life. Just touching bases with you a little bit, and I guess that I am also venting somewhat. ©

Well, wonderful family in Christ of Moving On Ministry. I will close for now. You are always in my prayers. IN CHRIST JESUS. KEN HERNANDEZ © ©

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 Verse 1 "May God be merciful and bless us, may His Face smile with favor upon us." The title of this Psalm is "Make Your Face Shine Upon Us." It is by an unknown author. When the Israelites were in the wilderness, God told Moses that no one was able to see His Face because then they would die. (Exodus 33:20) The reason is that due to their sinful nature, no one is able to see the Lord in all His Glory. On the day that Jesus returns, all believers will be given new bodies like the one that Jesus has. "When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you will also be revealed with Him in Glory." (Colossians 3:4) (NASB) Not only have we received these new bodies, we will be able to see God in all His Glory.

"For I will be merciful to the unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds, I will remember no more."(NKJV) This is found in Hebrews 8:12. The Lord is merciful to all those who have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. He has even promised to remember their sins no more. Because He sent Jesus to die on the cross as the perfect sacrifice, He is able to do this. The Lord told Moses to tell the people that He would bless them and keep them. (Number 6:24) Those whom the Lord has blessed will receive His Mercy.

There is a saying that a smile can light up a whole room. It may have started in order to life the spirits of people who are in a bad mood. In the book of Proverbs, it states that a good man will obtain favor from God. (Proverbs 12:2a) God grants all of His children favor because He loves them. Genesis 6:8 says "But Noah found favor in the Eyes of the Lord." (ESV) Noah is just one example of God smiling with favor on those whom He loves.

Verse 2 "May Your ways be known throughout the earth, Your saving power among people everywhere."

Wherever people look, they are able to see the power of God in everything around them. This is due to the fact that He is the Creator of everything. "He is the rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He." (Deuteronomy 32:4) (NIV) This is the reason why all believers should be telling others about the wonders of God's powers. Then they will be brought into His family and be under His love. Jesus told the disciples to make disciples of all the nations. (Matthew 28:19)

The Lord sent His Son, Jesus, to save people from their sin. "For the Son of man came to save that which is lost."(KJV) Jesus said this in Matthew 18:11. Due to the disobedience of Adam, all of mankind is lost in sin. Paul wrote that the wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23) Since God is holy, He is not able to abide in the presence of sin. Jesus did not have any sin in Him which is why He is able to save people from their sin.

Verse 3 "May the nations praise You, O God, yes, may all nations praise You." In this verse, the word nations can also mean people. When people or nations are praising God, they are giving Him glory and honor. The prophet Isaiah had a vision where he saw seraphim, which are a type of angel. "And one called at another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory." (Isaiah 6:2)(NASB) all believers should be saying the same thing. We are to tell others of His glory and of His wonderful deeds. (1 Chronicles 16:24) This is just one way that the children of God can give Him praise.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth.(Luke 2:14)

Dear Moving On Ministry family,

Merry Christmas, this Christmas as you consider all the awesome things that have come to you through Jesus/ God's perfect gift. Remember that this is a taste of all the good things that are yet to come.

I trust and pray that you continue to be blessed. It's a great joy each and every time I hear from you. Your fellowship continues to be a great joy and inspiration.

Despite this year being a year we'd like to forget but will always be remembered. I'm still going to have joy. Jesus is love. It was the loving circle of a family that first brought Christmas to our world. As we celebrate Christmas, it's still family that's at the heart of it all.

So saints of the most high know you're loved. Have a wonderful time with your loved ones. As we enter into a new year, remember, better than counting your years is to make all your years to count, Jesus is the reason we celebrate the season. May the timeless message of Christmas fill your hearts with joy and May God continue to bless you richly.

Love you, Carroll Watkins

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A FATHER'S PLEA by David Lewis

With my two sons and the times I missed. I daily think about this rather long list. From their dad's bad choices - please learn I say! And I'm so thankful they have taken - a better way. Things happen for a reason, and this is true – the Lord knew the solution – and it was now due. To wake me up as I had stepped off this path – these years verses Eternity just do the math. Graduations and weddings they all went by - as the bed in a prison cell – did I lie. Grandkids were born, so beautiful today – I missed it all and the price I pay. The youth of my sons and all the time we spent - the pictures I have and all the places we went. The Lord had His plan and this I say - all of these memories would be so vital one day. My example was poor, but you overcame, honor was brought to the family name. I am who I am, imperfection and all. To believe me or not - you make the call. A family they have and for this I'm glad – to take up the slack for their Absent Dad. My own way I tried and I went so low – and it took me to a place you never want to go. Pity nor Pride is not my goal - but in dark places tried to shine a soul. Walk the talk is the way I live - and how I go - to God be the Glory just so you will know. Perfection is not here but one day it will, to be like Him is how I yield. God sees the big picture and I see the small. He knows what is best when He makes the call. I stepped off the path, but I'm back to stay, and this will be shown – day by day. What will they think, I have no clue, To my two sons - HOW I LOVE YOU! To Justin, Jordan Lewis - and family. Written by Your Dad.

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M.O.M. Thanks for the Birthday letter & wishes. I pray that you all are safe out there and pointing others to the Cross of Christ for salvation. These are trying times and we know what Jesus says about these days in Matthew 24, Luke 21 & Mark 13. Our duty is not to worry but to share the message of Him and His Love for this decaying world. May the peace of Christ be your strength. 1Peter 2:9-12. In Christ Jesus,

Timmie Lee Fletcher.

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VERSES TO PONDER Submitted by **John Fordley**. Thank you John. © Matthew 5:14 - You are the Light of the World. Luke 1:37 - For with God nothing shall be impossible. 1Corinthians 13:4 -Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

#### <u>Give Me Courage</u> Submitted by John Fordley.

Oh give me courage Lord today to face what comes along. Give me faith and Love I need to fill each day with song. Oh, give me courage Lord to follow in Thy Way. Help me to do what I should do and hear me when I pray. Oh give me courage Lord today and strength to do Thy Will. Lead me and guide me Precious Lord for I need Thy Presence still. Oh give me courage Lord today. Come wash away my pain. Thou are my Master, Lord and King and ever shall remain.

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POEM FROM AUTHOR: ERNIE SANSON, (GREAT WORK ©)

If God had a wallet your picture would be in it. If He had a refrigerator, your photo would be on it. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Face it Beatriz, He is crazy about you!

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"The Unknown Soldier" By Richard Edward Weire, May 27, 2020

Each passing day gets longer than the last. Dreams of freedom from a very haunted past. Illness, Disease, Violence and Death..... I am sentenced to the wastelands where all... The Gladiators ..... will one day rest.

Scenarios of stabbings and brutality... Separates me from life's free world reality. Get up, smoke, eat and then go.... The hardships of my days you could never know.

Days turn to weeks, months turn to years... And many days of loneliness filled with tears. I am the Unknown Soldier society has scorned. I am the imprisoned. I am the soul of the unborn.

I am down but I am not slain. I will rise to one day fight again. I often wonder into the late of the night... A vision of beauty without any lights.

A dream of you with no sun shining thru. And all that I have is all that I'm after. Take a look into the mind of the soldier unknown.

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 points to remember regarding clothes fitting properly, posture, facial expressions etc..etc...etc...anyway it made a big difference in their lives about themselves and how they relate to others. There were many tears as sadness was being transformed into hope before my eyes. They realized that, yes indeed, God loved them and that they really were God's children and He never let go of us but we let go of God. Thank you Jesus!

When we read His truth, it gives us hope and strength to give up our baggage at His feet. We ask Jesus to forgive us, believe it and live a life that glorifies our Lord. We must know for a fact, 100% that we are a royal priesthood and must act upon it accordingly. II Peter 2:9-17. Sadly so many people go to church to leave their burdens at the altar to only go back at the end of the service to pick up their garbage and drag it back out again. They believe the filthy lies that were told to them and cannot see for they are blind to the truth. Their eyes, ears and heart are closed to the truth when all they have known is "you're no good", "no one will ever want you", "you make me sick", "you'll never amount to anything", "I hate you", "you're a nobody", "how could anyone love you after what you've done?" and the list goes on and on....Men and women are treated as the world sees them today because that is what you hear on commercials and books:"Take charge of your life", "dog eat dog to survive in this world", "Take home the bacon or you are nothing". I've got news for you.....

.....Yes, you can make a difference in your life by your choice of allowing the Holy Spirit to guide you in all you do and say. Give up everything, surrender all to Jesus Christ our Lord so you may LIVE. Allow God to work in your lives and guit working against Him. No more garbage in garbage out mentality. Once you allow the Holy Spirit to work in your heart and believe and trust that it is for real then you better get your seatbelt fastened and get ready for the ride of your life. God will open doors and prepare you the way for grand adventures that we could not even imagine. Along the way we might fall and that is where the Lords reminds us that He is the driving force and we must show love and obedience and get back up and go another step....Never, Never, Never give up! You can do it. When we see another brother or sister fall we must show love and encouragement to them. Have you ever prayed for patience? Well, I suggest you pray for "unconditional love" instead. Really! It makes a huge difference. Realize that you have to have respect for yourself and "forgive yourself" because when you asked for repentance and asked Jesus into your heart you were forgiven!!!!! Ephesians 6:10. One of our downfalls is that we do not believe because "Pride" has a hold on you after all who could love us after what we did?? Another attack of the enemy of our souls.

PEOPLE....Listen to me>>>>

Sometimes we are not aware that the enemy is attacking. The devil is like a roaring lion that prowls around looking to see who he can devour. He is a liar and a thief of joy and tears down family and relationships. I Peter 5:8

Read your Map Of Life: THE BIBLE In Christ Jesus Linda

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was still hurting but more than ever I was aware of who I was In Christ. A human being and not that monster I made of myself. For me the hardest thing get rid of was the pride and that ego. Once I got rid of those two things my change begin to occur. I no longer had the need to prove something to others. I didn't blame God for the bad things that happened to me. It wasn't easy but God has been there for me all the way. He picks me up when I am down, when I feel that I'm not worthy of Him and His mercy. When I feel my heart empty He fills me with that Love that only He can give. Well I am going to end this letter here. Once again thank you all. God bless you. Love, H.A. Mendoza.

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Note From Sister Linda Reprint from March 20, 2010

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Just want to share a bit of encouragement with you all. I have read letters of great joy, happiness and hope in people's lives as responses come back after reading the "Letter From M.O.M. Newsletter.

I thank God for my husband that he is faithful in this ministry. Bob can be found daily in the computer room updating or adding to the coming month's newsletter if he is not up in the hills taking care of the property maintenance or out at the jail facility or prison."

As I read the letters of joy I also come across some individuals that tell of their testimonies of the saddest situations and of how God has brought them to know that all things are possible with God. When resentment, bitterness and anger take hold of a person's heart it is shown by actions and words that cut right through the heart which is just another ploy of the enemy to destroy you and your relationships. I know that pain, bitterness, anger, rage and sadness, that was so overwhelming in my life that I just wanted to end it all since I was very young. I am here today because Jesus died on the cross for me to LIVE and I want to share this hope with you too.

I used to model for Frenchy Stafford Modeling School when I first came to Visalia 20 years ago. I could not afford the fees so Frenchy asked me if I would like to exchange cleaning her house for her.

Yes! was my quick response not knowing at the time that God had sent her to me for encouragement that would help me see and understand others and situations in a different light. It made a difference in my life for my self esteem and was a great aid for me to speak in public. Frenchy took her time to do a one on one session with me and before I knew it I was modeling at several of the malls, Tulare County Fair, singing and fill in as MC when she was unable to do it. It takes one simple act of kindness and the love of God that shines through you when you know the Master. I thank God for Frenchy, may she rest in peace.

One of the eye opening experiences I had was when I had the opportunity at my old church to have the young ladies from some of the group homes to model leisure, summer, and glamour and work attire. I met with the ladies, had them write down some

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 I've come to understand where I lay my head is home.

So now I no longer waste my hate... And somehow I've adapted to what has become my fate. But despite the days, weeks, months and years alone... I know that God will one day call me home

Care to know more of the man behind the poem? Then write at: Richard Weire #C-082615, Florida State Prison (M/U), P.O. Box 800, Raiford, FL 32083

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# HISTORY MAKER

September 2020

You are a history maker! Your life is making history today. The question is.... Who are You making history for? Every action, everything you do Everything you think and say Every least motive .....are recorded in God's Book ..... To Make Your History! We all say many things and appear to be what We want others to think of us but: What does your history reveal of the real you? When God opens The Book of Life: When we stand before Him one day..... What will He read? What will HIS Book sav? What Did You Do Each Day Making Your History? The choice is yours? Choose wisely how You ...... Write Your History! By: Glenn E. Manus

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## Fulfilling His Calling

Many have heard the phrase **"Where God Guides, He provides.**" We have been providing service for His Word for over 19 years (Started M.O.M. started April 2001}.

We have mentioned that the reason to go into ministry is not for the money. Our "pay grade" is way below that of Jesus. Jesus, who never drew a salary or got paid for doing ministry.

We are often asked how much we get paid. We reply that we don't get paid.. They reply, then you do it for free? Our response is that we wished it was free. We actually pay to present God's plan. Our payment that often comes years later is individuals coming into the family of God. But then, what greater gift or payment is there?

As we look at the out of pocket expense, we often ask God if this is where he wants us to be. We say, "GOD, YOU ARE NOT PROVIDING," God replies, "Have I not provided the locations for your meetings and for your programs?" YES GDD, THAT IS TRUE, God replies, "Have I not provided the inmates to attend services and do the correspondence with?" YES GOD AGAIN YOU ARE THERE. God asks ""Do I get you to and from your destinations?" AGAIN YOU ARE FAITHFUL GOD. God asks "Did I not give you the Bible for a map of life? YES GOD, THAT HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL, God asks ""Did I give you the greatest gift I could give, namely my son Jesus Christ, so that you can receive salvation." GDD, TRULY THERE IS NO GREATER GIFT. God, I guess that actually it is finances that worry me. 'Freely ye have received, freely also give. GOD I DON'T UNDERSTAND. "GOD REPLIED THAT WHEN YOU WERE SEEKING A CAREER, YOU WANTED TO GO TO SEMINARY AND GET INTO MINISTRY. I HAD YOU LEARN A SECULAR JOB SO YOU COULD HAVE FINANCIAL SECURITY IN THE FUTURE AND NOT HAVE TO TAKE OUT OF THE FUNDING OF THE MINISTRY.

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In looking at expenses, we often see the cost but don't realize the return.

Bryon with **CENTRAL VALLEY WHOLESALE LIQUIDATORS**, Visalia, CA. donated 12 reams of printer paper to print the 350 copies (68 pages each in half page format – 17 sheets each) of the **Volume 110 Newsletter** for mailing and donated another 12 reams to print additional 50 copies of the **newsletter** to be mailed out and printing 20 of the full size newsletters to be handed out. Also printing 40 copies of the 72 page list of **Resources** (half page format). Value of the donated paper is \$ 144.00.

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Purchased toner for printouts was \$ 68.18

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# 6 X 9 envelopes cost \$ 87.65.

Postage for mailing the 350 copies of Volume 110 newsletters was \$ 490.00 (Postage was \$ 1.40 each).

This one mailing had a cost of \$ 789.63 - our highest cost single day mailing.

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Our main concern is with the increasing costs and decreasing income. Most of the expenses are handled by Chaplain Bob and Sister Linda from their retirement checks. We have several of our volunteers that donate. Occasionally we have an inmate or two donate towards the mailing of the List of Resources (Donation now suggested at \$4.00).

We thought that M.O.M. would be closing its doors and its P.O. Box. But God came through,

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Due to so much going on with the Covid-19, I got behind on some of the mail but had to share part of this letter: God is doing amazing things in this man's life and had to share as I truly believe that many will be so encouraged and not give up like Horacio. God Bless you all. Thank you for sharing Horacio.

Dear M.O.M. Bob and Linda and volunteers.

I hope that this letter finds you and loved ones in the best of health. That God is keeping you and everyone safe during this time. I want to thank you all for the letters. I do appreciate what you do for us inmates.

.....(private conversation for us not added....but more continued) I believe I can now think in a better light is because of my Lord and Savior. ..... I know that prisoners have flaws and beliefs but what I have experienced these past seven years are a miracle and God's Grace. God has opened my heart and mind to see what He has done for me. I know that we are doubtful at times and this doubt makes us do the wrong things. Because we rely on our own understanding and not God's. We let our mind wander and we get in trouble (sin) but God has done a lot for me. I am at peace with myself and the actions that led me down this path. It doesn't mean that I don't have regrets, not at all. What it means is that I have learned to make choices that are pleasing to God. It means that I take full responsibility for my actions. That my love for God is greater than anything else. For many years I thought that what I was doing was the right thing. The pain inside of me wouldn't let me see clear. was a prideful person vet I was hurting inside. I didn't know why I was hurting and in pain. I was mad at God and at myself for all the things that were happening in my life, but.....God freed me of all that pain and I began to heal.

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dropped it in the dirt or stuck in the tractor tines or anywhere he was at. Nothing<sup>(1)</sup>..... Stressing now.

Well it is now almost five o'clock..... got to go. Praying minimum all the way home in my mind that no matter what ..... things will get taken care off. I did not want to put more stress on Bob about wallet so I tried to keep quiet so as not to put stress on him. Okay we will have to cancel credit cards n go to DMV and get Bob's ID renewed at the Lemoore Naval Base. (2)(2)(2). We get home and Bob checks messages on phone. "Hello this message is for Bob I found your wallet and would like to get it to you." OH MY GOSH!!!!!! WHAT!?!?!? At 11AM the next day a young lady "happened" to be going to see her mom for the day and just stopped for couple minutes to get her little girl out of car as the winding roads were a bit much for her. When she got off she found the wallet!!!! She went to her mom's and called from there so we called and we ended up meeting her at 8:30 pm that same night as she was going back home to Coalinga! That is 100 miles away from the mountain property and 65 miles from Visalia!! Almost like triangle distance for all three cities. We spoke to her for a while and so blessed and thankful  $\textcircled{\odot}$  that she was the one that found it. Of course rewarded her for all she did. It was a miracle that she was put in that path for sure. I bet her mom is very proud of her. God Bless you Kylee. Not a coincidence... A Blessing.

Okay so Chaplain Bob goes back to the hills few days later again in the 2. "Rugged Road Rage Jeep" (as I call it) @@@ pulling a small trailer. He left early as it takes hour and a half to drive there. I could not go as I had doctor appointment. I get a call few hours later from Bob that he is stuck on side of the road COO with a flat tire. (:). He called from his cellphone but how did that happen?!?! Usually we can't get cell reception in most area there in the mountains.???? Hhhmmm?? Okay so I get into the truck and picked up my sister-in-law and take the jack which was

not in the Jeep (:)(:) from Visalia to where he was stranded. We find Bob and pick him up so we go to the Tollhouse property to get a Jeep tire from the barn. Here we go back up to where Jeep and trailer are. The Jeep has right front tire all shredded. Many of you all are aware that my husband, Chaplain Bob, has Parkinson's and it is more noticeable now. Well he still likes to take charge and take care of things himself  $\Box \oplus$  a few cars passed us going slow then a big white suburban slowed and three guys stopped and asked if we needed help. I immediately put my hands like in prayer mode and nodded my head and whispered loud  $\square \textcircled{G} \square \textcircled{G} \square \textcircled{G}$  "yes please, please" They pulled over and immediately took tire off n put the other on and we all talked about where we were from n come to find out the father and son were related to my sister-in-law!!!!! She had not seen them in years n years! Now they are connected to contacts for the family. Wow that was a blessing for them all. They were chatting away and sharing memories  $\widehat{\mathbb{W}}^{\odot}$ then while they were talking the other gentleman tells Bob that he looked familiar. Hhmmnn. This man rides motorcycles in with Bill Glass Ministry Events to prisons and has Ministry also in Fresno....aahhhh well Meet Chaplain Bob that does the same!!! ARR + + + AR

COINCIDENCE ?!? I DON'T THINK SO! prepared for us all. AMEN AND AMEN

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# "Letter From M.O.M."

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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.

Watch our website www.MovingOnMinistry.com

We are also affiliated with International Prison Fellowship www.PrisonMinistry.net/movingon

# 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.

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# 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.PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY \*\*\*\*\*

# 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." \*\*\*\*\*

# Sharing Your Testimony

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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

For those of you that communicate with individuals that have computer access,

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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 vou may download. www.MovingOnMinistry.com

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?"

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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.

Because we don't get paid doesn't mean it's free. We need support for expenses for supplies, paper, printing, stamps and envelopes. It really helps out so much. God Bless vou all.

done to thank Him for what He had done for them. (Exodus 23:14) "While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not erase." (Genesis 8:22)(NASB) God said this after He promised to never flood the earth again. So until the day that Jesus returns, the earth will always yield it's harvest.

In the Sermon on the Mount, one of the things that Jesus talked about was the Beatitudes. Each one of them starts with the word "blessed." (Matthew 5:3-12) They are designed to teach all believers, how we are to act and how God is going to bless us. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 1:3) (ESV) Paul is teaching that anyone who is in the Lord will be blessed by Him. Verse 7 "Yes, God will bless us, and people all over the world will fear Him."

Ezekiel 34:26 says "I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing: and I will cause showers to come down in their season, there shall be showers of blessing." (NKJV) The word "showers" does not simply mean the rain that comes down to water the earth. It also means the blessings that God gives to His children. There is a song lyric that goes as our prayers go up, the blessings come down. All believers need to realize this. The Bible even says that when we give our tithes to the Lord, He will pour down blessing upon us. (Malachi 3:10) Most people assume that tithing is giving money to the church, but, in reality, it can be our time and our works as well.

The word "fear" is used in this verse as a form of reverence. God promised the people of Israel that He would be with them and they did not need to fear. (Isaiah 41:10) In this verse, fear means to be afraid. But when the Lord is with us, we do not need to be afraid of our enemies. Peter wrote "Show proper respect to everyone. Love the brotherhood of brother, fear God, honor our King."(1 Peter 2:17) (NIV) The believer's fear of God is where they are showing Him respect and giving Him the honor and praise that He is due. This is something that all believers should be doing. BY JAMES BRICKER

All scripture is quoted from the New Living Translation (NLT) unless otherwise noted:

KJV King James Version

NKJV New King James Version New International Version NIV

ESV English Standard Version

NASB New American Standard Bible

## Day To Day Blessings

1. This is a story about a double blessing. Chaplain Bob and I went to the mountain = property as his usual activities to do some of the cleanup of the tall weeds and work on the tractors and stuff and start getting ground leveling for a storage building. Okay so we go up in the evening stop to get some snacks. I drove the rest of the way and stop at one parking lot at Humphrey Station Restaurant so he sees something with paperwork so he opens the door for light. We get to house at 9:30pm. Tired  $\bigcirc$ . Next day he is using the small tractor discing around area. We start to get ready to leave at 2pm. I get all the things we need to be ready and Chaplain Bob asks me if I have his wallet??? Uhhh no don't you have it? He replies "No". Okay I go inside the 😭 house and search every nook and cranny. No 😳 luck . I go walking around all of area to see if he might have

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This verse is another example of where something is repeated. It means that it is important for us to learn. Paul wrote that praise cannot come from men but only from God. (Romans 2:29) In Revelation 19:5, the Bible says, "Then a voice came from the throne, saying "Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, both small and great!"(NIV) Even though this was heard in heaven, it should also be heard on earth today. All those who believe should be praising Him all the time. The children of God make up His holy nation and as such, we should be giving Him the praise that he deserves.

Verse 4 "Let the whole world sing for joy because You govern the nations with justice and guide the people of the whole world."

Nehemiah led a group of Israelites to Jerusalem when they were held in captivity in Babylon. "Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."(ESV) This is found in Nehemiah 8:10. He said this to the people after he had read them the law. When believers are living in the joy of the Lord, we are able to find strength. (Ephesians 3:18) It is available through the love that God has for all those who are part of His family. We should be joyful for the love.

Isaiah wrote that when Christ comes, the government would be upon His shoulders. (Isaiah 9:6) The Jewish leaders did not fully understand this. They assumed that when the Messiah came, He would reign over them as their king. The problem is that Jesus first had to come to save the world from sin. That is why He came the first time. When He comes for the second time, He will reign over the world. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body, and be thankful." (Colossians 3:15) (NASB) Jesus will not only rule over all believers, but He will also rule our lives.

Verse 5 "May the nation praise You, O God, yes, may all the nations praise You."

This verse is identical to verse 3. That means that it is very important for us to learn. Therefore all the nations of the earth should be giving Him the praise that He is due. Ephesians 1:6 states "To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved."(KJV) Through His great love that He has for all of His children, we are accepted in His sight. This was achieved by the blood that Jesus shed on the cross. We should be always praising God for this. It does no matter if they are going through a good time or through a rough patch. Paul even wrote that we can count it as a blessing when we suffer for Christ's sake. (Philippians 1:27-30) In our times of suffering, we should be still giving God praise.

All praise that is given to God is special to Him. Churches will sing songs of praise to Him as a form of praise. When the people of Israel left Egypt, they sang a song of praise to God. (Exodu 15) They were thanking God for rescuing them. "Seven times a day, I praise You, because of Your righteous judgments. "(NKJV) This is found in Psalm 119:164. We should be praising the Lord all the time because of all that He has done for us.

Verse 6 "Then the earth will yield it's harvest, and God, our God, will richly bless us."

The Jewish people celebrated two festivals called The Feast of the Harvest and The Feast of the Ingathering. Both of these were done to celebrate the harvest. The Lord wanted the Israelites to give Him the first portion of the harvest as a tithe to Him. It was

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# PSALMS 67

(Note from Beatriz, what an encouraging letter  $\ensuremath{\textcircled{}{\odot}}$  ) (Beatriz typed up letter)

Hi! I hope this letter will find you all blessed and fruitful in all that you set out to do in Christ Jesus. I hope and pray Psalm 91: 10 - 11, "No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; for he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all his ways." For you M.O.M.  $\odot$ 

I am doing well and thankful that this whole institution where I am currently serving my time, is Covid – 19 free. Thanks to God<sup>©</sup> Thank you for keeping me on your mailing list and always letting me know that I am thought of and prayed for on my birthdays!

It has been approximately sixteen (16) years that I have had the honor of receiving your mail, (*newsletter published since Oct. 2003*). I remember my first letter to you, crying out about me being alone with no one to write me, and by the grace of God you have been with me every step of the way. During mail call 99.9% my name gets called, it comforts me when I get the envelope containing the letters from M.O.M. ©

The world is changing and many in here, as I am sure outside are losing their grip on commands of love God and love thy neighbor, as a result of the Covid–19 restrictions on our freedom.

All that is going on, makes me think of Matthew 24 – of the signs of the coming of our Lord Jesus. He says in part that it will be like the flood of Noah's time, when the floods came and took everyone by surprise.

I thank the Lord for the laborers whom he has sent into his harvest. I thank the Lord for you, Moving On Ministry.

While in here, I have been constructive with my time. I have been attending college courses and working on receiving my AA degree in business and Anthropology. I believe the Lord is going to use me and I am cultivating in my mind. I do not know how or where He will use me, but I must gird up the loins of my mind right. ©©

To me since I have been getting closer to my release date, the thought of getting out of prison is intimidating to me. I had become homeless toward the end of my time before my arrest, and I'm sure that I will go back to that when I am released. But to be honest, I am not absolutely certain of that projected outcome. I knew that it is just a thought that crosses my mind whenever I pay attention to the rearview mirror of my life. Just touching bases with you a little bit, and I guess that I am also venting somewhat. ©

Well, wonderful family in Christ of Moving On Ministry. I will close for now. You are always in my prayers. IN CHRIST JESUS. KEN HERNANDEZ © ©

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 Verse 1 "May God be merciful and bless us, may His Face smile with favor upon us." The title of this Psalm is "Make Your Face Shine Upon Us." It is by an unknown author. When the Israelites were in the wilderness, God told Moses that no one was able to see His Face because then they would die. (Exodus 33:20) The reason is that due to their sinful nature, no one is able to see the Lord in all His Glory. On the day that Jesus returns, all believers will be given new bodies like the one that Jesus has. "When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you will also be revealed with Him in Glory." (Colossians 3:4) (NASB) Not only have we received these new bodies, we will be able to see God in all His Glory.

"For I will be merciful to the unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds, I will remember no more."(NKJV) This is found in Hebrews 8:12. The Lord is merciful to all those who have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. He has even promised to remember their sins no more. Because He sent Jesus to die on the cross as the perfect sacrifice, He is able to do this. The Lord told Moses to tell the people that He would bless them and keep them. (Number 6:24) Those whom the Lord has blessed will receive His Mercy.

There is a saying that a smile can light up a whole room. It may have started in order to life the spirits of people who are in a bad mood. In the book of Proverbs, it states that a good man will obtain favor from God. (Proverbs 12:2a) God grants all of His children favor because He loves them. Genesis 6:8 says "But Noah found favor in the Eyes of the Lord." (ESV) Noah is just one example of God smiling with favor on those whom He loves.

Verse 2 "May Your ways be known throughout the earth, Your saving power among people everywhere."

Wherever people look, they are able to see the power of God in everything around them. This is due to the fact that He is the Creator of everything. "He is the rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He." (Deuteronomy 32:4) (NIV) This is the reason why all believers should be telling others about the wonders of God's powers. Then they will be brought into His family and be under His love. Jesus told the disciples to make disciples of all the nations. (Matthew 28:19)

The Lord sent His Son, Jesus, to save people from their sin. "For the Son of man came to save that which is lost."(KJV) Jesus said this in Matthew 18:11. Due to the disobedience of Adam, all of mankind is lost in sin. Paul wrote that the wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23) Since God is holy, He is not able to abide in the presence of sin. Jesus did not have any sin in Him which is why He is able to save people from their sin.

Verse 3 "May the nations praise You, O God, yes, may all nations praise You." In this verse, the word nations can also mean people. When people or nations are praising God, they are giving Him glory and honor. The prophet Isaiah had a vision where he saw seraphim, which are a type of angel. "And one called at another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory." (Isaiah 6:2)(NASB) all believers should be saying the same thing. We are to tell others of His glory and of His wonderful deeds. (1 Chronicles 16:24) This is just one way that the children of God can give Him praise.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth.(Luke 2:14)

Dear Moving On Ministry family,

Merry Christmas, this Christmas as you consider all the awesome things that have come to you through Jesus/ God's perfect gift. Remember that this is a taste of all the good things that are yet to come.

I trust and pray that you continue to be blessed. It's a great joy each and every time I hear from you. Your fellowship continues to be a great joy and inspiration.

Despite this year being a year we'd like to forget but will always be remembered. I'm still going to have joy. Jesus is love. It was the loving circle of a family that first brought Christmas to our world. As we celebrate Christmas, it's still family that's at the heart of it all.

So saints of the most high know you're loved. Have a wonderful time with your loved ones. As we enter into a new year, remember, better than counting your years is to make all your years to count, Jesus is the reason we celebrate the season. May the timeless message of Christmas fill your hearts with joy and May God continue to bless you richly.

Love you, Carroll Watkins

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A FATHER'S PLEA by David Lewis

With my two sons and the times I missed. I daily think about this rather long list. From their dad's bad choices - please learn I say! And I'm so thankful they have taken - a better way. Things happen for a reason, and this is true – the Lord knew the solution – and it was now due. To wake me up as I had stepped off this path – these years verses Eternity just do the math. Graduations and weddings they all went by - as the bed in a prison cell – did I lie. Grandkids were born, so beautiful today – I missed it all and the price I pay. The youth of my sons and all the time we spent - the pictures I have and all the places we went. The Lord had His plan and this I say - all of these memories would be so vital one day. My example was poor, but you overcame, honor was brought to the family name. I am who I am, imperfection and all. To believe me or not - you make the call. A family they have and for this I'm glad – to take up the slack for their Absent Dad. My own way I tried and I went so low – and it took me to a place you never want to go. Pity nor Pride is not my goal - but in dark places tried to shine a soul. Walk the talk is the way I live - and how I go - to God be the Glory just so you will know. Perfection is not here but one day it will, to be like Him is how I yield. God sees the big picture and I see the small. He knows what is best when He makes the call. I stepped off the path, but I'm back to stay, and this will be shown – day by day. What will they think, I have no clue, To my two sons - HOW I LOVE YOU! To Justin, Jordan Lewis - and family. Written by Your Dad.

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M.O.M. Thanks for the Birthday letter & wishes. I pray that you all are safe out there and pointing others to the Cross of Christ for salvation. These are trying times and we know what Jesus says about these days in Matthew 24, Luke 21 & Mark 13. Our duty is not to worry but to share the message of Him and His Love for this decaying world. May the peace of Christ be your strength. 1Peter 2:9-12. In Christ Jesus,

Timmie Lee Fletcher.

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VERSES TO PONDER Submitted by **John Fordley**. Thank you John. © Matthew 5:14 - You are the Light of the World. Luke 1:37 - For with God nothing shall be impossible. 1Corinthians 13:4 -Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

#### <u>Give Me Courage</u> Submitted by John Fordley.

Oh give me courage Lord today to face what comes along. Give me faith and Love I need to fill each day with song. Oh, give me courage Lord to follow in Thy Way. Help me to do what I should do and hear me when I pray. Oh give me courage Lord today and strength to do Thy Will. Lead me and guide me Precious Lord for I need Thy Presence still. Oh give me courage Lord today. Come wash away my pain. Thou are my Master, Lord and King and ever shall remain.

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POEM FROM AUTHOR: ERNIE SANSON, (GREAT WORK ©)

If God had a wallet your picture would be in it. If He had a refrigerator, your photo would be on it. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Face it Beatriz, He is crazy about you!

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"The Unknown Soldier" By Richard Edward Weire, May 27, 2020

Each passing day gets longer than the last. Dreams of freedom from a very haunted past. Illness, Disease, Violence and Death..... I am sentenced to the wastelands where all... The Gladiators ..... will one day rest.

Scenarios of stabbings and brutality... Separates me from life's free world reality. Get up, smoke, eat and then go.... The hardships of my days you could never know.

Days turn to weeks, months turn to years... And many days of loneliness filled with tears. I am the Unknown Soldier society has scorned. I am the imprisoned. I am the soul of the unborn.

I am down but I am not slain. I will rise to one day fight again. I often wonder into the late of the night... A vision of beauty without any lights.

A dream of you with no sun shining thru. And all that I have is all that I'm after. Take a look into the mind of the soldier unknown.

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 points to remember regarding clothes fitting properly, posture, facial expressions etc..etc...etc...anyway it made a big difference in their lives about themselves and how they relate to others. There were many tears as sadness was being transformed into hope before my eyes. They realized that, yes indeed, God loved them and that they really were God's children and He never let go of us but we let go of God. Thank you Jesus!

When we read His truth, it gives us hope and strength to give up our baggage at His feet. We ask Jesus to forgive us, believe it and live a life that glorifies our Lord. We must know for a fact, 100% that we are a royal priesthood and must act upon it accordingly. II Peter 2:9-17. Sadly so many people go to church to leave their burdens at the altar to only go back at the end of the service to pick up their garbage and drag it back out again. They believe the filthy lies that were told to them and cannot see for they are blind to the truth. Their eyes, ears and heart are closed to the truth when all they have known is "you're no good", "no one will ever want you", "you make me sick", "you'll never amount to anything", "I hate you", "you're a nobody", "how could anyone love you after what you've done?" and the list goes on and on....Men and women are treated as the world sees them today because that is what you hear on commercials and books:"Take charge of your life", "dog eat dog to survive in this world", "Take home the bacon or you are nothing". I've got news for you.....

.....Yes, you can make a difference in your life by your choice of allowing the Holy Spirit to guide you in all you do and say. Give up everything, surrender all to Jesus Christ our Lord so you may LIVE. Allow God to work in your lives and guit working against Him. No more garbage in garbage out mentality. Once you allow the Holy Spirit to work in your heart and believe and trust that it is for real then you better get your seatbelt fastened and get ready for the ride of your life. God will open doors and prepare you the way for grand adventures that we could not even imagine. Along the way we might fall and that is where the Lords reminds us that He is the driving force and we must show love and obedience and get back up and go another step....Never, Never, Never give up! You can do it. When we see another brother or sister fall we must show love and encouragement to them. Have you ever prayed for patience? Well, I suggest you pray for "unconditional love" instead. Really! It makes a huge difference. Realize that you have to have respect for yourself and "forgive yourself" because when you asked for repentance and asked Jesus into your heart you were forgiven!!!!! Ephesians 6:10. One of our downfalls is that we do not believe because "Pride" has a hold on you after all who could love us after what we did?? Another attack of the enemy of our souls.

PEOPLE....Listen to me>>>>

Sometimes we are not aware that the enemy is attacking. The devil is like a roaring lion that prowls around looking to see who he can devour. He is a liar and a thief of joy and tears down family and relationships. I Peter 5:8

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was still hurting but more than ever I was aware of who I was In Christ. A human being and not that monster I made of myself. For me the hardest thing get rid of was the pride and that ego. Once I got rid of those two things my change begin to occur. I no longer had the need to prove something to others. I didn't blame God for the bad things that happened to me. It wasn't easy but God has been there for me all the way. He picks me up when I am down, when I feel that I'm not worthy of Him and His mercy. When I feel my heart empty He fills me with that Love that only He can give. Well I am going to end this letter here. Once again thank you all. God bless you. Love, H.A. Mendoza.

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Note From Sister Linda Reprint from March 20, 2010

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Just want to share a bit of encouragement with you all. I have read letters of great joy, happiness and hope in people's lives as responses come back after reading the "Letter From M.O.M. Newsletter.

I thank God for my husband that he is faithful in this ministry. Bob can be found daily in the computer room updating or adding to the coming month's newsletter if he is not up in the hills taking care of the property maintenance or out at the jail facility or prison."

As I read the letters of joy I also come across some individuals that tell of their testimonies of the saddest situations and of how God has brought them to know that all things are possible with God. When resentment, bitterness and anger take hold of a person's heart it is shown by actions and words that cut right through the heart which is just another ploy of the enemy to destroy you and your relationships. I know that pain, bitterness, anger, rage and sadness, that was so overwhelming in my life that I just wanted to end it all since I was very young. I am here today because Jesus died on the cross for me to LIVE and I want to share this hope with you too.

I used to model for Frenchy Stafford Modeling School when I first came to Visalia 20 years ago. I could not afford the fees so Frenchy asked me if I would like to exchange cleaning her house for her.

Yes! was my quick response not knowing at the time that God had sent her to me for encouragement that would help me see and understand others and situations in a different light. It made a difference in my life for my self esteem and was a great aid for me to speak in public. Frenchy took her time to do a one on one session with me and before I knew it I was modeling at several of the malls, Tulare County Fair, singing and fill in as MC when she was unable to do it. It takes one simple act of kindness and the love of God that shines through you when you know the Master. I thank God for Frenchy, may she rest in peace.

One of the eye opening experiences I had was when I had the opportunity at my old church to have the young ladies from some of the group homes to model leisure, summer, and glamour and work attire. I met with the ladies, had them write down some

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 I've come to understand where I lay my head is home.

So now I no longer waste my hate... And somehow I've adapted to what has become my fate. But despite the days, weeks, months and years alone... I know that God will one day call me home

Care to know more of the man behind the poem? Then write at: Richard Weire #C-082615, Florida State Prison (M/U), P.O. Box 800, Raiford, FL 32083

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# HISTORY MAKER

September 2020

You are a history maker! Your life is making history today. The question is.... Who are You making history for? Every action, everything you do Everything you think and say Every least motive .....are recorded in God's Book ..... To Make Your History! We all say many things and appear to be what We want others to think of us but: What does your history reveal of the real you? When God opens The Book of Life: When we stand before Him one day..... What will He read? What will HIS Book sav? What Did You Do Each Day Making Your History? The choice is yours? Choose wisely how You ...... Write Your History! By: Glenn E. Manus

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## Fulfilling His Calling

Many have heard the phrase **"Where God Guides, He provides.**" We have been providing service for His Word for over 19 years (Started M.O.M. started April 2001}.

We have mentioned that the reason to go into ministry is not for the money. Our "pay grade" is way below that of Jesus. Jesus, who never drew a salary or got paid for doing ministry.

We are often asked how much we get paid. We reply that we don't get paid.. They reply, then you do it for free? Our response is that we wished it was free. We actually pay to present God's plan. Our payment that often comes years later is individuals coming into the family of God. But then, what greater gift or payment is there?

As we look at the out of pocket expense, we often ask God if this is where he wants us to be. We say, "GOD, YOU ARE NOT PROVIDING," God replies, "Have I not provided the locations for your meetings and for your programs?" YES GDD, THAT IS TRUE, God replies, "Have I not provided the inmates to attend services and do the correspondence with?" YES GOD AGAIN YOU ARE THERE. God asks ""Do I get you to and from your destinations?" AGAIN YOU ARE FAITHFUL GOD. God asks "Did I not give you the Bible for a map of life? YES GOD, THAT HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL, God asks ""Did I give you the greatest gift I could give, namely my son Jesus Christ, so that you can receive salvation." GDD, TRULY THERE IS NO GREATER GIFT. God, I guess that actually it is finances that worry me. 'Freely ye have received, freely also give. GOD I DON'T UNDERSTAND. "GOD REPLIED THAT WHEN YOU WERE SEEKING A CAREER, YOU WANTED TO GO TO SEMINARY AND GET INTO MINISTRY. I HAD YOU LEARN A SECULAR JOB SO YOU COULD HAVE FINANCIAL SECURITY IN THE FUTURE AND NOT HAVE TO TAKE OUT OF THE FUNDING OF THE MINISTRY.

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In looking at expenses, we often see the cost but don't realize the return.

Bryon with **CENTRAL VALLEY WHOLESALE LIQUIDATORS**, Visalia, CA. donated 12 reams of printer paper to print the 350 copies (68 pages each in half page format – 17 sheets each) of the **Volume 110 Newsletter** for mailing and donated another 12 reams to print additional 50 copies of the **newsletter** to be mailed out and printing 20 of the full size newsletters to be handed out. Also printing 40 copies of the 72 page list of **Resources** (half page format). Value of the donated paper is \$ 144.00.

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Purchased toner for printouts was \$ 68.18

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# 6 X 9 envelopes cost \$ 87.65.

Postage for mailing the 350 copies of Volume 110 newsletters was \$ 490.00 (Postage was \$ 1.40 each).

This one mailing had a cost of \$ 789.63 - our highest cost single day mailing.

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Our main concern is with the increasing costs and decreasing income. Most of the expenses are handled by Chaplain Bob and Sister Linda from their retirement checks. We have several of our volunteers that donate. Occasionally we have an inmate or two donate towards the mailing of the List of Resources (Donation now suggested at \$4.00).

We thought that M.O.M. would be closing its doors and its P.O. Box. But God came through,

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Due to so much going on with the Covid-19, I got behind on some of the mail but had to share part of this letter: God is doing amazing things in this man's life and had to share as I truly believe that many will be so encouraged and not give up like Horacio. God Bless you all. Thank you for sharing Horacio.

Dear M.O.M. Bob and Linda and volunteers.

I hope that this letter finds you and loved ones in the best of health. That God is keeping you and everyone safe during this time. I want to thank you all for the letters. I do appreciate what you do for us inmates.

.....(private conversation for us not added....but more continued) I believe I can now think in a better light is because of my Lord and Savior. ..... I know that prisoners have flaws and beliefs but what I have experienced these past seven years are a miracle and God's Grace. God has opened my heart and mind to see what He has done for me. I know that we are doubtful at times and this doubt makes us do the wrong things. Because we rely on our own understanding and not God's. We let our mind wander and we get in trouble (sin) but God has done a lot for me. I am at peace with myself and the actions that led me down this path. It doesn't mean that I don't have regrets, not at all. What it means is that I have learned to make choices that are pleasing to God. It means that I take full responsibility for my actions. That my love for God is greater than anything else. For many years I thought that what I was doing was the right thing. The pain inside of me wouldn't let me see clear. was a prideful person vet I was hurting inside. I didn't know why I was hurting and in pain. I was mad at God and at myself for all the things that were happening in my life, but.....God freed me of all that pain and I began to heal.

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dropped it in the dirt or stuck in the tractor tines or anywhere he was at. Nothing<sup>(1)</sup>..... Stressing now.

Well it is now almost five o'clock..... got to go. Praying minimum all the way home in my mind that no matter what ..... things will get taken care off. I did not want to put more stress on Bob about wallet so I tried to keep quiet so as not to put stress on him. Okay we will have to cancel credit cards n go to DMV and get Bob's ID renewed at the Lemoore Naval Base. (2)(2)(2). We get home and Bob checks messages on phone. "Hello this message is for Bob I found your wallet and would like to get it to you." OH MY GOSH!!!!!! WHAT!?!?!? At 11AM the next day a young lady "happened" to be going to see her mom for the day and just stopped for couple minutes to get her little girl out of car as the winding roads were a bit much for her. When she got off she found the wallet!!!! She went to her mom's and called from there so we called and we ended up meeting her at 8:30 pm that same night as she was going back home to Coalinga! That is 100 miles away from the mountain property and 65 miles from Visalia!! Almost like triangle distance for all three cities. We spoke to her for a while and so blessed and thankful  $\textcircled{\odot}$  that she was the one that found it. Of course rewarded her for all she did. It was a miracle that she was put in that path for sure. I bet her mom is very proud of her. God Bless you Kylee. Not a coincidence... A Blessing.

Okay so Chaplain Bob goes back to the hills few days later again in the 2. "Rugged Road Rage Jeep" (as I call it) @@@ pulling a small trailer. He left early as it takes hour and a half to drive there. I could not go as I had doctor appointment. I get a call few hours later from Bob that he is stuck on side of the road COO with a flat tire. (:). He called from his cellphone but how did that happen?!?! Usually we can't get cell reception in most area there in the mountains.???? Hhhmmm?? Okay so I get into the truck and picked up my sister-in-law and take the jack which was

not in the Jeep (:)(:) from Visalia to where he was stranded. We find Bob and pick him up so we go to the Tollhouse property to get a Jeep tire from the barn. Here we go back up to where Jeep and trailer are. The Jeep has right front tire all shredded. Many of you all are aware that my husband, Chaplain Bob, has Parkinson's and it is more noticeable now. Well he still likes to take charge and take care of things himself  $\Box \oplus$  a few cars passed us going slow then a big white suburban slowed and three guys stopped and asked if we needed help. I immediately put my hands like in prayer mode and nodded my head and whispered loud  $\square \textcircled{G} \square \textcircled{G} \square \textcircled{G}$  "yes please, please" They pulled over and immediately took tire off n put the other on and we all talked about where we were from n come to find out the father and son were related to my sister-in-law!!!!! She had not seen them in years n years! Now they are connected to contacts for the family. Wow that was a blessing for them all. They were chatting away and sharing memories  $\widehat{\mathbb{W}}^{\odot}$ then while they were talking the other gentleman tells Bob that he looked familiar. Hhmmnn. This man rides motorcycles in with Bill Glass Ministry Events to prisons and has Ministry also in Fresno....aahhhh well Meet Chaplain Bob that does the same!!! ARR + + + AR

COINCIDENCE ?!? I DON'T THINK SO! prepared for us all. AMEN AND AMEN

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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.

Watch our website www.MovingOnMinistry.com

We are also affiliated with International Prison Fellowship www.PrisonMinistry.net/movingon

# 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.

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# 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.PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY \*\*\*\*\*

# 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." \*\*\*\*\*

# Sharing Your Testimony

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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

For those of you that communicate with individuals that have computer access,

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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 vou may download. www.MovingOnMinistry.com

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?"

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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.

Because we don't get paid doesn't mean it's free. We need support for expenses for supplies, paper, printing, stamps and envelopes. It really helps out so much. God Bless vou all.

done to thank Him for what He had done for them. (Exodus 23:14) "While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not erase." (Genesis 8:22)(NASB) God said this after He promised to never flood the earth again. So until the day that Jesus returns, the earth will always yield it's harvest.

In the Sermon on the Mount, one of the things that Jesus talked about was the Beatitudes. Each one of them starts with the word "blessed." (Matthew 5:3-12) They are designed to teach all believers, how we are to act and how God is going to bless us. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 1:3) (ESV) Paul is teaching that anyone who is in the Lord will be blessed by Him. Verse 7 "Yes, God will bless us, and people all over the world will fear Him."

Ezekiel 34:26 says "I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing: and I will cause showers to come down in their season, there shall be showers of blessing." (NKJV) The word "showers" does not simply mean the rain that comes down to water the earth. It also means the blessings that God gives to His children. There is a song lyric that goes as our prayers go up, the blessings come down. All believers need to realize this. The Bible even says that when we give our tithes to the Lord, He will pour down blessing upon us. (Malachi 3:10) Most people assume that tithing is giving money to the church, but, in reality, it can be our time and our works as well.

The word "fear" is used in this verse as a form of reverence. God promised the people of Israel that He would be with them and they did not need to fear. (Isaiah 41:10) In this verse, fear means to be afraid. But when the Lord is with us, we do not need to be afraid of our enemies. Peter wrote "Show proper respect to everyone. Love the brotherhood of brother, fear God, honor our King."(1 Peter 2:17) (NIV) The believer's fear of God is where they are showing Him respect and giving Him the honor and praise that He is due. This is something that all believers should be doing. BY JAMES BRICKER

All scripture is quoted from the New Living Translation (NLT) unless otherwise noted:

KJV King James Version

NKJV New King James Version New International Version NIV

ESV English Standard Version

NASB New American Standard Bible

## Day To Day Blessings

1. This is a story about a double blessing. Chaplain Bob and I went to the mountain = property as his usual activities to do some of the cleanup of the tall weeds and work on the tractors and stuff and start getting ground leveling for a storage building. Okay so we go up in the evening stop to get some snacks. I drove the rest of the way and stop at one parking lot at Humphrey Station Restaurant so he sees something with paperwork so he opens the door for light. We get to house at 9:30pm. Tired  $\bigcirc$ . Next day he is using the small tractor discing around area. We start to get ready to leave at 2pm. I get all the things we need to be ready and Chaplain Bob asks me if I have his wallet??? Uhhh no don't you have it? He replies "No". Okay I go inside the 😭 house and search every nook and cranny. No 😳 luck . I go walking around all of area to see if he might have

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This verse is another example of where something is repeated. It means that it is important for us to learn. Paul wrote that praise cannot come from men but only from God. (Romans 2:29) In Revelation 19:5, the Bible says, "Then a voice came from the throne, saying "Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, both small and great!"(NIV) Even though this was heard in heaven, it should also be heard on earth today. All those who believe should be praising Him all the time. The children of God make up His holy nation and as such, we should be giving Him the praise that he deserves.

Verse 4 "Let the whole world sing for joy because You govern the nations with justice and guide the people of the whole world."

Nehemiah led a group of Israelites to Jerusalem when they were held in captivity in Babylon. "Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."(ESV) This is found in Nehemiah 8:10. He said this to the people after he had read them the law. When believers are living in the joy of the Lord, we are able to find strength. (Ephesians 3:18) It is available through the love that God has for all those who are part of His family. We should be joyful for the love.

Isaiah wrote that when Christ comes, the government would be upon His shoulders. (Isaiah 9:6) The Jewish leaders did not fully understand this. They assumed that when the Messiah came, He would reign over them as their king. The problem is that Jesus first had to come to save the world from sin. That is why He came the first time. When He comes for the second time, He will reign over the world. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body, and be thankful." (Colossians 3:15) (NASB) Jesus will not only rule over all believers, but He will also rule our lives.

Verse 5 "May the nation praise You, O God, yes, may all the nations praise You."

This verse is identical to verse 3. That means that it is very important for us to learn. Therefore all the nations of the earth should be giving Him the praise that He is due. Ephesians 1:6 states "To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved."(KJV) Through His great love that He has for all of His children, we are accepted in His sight. This was achieved by the blood that Jesus shed on the cross. We should be always praising God for this. It does no matter if they are going through a good time or through a rough patch. Paul even wrote that we can count it as a blessing when we suffer for Christ's sake. (Philippians 1:27-30) In our times of suffering, we should be still giving God praise.

All praise that is given to God is special to Him. Churches will sing songs of praise to Him as a form of praise. When the people of Israel left Egypt, they sang a song of praise to God. (Exodu 15) They were thanking God for rescuing them. "Seven times a day, I praise You, because of Your righteous judgments. "(NKJV) This is found in Psalm 119:164. We should be praising the Lord all the time because of all that He has done for us.

Verse 6 "Then the earth will yield it's harvest, and God, our God, will richly bless us."

The Jewish people celebrated two festivals called The Feast of the Harvest and The Feast of the Ingathering. Both of these were done to celebrate the harvest. The Lord wanted the Israelites to give Him the first portion of the harvest as a tithe to Him. It was

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(Note from Beatriz, what an encouraging letter  $\ensuremath{\textcircled{}{\odot}}$  ) (Beatriz typed up letter)

Hi! I hope this letter will find you all blessed and fruitful in all that you set out to do in Christ Jesus. I hope and pray Psalm 91: 10 - 11, "No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; for he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all his ways." For you M.O.M.  $\odot$ 

I am doing well and thankful that this whole institution where I am currently serving my time, is Covid – 19 free. Thanks to God<sup>©</sup> Thank you for keeping me on your mailing list and always letting me know that I am thought of and prayed for on my birthdays!

It has been approximately sixteen (16) years that I have had the honor of receiving your mail, (*newsletter published since Oct. 2003*). I remember my first letter to you, crying out about me being alone with no one to write me, and by the grace of God you have been with me every step of the way. During mail call 99.9% my name gets called, it comforts me when I get the envelope containing the letters from M.O.M. ©

The world is changing and many in here, as I am sure outside are losing their grip on commands of love God and love thy neighbor, as a result of the Covid–19 restrictions on our freedom.

All that is going on, makes me think of Matthew 24 – of the signs of the coming of our Lord Jesus. He says in part that it will be like the flood of Noah's time, when the floods came and took everyone by surprise.

I thank the Lord for the laborers whom he has sent into his harvest. I thank the Lord for you, Moving On Ministry.

While in here, I have been constructive with my time. I have been attending college courses and working on receiving my AA degree in business and Anthropology. I believe the Lord is going to use me and I am cultivating in my mind. I do not know how or where He will use me, but I must gird up the loins of my mind right. ©©

To me since I have been getting closer to my release date, the thought of getting out of prison is intimidating to me. I had become homeless toward the end of my time before my arrest, and I'm sure that I will go back to that when I am released. But to be honest, I am not absolutely certain of that projected outcome. I knew that it is just a thought that crosses my mind whenever I pay attention to the rearview mirror of my life. Just touching bases with you a little bit, and I guess that I am also venting somewhat. ©

Well, wonderful family in Christ of Moving On Ministry. I will close for now. You are always in my prayers. IN CHRIST JESUS. KEN HERNANDEZ © ©

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 Verse 1 "May God be merciful and bless us, may His Face smile with favor upon us." The title of this Psalm is "Make Your Face Shine Upon Us." It is by an unknown author. When the Israelites were in the wilderness, God told Moses that no one was able to see His Face because then they would die. (Exodus 33:20) The reason is that due to their sinful nature, no one is able to see the Lord in all His Glory. On the day that Jesus returns, all believers will be given new bodies like the one that Jesus has. "When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you will also be revealed with Him in Glory." (Colossians 3:4) (NASB) Not only have we received these new bodies, we will be able to see God in all His Glory.

"For I will be merciful to the unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds, I will remember no more."(NKJV) This is found in Hebrews 8:12. The Lord is merciful to all those who have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. He has even promised to remember their sins no more. Because He sent Jesus to die on the cross as the perfect sacrifice, He is able to do this. The Lord told Moses to tell the people that He would bless them and keep them. (Number 6:24) Those whom the Lord has blessed will receive His Mercy.

There is a saying that a smile can light up a whole room. It may have started in order to life the spirits of people who are in a bad mood. In the book of Proverbs, it states that a good man will obtain favor from God. (Proverbs 12:2a) God grants all of His children favor because He loves them. Genesis 6:8 says "But Noah found favor in the Eyes of the Lord." (ESV) Noah is just one example of God smiling with favor on those whom He loves.

Verse 2 "May Your ways be known throughout the earth, Your saving power among people everywhere."

Wherever people look, they are able to see the power of God in everything around them. This is due to the fact that He is the Creator of everything. "He is the rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He." (Deuteronomy 32:4) (NIV) This is the reason why all believers should be telling others about the wonders of God's powers. Then they will be brought into His family and be under His love. Jesus told the disciples to make disciples of all the nations. (Matthew 28:19)

The Lord sent His Son, Jesus, to save people from their sin. "For the Son of man came to save that which is lost."(KJV) Jesus said this in Matthew 18:11. Due to the disobedience of Adam, all of mankind is lost in sin. Paul wrote that the wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23) Since God is holy, He is not able to abide in the presence of sin. Jesus did not have any sin in Him which is why He is able to save people from their sin.

Verse 3 "May the nations praise You, O God, yes, may all nations praise You." In this verse, the word nations can also mean people. When people or nations are praising God, they are giving Him glory and honor. The prophet Isaiah had a vision where he saw seraphim, which are a type of angel. "And one called at another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory." (Isaiah 6:2)(NASB) all believers should be saying the same thing. We are to tell others of His glory and of His wonderful deeds. (1 Chronicles 16:24) This is just one way that the children of God can give Him praise.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth.(Luke 2:14)

Dear Moving On Ministry family,

Merry Christmas, this Christmas as you consider all the awesome things that have come to you through Jesus/ God's perfect gift. Remember that this is a taste of all the good things that are yet to come.

I trust and pray that you continue to be blessed. It's a great joy each and every time I hear from you. Your fellowship continues to be a great joy and inspiration.

Despite this year being a year we'd like to forget but will always be remembered. I'm still going to have joy. Jesus is love. It was the loving circle of a family that first brought Christmas to our world. As we celebrate Christmas, it's still family that's at the heart of it all.

So saints of the most high know you're loved. Have a wonderful time with your loved ones. As we enter into a new year, remember, better than counting your years is to make all your years to count, Jesus is the reason we celebrate the season. May the timeless message of Christmas fill your hearts with joy and May God continue to bless you richly.

Love you, Carroll Watkins

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A FATHER'S PLEA by David Lewis

With my two sons and the times I missed. I daily think about this rather long list. From their dad's bad choices - please learn I say! And I'm so thankful they have taken - a better way. Things happen for a reason, and this is true – the Lord knew the solution – and it was now due. To wake me up as I had stepped off this path – these years verses Eternity just do the math. Graduations and weddings they all went by - as the bed in a prison cell – did I lie. Grandkids were born, so beautiful today – I missed it all and the price I pay. The youth of my sons and all the time we spent - the pictures I have and all the places we went. The Lord had His plan and this I say - all of these memories would be so vital one day. My example was poor, but you overcame, honor was brought to the family name. I am who I am, imperfection and all. To believe me or not - you make the call. A family they have and for this I'm glad – to take up the slack for their Absent Dad. My own way I tried and I went so low – and it took me to a place you never want to go. Pity nor Pride is not my goal - but in dark places tried to shine a soul. Walk the talk is the way I live - and how I go - to God be the Glory just so you will know. Perfection is not here but one day it will, to be like Him is how I yield. God sees the big picture and I see the small. He knows what is best when He makes the call. I stepped off the path, but I'm back to stay, and this will be shown – day by day. What will they think, I have no clue, To my two sons - HOW I LOVE YOU! To Justin, Jordan Lewis - and family. Written by Your Dad.

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M.O.M. Thanks for the Birthday letter & wishes. I pray that you all are safe out there and pointing others to the Cross of Christ for salvation. These are trying times and we know what Jesus says about these days in Matthew 24, Luke 21 & Mark 13. Our duty is not to worry but to share the message of Him and His Love for this decaying world. May the peace of Christ be your strength. 1Peter 2:9-12. In Christ Jesus,

Timmie Lee Fletcher.

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VERSES TO PONDER Submitted by **John Fordley**. Thank you John. © Matthew 5:14 - You are the Light of the World. Luke 1:37 - For with God nothing shall be impossible. 1Corinthians 13:4 -Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

#### <u>Give Me Courage</u> Submitted by John Fordley.

Oh give me courage Lord today to face what comes along. Give me faith and Love I need to fill each day with song. Oh, give me courage Lord to follow in Thy Way. Help me to do what I should do and hear me when I pray. Oh give me courage Lord today and strength to do Thy Will. Lead me and guide me Precious Lord for I need Thy Presence still. Oh give me courage Lord today. Come wash away my pain. Thou are my Master, Lord and King and ever shall remain.

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POEM FROM AUTHOR: ERNIE SANSON, (GREAT WORK ©)

If God had a wallet your picture would be in it. If He had a refrigerator, your photo would be on it. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Face it Beatriz, He is crazy about you!

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"The Unknown Soldier" By Richard Edward Weire, May 27, 2020

Each passing day gets longer than the last. Dreams of freedom from a very haunted past. Illness, Disease, Violence and Death..... I am sentenced to the wastelands where all... The Gladiators ..... will one day rest.

Scenarios of stabbings and brutality... Separates me from life's free world reality. Get up, smoke, eat and then go.... The hardships of my days you could never know.

Days turn to weeks, months turn to years... And many days of loneliness filled with tears. I am the Unknown Soldier society has scorned. I am the imprisoned. I am the soul of the unborn.

I am down but I am not slain. I will rise to one day fight again. I often wonder into the late of the night... A vision of beauty without any lights.

A dream of you with no sun shining thru. And all that I have is all that I'm after. Take a look into the mind of the soldier unknown.

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 points to remember regarding clothes fitting properly, posture, facial expressions etc..etc...etc...anyway it made a big difference in their lives about themselves and how they relate to others. There were many tears as sadness was being transformed into hope before my eyes. They realized that, yes indeed, God loved them and that they really were God's children and He never let go of us but we let go of God. Thank you Jesus!

When we read His truth, it gives us hope and strength to give up our baggage at His feet. We ask Jesus to forgive us, believe it and live a life that glorifies our Lord. We must know for a fact, 100% that we are a royal priesthood and must act upon it accordingly. II Peter 2:9-17. Sadly so many people go to church to leave their burdens at the altar to only go back at the end of the service to pick up their garbage and drag it back out again. They believe the filthy lies that were told to them and cannot see for they are blind to the truth. Their eyes, ears and heart are closed to the truth when all they have known is "you're no good", "no one will ever want you", "you make me sick", "you'll never amount to anything", "I hate you", "you're a nobody", "how could anyone love you after what you've done?" and the list goes on and on....Men and women are treated as the world sees them today because that is what you hear on commercials and books:"Take charge of your life", "dog eat dog to survive in this world", "Take home the bacon or you are nothing". I've got news for you.....

.....Yes, you can make a difference in your life by your choice of allowing the Holy Spirit to guide you in all you do and say. Give up everything, surrender all to Jesus Christ our Lord so you may LIVE. Allow God to work in your lives and guit working against Him. No more garbage in garbage out mentality. Once you allow the Holy Spirit to work in your heart and believe and trust that it is for real then you better get your seatbelt fastened and get ready for the ride of your life. God will open doors and prepare you the way for grand adventures that we could not even imagine. Along the way we might fall and that is where the Lords reminds us that He is the driving force and we must show love and obedience and get back up and go another step....Never, Never, Never give up! You can do it. When we see another brother or sister fall we must show love and encouragement to them. Have you ever prayed for patience? Well, I suggest you pray for "unconditional love" instead. Really! It makes a huge difference. Realize that you have to have respect for yourself and "forgive yourself" because when you asked for repentance and asked Jesus into your heart you were forgiven!!!!! Ephesians 6:10. One of our downfalls is that we do not believe because "Pride" has a hold on you after all who could love us after what we did?? Another attack of the enemy of our souls.

PEOPLE....Listen to me>>>>

Sometimes we are not aware that the enemy is attacking. The devil is like a roaring lion that prowls around looking to see who he can devour. He is a liar and a thief of joy and tears down family and relationships. I Peter 5:8

Read your Map Of Life: THE BIBLE In Christ Jesus Linda

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was still hurting but more than ever I was aware of who I was In Christ. A human being and not that monster I made of myself. For me the hardest thing get rid of was the pride and that ego. Once I got rid of those two things my change begin to occur. I no longer had the need to prove something to others. I didn't blame God for the bad things that happened to me. It wasn't easy but God has been there for me all the way. He picks me up when I am down, when I feel that I'm not worthy of Him and His mercy. When I feel my heart empty He fills me with that Love that only He can give. Well I am going to end this letter here. Once again thank you all. God bless you. Love, H.A. Mendoza.

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Note From Sister Linda Reprint from March 20, 2010

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Just want to share a bit of encouragement with you all. I have read letters of great joy, happiness and hope in people's lives as responses come back after reading the "Letter From M.O.M. Newsletter.

I thank God for my husband that he is faithful in this ministry. Bob can be found daily in the computer room updating or adding to the coming month's newsletter if he is not up in the hills taking care of the property maintenance or out at the jail facility or prison."

As I read the letters of joy I also come across some individuals that tell of their testimonies of the saddest situations and of how God has brought them to know that all things are possible with God. When resentment, bitterness and anger take hold of a person's heart it is shown by actions and words that cut right through the heart which is just another ploy of the enemy to destroy you and your relationships. I know that pain, bitterness, anger, rage and sadness, that was so overwhelming in my life that I just wanted to end it all since I was very young. I am here today because Jesus died on the cross for me to LIVE and I want to share this hope with you too.

I used to model for Frenchy Stafford Modeling School when I first came to Visalia 20 years ago. I could not afford the fees so Frenchy asked me if I would like to exchange cleaning her house for her.

Yes! was my quick response not knowing at the time that God had sent her to me for encouragement that would help me see and understand others and situations in a different light. It made a difference in my life for my self esteem and was a great aid for me to speak in public. Frenchy took her time to do a one on one session with me and before I knew it I was modeling at several of the malls, Tulare County Fair, singing and fill in as MC when she was unable to do it. It takes one simple act of kindness and the love of God that shines through you when you know the Master. I thank God for Frenchy, may she rest in peace.

One of the eye opening experiences I had was when I had the opportunity at my old church to have the young ladies from some of the group homes to model leisure, summer, and glamour and work attire. I met with the ladies, had them write down some

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 I've come to understand where I lay my head is home.

So now I no longer waste my hate... And somehow I've adapted to what has become my fate. But despite the days, weeks, months and years alone... I know that God will one day call me home

Care to know more of the man behind the poem? Then write at: Richard Weire #C-082615, Florida State Prison (M/U), P.O. Box 800, Raiford, FL 32083

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## HISTORY MAKER

September 2020

You are a history maker! Your life is making history today. The question is.... Who are You making history for? Every action, everything you do Everything you think and say Every least motive .....are recorded in God's Book ..... To Make Your History! We all say many things and appear to be what We want others to think of us but: What does your history reveal of the real you? When God opens The Book of Life: When we stand before Him one day..... What will He read? What will HIS Book sav? What Did You Do Each Day Making Your History? The choice is yours? Choose wisely how You ...... Write Your History! By: Glenn E. Manus

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### Fulfilling His Calling

Many have heard the phrase **"Where God Guides, He provides.**" We have been providing service for His Word for over 19 years (Started M.O.M. started April 2001}.

We have mentioned that the reason to go into ministry is not for the money. Our "pay grade" is way below that of Jesus. Jesus, who never drew a salary or got paid for doing ministry.

We are often asked how much we get paid. We reply that we don't get paid.. They reply, then you do it for free? Our response is that we wished it was free. We actually pay to present God's plan. Our payment that often comes years later is individuals coming into the family of God. But then, what greater gift or payment is there?

As we look at the out of pocket expense, we often ask God if this is where he wants us to be. We say, "GOD, YOU ARE NOT PROVIDING," God replies, "Have I not provided the locations for your meetings and for your programs?" YES GDD, THAT IS TRUE, God replies, "Have I not provided the inmates to attend services and do the correspondence with?" YES GOD AGAIN YOU ARE THERE. God asks ""Do I get you to and from your destinations?" AGAIN YOU ARE FAITHFUL GOD. God asks "Did I not give you the Bible for a map of life? YES GOD, THAT HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL, God asks ""Did I give you the greatest gift I could give, namely my son Jesus Christ, so that you can receive salvation." GDD, TRULY THERE IS NO GREATER GIFT. God, I guess that actually it is finances that worry me. 'Freely ye have received, freely also give. GOD I DON'T UNDERSTAND. "GOD REPLIED THAT WHEN YOU WERE SEEKING A CAREER, YOU WANTED TO GO TO SEMINARY AND GET INTO MINISTRY. I HAD YOU LEARN A SECULAR JOB SO YOU COULD HAVE FINANCIAL SECURITY IN THE FUTURE AND NOT HAVE TO TAKE OUT OF THE FUNDING OF THE MINISTRY.

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In looking at expenses, we often see the cost but don't realize the return.

Bryon with **CENTRAL VALLEY WHOLESALE LIQUIDATORS**, Visalia, CA. donated 12 reams of printer paper to print the 350 copies (68 pages each in half page format – 17 sheets each) of the **Volume 110 Newsletter** for mailing and donated another 12 reams to print additional 50 copies of the **newsletter** to be mailed out and printing 20 of the full size newsletters to be handed out. Also printing 40 copies of the 72 page list of **Resources** (half page format). Value of the donated paper is \$ 144.00.

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Purchased toner for printouts was \$ 68.18

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## 6 X 9 envelopes cost \$ 87.65.

Postage for mailing the 350 copies of Volume 110 newsletters was \$ 490.00 (Postage was \$ 1.40 each).

This one mailing had a cost of \$ 789.63 - our highest cost single day mailing.

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Our main concern is with the increasing costs and decreasing income. Most of the expenses are handled by Chaplain Bob and Sister Linda from their retirement checks. We have several of our volunteers that donate. Occasionally we have an inmate or two donate towards the mailing of the List of Resources (Donation now suggested at \$4.00).

We thought that M.O.M. would be closing its doors and its P.O. Box. But God came through,

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Due to so much going on with the Covid-19, I got behind on some of the mail but had to share part of this letter: God is doing amazing things in this man's life and had to share as I truly believe that many will be so encouraged and not give up like Horacio. God Bless you all. Thank you for sharing Horacio.

Dear M.O.M. Bob and Linda and volunteers.

I hope that this letter finds you and loved ones in the best of health. That God is keeping you and everyone safe during this time. I want to thank you all for the letters. I do appreciate what you do for us inmates.

.....(private conversation for us not added....but more continued) I believe I can now think in a better light is because of my Lord and Savior. ..... I know that prisoners have flaws and beliefs but what I have experienced these past seven years are a miracle and God's Grace. God has opened my heart and mind to see what He has done for me. I know that we are doubtful at times and this doubt makes us do the wrong things. Because we rely on our own understanding and not God's. We let our mind wander and we get in trouble (sin) but God has done a lot for me. I am at peace with myself and the actions that led me down this path. It doesn't mean that I don't have regrets, not at all. What it means is that I have learned to make choices that are pleasing to God. It means that I take full responsibility for my actions. That my love for God is greater than anything else. For many years I thought that what I was doing was the right thing. The pain inside of me wouldn't let me see clear. was a prideful person vet I was hurting inside. I didn't know why I was hurting and in pain. I was mad at God and at myself for all the things that were happening in my life, but.....God freed me of all that pain and I began to heal.

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dropped it in the dirt or stuck in the tractor tines or anywhere he was at. Nothing<sup>(1)</sup>..... Stressing now.

Well it is now almost five o'clock..... got to go. Praying minimum all the way home in my mind that no matter what ..... things will get taken care off. I did not want to put more stress on Bob about wallet so I tried to keep quiet so as not to put stress on him. Okay we will have to cancel credit cards n go to DMV and get Bob's ID renewed at the Lemoore Naval Base. (2)(2)(2). We get home and Bob checks messages on phone. "Hello this message is for Bob I found your wallet and would like to get it to you." OH MY GOSH!!!!!! WHAT!?!?!? At 11AM the next day a young lady "happened" to be going to see her mom for the day and just stopped for couple minutes to get her little girl out of car as the winding roads were a bit much for her. When she got off she found the wallet!!!! She went to her mom's and called from there so we called and we ended up meeting her at 8:30 pm that same night as she was going back home to Coalinga! That is 100 miles away from the mountain property and 65 miles from Visalia!! Almost like triangle distance for all three cities. We spoke to her for a while and so blessed and thankful  $\textcircled{\odot}$  that she was the one that found it. Of course rewarded her for all she did. It was a miracle that she was put in that path for sure. I bet her mom is very proud of her. God Bless you Kylee. Not a coincidence... A Blessing.

Okay so Chaplain Bob goes back to the hills few days later again in the 2. "Rugged Road Rage Jeep" (as I call it) @@@ pulling a small trailer. He left early as it takes hour and a half to drive there. I could not go as I had doctor appointment. I get a call few hours later from Bob that he is stuck on side of the road COO with a flat tire. (:). He called from his cellphone but how did that happen?!?! Usually we can't get cell reception in most area there in the mountains.???? Hhhmmm?? Okay so I get into the truck and picked up my sister-in-law and take the jack which was

not in the Jeep (:)(:) from Visalia to where he was stranded. We find Bob and pick him up so we go to the Tollhouse property to get a Jeep tire from the barn. Here we go back up to where Jeep and trailer are. The Jeep has right front tire all shredded. Many of you all are aware that my husband, Chaplain Bob, has Parkinson's and it is more noticeable now. Well he still likes to take charge and take care of things himself  $\Box \oplus$  a few cars passed us going slow then a big white suburban slowed and three guys stopped and asked if we needed help. I immediately put my hands like in prayer mode and nodded my head and whispered loud  $\square \textcircled{G} \square \textcircled{G} \square \textcircled{G}$  "yes please, please" They pulled over and immediately took tire off n put the other on and we all talked about where we were from n come to find out the father and son were related to my sister-in-law!!!!! She had not seen them in years n years! Now they are connected to contacts for the family. Wow that was a blessing for them all. They were chatting away and sharing memories  $\widehat{\mathbb{W}}^{\odot}$ then while they were talking the other gentleman tells Bob that he looked familiar. Hhmmnn. This man rides motorcycles in with Bill Glass Ministry Events to prisons and has Ministry also in Fresno....aahhhh well Meet Chaplain Bob that does the same!!! 

COINCIDENCE ?!? I DON'T THINK SO! prepared for us all. AMEN AND AMEN

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# "Letter From M.O.M."

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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.

Watch our website www.MovingOnMinistry.com

We are also affiliated with International Prison Fellowship www.PrisonMinistry.net/movingon

## 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.

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## 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.PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY \*\*\*\*\*

## 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." \*\*\*\*\*

## Sharing Your Testimony

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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

For those of you that communicate with individuals that have computer access,

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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 vou may download. www.MovingOnMinistry.com

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?"

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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.

Because we don't get paid doesn't mean it's free. We need support for expenses for supplies, paper, printing, stamps and envelopes. It really helps out so much. God Bless vou all.

done to thank Him for what He had done for them. (Exodus 23:14) "While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not erase." (Genesis 8:22)(NASB) God said this after He promised to never flood the earth again. So until the day that Jesus returns, the earth will always yield it's harvest.

In the Sermon on the Mount, one of the things that Jesus talked about was the Beatitudes. Each one of them starts with the word "blessed." (Matthew 5:3-12) They are designed to teach all believers, how we are to act and how God is going to bless us. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 1:3) (ESV) Paul is teaching that anyone who is in the Lord will be blessed by Him. Verse 7 "Yes, God will bless us, and people all over the world will fear Him."

Ezekiel 34:26 says "I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing: and I will cause showers to come down in their season, there shall be showers of blessing." (NKJV) The word "showers" does not simply mean the rain that comes down to water the earth. It also means the blessings that God gives to His children. There is a song lyric that goes as our prayers go up, the blessings come down. All believers need to realize this. The Bible even says that when we give our tithes to the Lord, He will pour down blessing upon us. (Malachi 3:10) Most people assume that tithing is giving money to the church, but, in reality, it can be our time and our works as well.

The word "fear" is used in this verse as a form of reverence. God promised the people of Israel that He would be with them and they did not need to fear. (Isaiah 41:10) In this verse, fear means to be afraid. But when the Lord is with us, we do not need to be afraid of our enemies. Peter wrote "Show proper respect to everyone. Love the brotherhood of brother, fear God, honor our King."(1 Peter 2:17) (NIV) The believer's fear of God is where they are showing Him respect and giving Him the honor and praise that He is due. This is something that all believers should be doing. BY JAMES BRICKER

All scripture is quoted from the New Living Translation (NLT) unless otherwise noted:

KJV King James Version

NKJV New King James Version New International Version NIV

ESV English Standard Version

NASB New American Standard Bible

#### Day To Day Blessings

1. This is a story about a double blessing. Chaplain Bob and I went to the mountain = property as his usual activities to do some of the cleanup of the tall weeds and work on the tractors and stuff and start getting ground leveling for a storage building. Okay so we go up in the evening stop to get some snacks. I drove the rest of the way and stop at one parking lot at Humphrey Station Restaurant so he sees something with paperwork so he opens the door for light. We get to house at 9:30pm. Tired  $\bigcirc$ . Next day he is using the small tractor discing around area. We start to get ready to leave at 2pm. I get all the things we need to be ready and Chaplain Bob asks me if I have his wallet??? Uhhh no don't you have it? He replies "No". Okay I go inside the 😭 house and search every nook and cranny. No 😳 luck . I go walking around all of area to see if he might have

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This verse is another example of where something is repeated. It means that it is important for us to learn. Paul wrote that praise cannot come from men but only from God. (Romans 2:29) In Revelation 19:5, the Bible says, "Then a voice came from the throne, saying "Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, both small and great!"(NIV) Even though this was heard in heaven, it should also be heard on earth today. All those who believe should be praising Him all the time. The children of God make up His holy nation and as such, we should be giving Him the praise that he deserves.

Verse 4 "Let the whole world sing for joy because You govern the nations with justice and guide the people of the whole world."

Nehemiah led a group of Israelites to Jerusalem when they were held in captivity in Babylon. "Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."(ESV) This is found in Nehemiah 8:10. He said this to the people after he had read them the law. When believers are living in the joy of the Lord, we are able to find strength. (Ephesians 3:18) It is available through the love that God has for all those who are part of His family. We should be joyful for the love.

Isaiah wrote that when Christ comes, the government would be upon His shoulders. (Isaiah 9:6) The Jewish leaders did not fully understand this. They assumed that when the Messiah came, He would reign over them as their king. The problem is that Jesus first had to come to save the world from sin. That is why He came the first time. When He comes for the second time, He will reign over the world. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body, and be thankful." (Colossians 3:15) (NASB) Jesus will not only rule over all believers, but He will also rule our lives.

Verse 5 "May the nation praise You, O God, yes, may all the nations praise You."

This verse is identical to verse 3. That means that it is very important for us to learn. Therefore all the nations of the earth should be giving Him the praise that He is due. Ephesians 1:6 states "To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved."(KJV) Through His great love that He has for all of His children, we are accepted in His sight. This was achieved by the blood that Jesus shed on the cross. We should be always praising God for this. It does no matter if they are going through a good time or through a rough patch. Paul even wrote that we can count it as a blessing when we suffer for Christ's sake. (Philippians 1:27-30) In our times of suffering, we should be still giving God praise.

All praise that is given to God is special to Him. Churches will sing songs of praise to Him as a form of praise. When the people of Israel left Egypt, they sang a song of praise to God. (Exodu 15) They were thanking God for rescuing them. "Seven times a day, I praise You, because of Your righteous judgments. "(NKJV) This is found in Psalm 119:164. We should be praising the Lord all the time because of all that He has done for us.

Verse 6 "Then the earth will yield it's harvest, and God, our God, will richly bless us."

The Jewish people celebrated two festivals called The Feast of the Harvest and The Feast of the Ingathering. Both of these were done to celebrate the harvest. The Lord wanted the Israelites to give Him the first portion of the harvest as a tithe to Him. It was

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(Note from Beatriz, what an encouraging letter  $\ensuremath{\textcircled{}{\odot}}$  ) (Beatriz typed up letter)

Hi! I hope this letter will find you all blessed and fruitful in all that you set out to do in Christ Jesus. I hope and pray Psalm 91: 10 - 11, "No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; for he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all his ways." For you M.O.M.  $\odot$ 

I am doing well and thankful that this whole institution where I am currently serving my time, is Covid – 19 free. Thanks to God<sup>©</sup> Thank you for keeping me on your mailing list and always letting me know that I am thought of and prayed for on my birthdays!

It has been approximately sixteen (16) years that I have had the honor of receiving your mail, (*newsletter published since Oct. 2003*). I remember my first letter to you, crying out about me being alone with no one to write me, and by the grace of God you have been with me every step of the way. During mail call 99.9% my name gets called, it comforts me when I get the envelope containing the letters from M.O.M. ©

The world is changing and many in here, as I am sure outside are losing their grip on commands of love God and love thy neighbor, as a result of the Covid–19 restrictions on our freedom.

All that is going on, makes me think of Matthew 24 – of the signs of the coming of our Lord Jesus. He says in part that it will be like the flood of Noah's time, when the floods came and took everyone by surprise.

I thank the Lord for the laborers whom he has sent into his harvest. I thank the Lord for you, Moving On Ministry.

While in here, I have been constructive with my time. I have been attending college courses and working on receiving my AA degree in business and Anthropology. I believe the Lord is going to use me and I am cultivating in my mind. I do not know how or where He will use me, but I must gird up the loins of my mind right. ©©

To me since I have been getting closer to my release date, the thought of getting out of prison is intimidating to me. I had become homeless toward the end of my time before my arrest, and I'm sure that I will go back to that when I am released. But to be honest, I am not absolutely certain of that projected outcome. I knew that it is just a thought that crosses my mind whenever I pay attention to the rearview mirror of my life. Just touching bases with you a little bit, and I guess that I am also venting somewhat. ©

Well, wonderful family in Christ of Moving On Ministry. I will close for now. You are always in my prayers. IN CHRIST JESUS. KEN HERNANDEZ © ©

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 Verse 1 "May God be merciful and bless us, may His Face smile with favor upon us." The title of this Psalm is "Make Your Face Shine Upon Us." It is by an unknown author. When the Israelites were in the wilderness, God told Moses that no one was able to see His Face because then they would die. (Exodus 33:20) The reason is that due to their sinful nature, no one is able to see the Lord in all His Glory. On the day that Jesus returns, all believers will be given new bodies like the one that Jesus has. "When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you will also be revealed with Him in Glory." (Colossians 3:4) (NASB) Not only have we received these new bodies, we will be able to see God in all His Glory.

"For I will be merciful to the unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds, I will remember no more."(NKJV) This is found in Hebrews 8:12. The Lord is merciful to all those who have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. He has even promised to remember their sins no more. Because He sent Jesus to die on the cross as the perfect sacrifice, He is able to do this. The Lord told Moses to tell the people that He would bless them and keep them. (Number 6:24) Those whom the Lord has blessed will receive His Mercy.

There is a saying that a smile can light up a whole room. It may have started in order to life the spirits of people who are in a bad mood. In the book of Proverbs, it states that a good man will obtain favor from God. (Proverbs 12:2a) God grants all of His children favor because He loves them. Genesis 6:8 says "But Noah found favor in the Eyes of the Lord." (ESV) Noah is just one example of God smiling with favor on those whom He loves.

Verse 2 "May Your ways be known throughout the earth, Your saving power among people everywhere."

Wherever people look, they are able to see the power of God in everything around them. This is due to the fact that He is the Creator of everything. "He is the rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He." (Deuteronomy 32:4) (NIV) This is the reason why all believers should be telling others about the wonders of God's powers. Then they will be brought into His family and be under His love. Jesus told the disciples to make disciples of all the nations. (Matthew 28:19)

The Lord sent His Son, Jesus, to save people from their sin. "For the Son of man came to save that which is lost."(KJV) Jesus said this in Matthew 18:11. Due to the disobedience of Adam, all of mankind is lost in sin. Paul wrote that the wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23) Since God is holy, He is not able to abide in the presence of sin. Jesus did not have any sin in Him which is why He is able to save people from their sin.

Verse 3 "May the nations praise You, O God, yes, may all nations praise You." In this verse, the word nations can also mean people. When people or nations are praising God, they are giving Him glory and honor. The prophet Isaiah had a vision where he saw seraphim, which are a type of angel. "And one called at another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory." (Isaiah 6:2)(NASB) all believers should be saying the same thing. We are to tell others of His glory and of His wonderful deeds. (1 Chronicles 16:24) This is just one way that the children of God can give Him praise.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth.(Luke 2:14)

Dear Moving On Ministry family,

Merry Christmas, this Christmas as you consider all the awesome things that have come to you through Jesus/ God's perfect gift. Remember that this is a taste of all the good things that are yet to come.

I trust and pray that you continue to be blessed. It's a great joy each and every time I hear from you. Your fellowship continues to be a great joy and inspiration.

Despite this year being a year we'd like to forget but will always be remembered. I'm still going to have joy. Jesus is love. It was the loving circle of a family that first brought Christmas to our world. As we celebrate Christmas, it's still family that's at the heart of it all.

So saints of the most high know you're loved. Have a wonderful time with your loved ones. As we enter into a new year, remember, better than counting your years is to make all your years to count, Jesus is the reason we celebrate the season. May the timeless message of Christmas fill your hearts with joy and May God continue to bless you richly.

Love you, Carroll Watkins

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A FATHER'S PLEA by David Lewis

With my two sons and the times I missed. I daily think about this rather long list. From their dad's bad choices - please learn I say! And I'm so thankful they have taken - a better way. Things happen for a reason, and this is true – the Lord knew the solution – and it was now due. To wake me up as I had stepped off this path – these years verses Eternity just do the math. Graduations and weddings they all went by - as the bed in a prison cell – did I lie. Grandkids were born, so beautiful today – I missed it all and the price I pay. The youth of my sons and all the time we spent - the pictures I have and all the places we went. The Lord had His plan and this I say - all of these memories would be so vital one day. My example was poor, but you overcame, honor was brought to the family name. I am who I am, imperfection and all. To believe me or not - you make the call. A family they have and for this I'm glad – to take up the slack for their Absent Dad. My own way I tried and I went so low – and it took me to a place you never want to go. Pity nor Pride is not my goal - but in dark places tried to shine a soul. Walk the talk is the way I live - and how I go - to God be the Glory just so you will know. Perfection is not here but one day it will, to be like Him is how I yield. God sees the big picture and I see the small. He knows what is best when He makes the call. I stepped off the path, but I'm back to stay, and this will be shown – day by day. What will they think, I have no clue, To my two sons - HOW I LOVE YOU! To Justin, Jordan Lewis - and family. Written by Your Dad.

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M.O.M. Thanks for the Birthday letter & wishes. I pray that you all are safe out there and pointing others to the Cross of Christ for salvation. These are trying times and we know what Jesus says about these days in Matthew 24, Luke 21 & Mark 13. Our duty is not to worry but to share the message of Him and His Love for this decaying world. May the peace of Christ be your strength. 1Peter 2:9-12. In Christ Jesus,

Timmie Lee Fletcher.

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VERSES TO PONDER Submitted by **John Fordley**. Thank you John. © Matthew 5:14 - You are the Light of the World. Luke 1:37 - For with God nothing shall be impossible. 1Corinthians 13:4 -Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

#### <u>Give Me Courage</u> Submitted by John Fordley.

Oh give me courage Lord today to face what comes along. Give me faith and Love I need to fill each day with song. Oh, give me courage Lord to follow in Thy Way. Help me to do what I should do and hear me when I pray. Oh give me courage Lord today and strength to do Thy Will. Lead me and guide me Precious Lord for I need Thy Presence still. Oh give me courage Lord today. Come wash away my pain. Thou are my Master, Lord and King and ever shall remain.

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POEM FROM AUTHOR: ERNIE SANSON, (GREAT WORK ©)

If God had a wallet your picture would be in it. If He had a refrigerator, your photo would be on it. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Face it Beatriz, He is crazy about you!

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"The Unknown Soldier" By Richard Edward Weire, May 27, 2020

Each passing day gets longer than the last. Dreams of freedom from a very haunted past. Illness, Disease, Violence and Death..... I am sentenced to the wastelands where all... The Gladiators ..... will one day rest.

Scenarios of stabbings and brutality... Separates me from life's free world reality. Get up, smoke, eat and then go.... The hardships of my days you could never know.

Days turn to weeks, months turn to years... And many days of loneliness filled with tears. I am the Unknown Soldier society has scorned. I am the imprisoned. I am the soul of the unborn.

I am down but I am not slain. I will rise to one day fight again. I often wonder into the late of the night... A vision of beauty without any lights.

A dream of you with no sun shining thru. And all that I have is all that I'm after. Take a look into the mind of the soldier unknown.

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 points to remember regarding clothes fitting properly, posture, facial expressions etc..etc...etc...anyway it made a big difference in their lives about themselves and how they relate to others. There were many tears as sadness was being transformed into hope before my eyes. They realized that, yes indeed, God loved them and that they really were God's children and He never let go of us but we let go of God. Thank you Jesus!

When we read His truth, it gives us hope and strength to give up our baggage at His feet. We ask Jesus to forgive us, believe it and live a life that glorifies our Lord. We must know for a fact, 100% that we are a royal priesthood and must act upon it accordingly. II Peter 2:9-17. Sadly so many people go to church to leave their burdens at the altar to only go back at the end of the service to pick up their garbage and drag it back out again. They believe the filthy lies that were told to them and cannot see for they are blind to the truth. Their eyes, ears and heart are closed to the truth when all they have known is "you're no good", "no one will ever want you", "you make me sick", "you'll never amount to anything", "I hate you", "you're a nobody", "how could anyone love you after what you've done?" and the list goes on and on....Men and women are treated as the world sees them today because that is what you hear on commercials and books:"Take charge of your life", "dog eat dog to survive in this world", "Take home the bacon or you are nothing". I've got news for you.....

.....Yes, you can make a difference in your life by your choice of allowing the Holy Spirit to guide you in all you do and say. Give up everything, surrender all to Jesus Christ our Lord so you may LIVE. Allow God to work in your lives and guit working against Him. No more garbage in garbage out mentality. Once you allow the Holy Spirit to work in your heart and believe and trust that it is for real then you better get your seatbelt fastened and get ready for the ride of your life. God will open doors and prepare you the way for grand adventures that we could not even imagine. Along the way we might fall and that is where the Lords reminds us that He is the driving force and we must show love and obedience and get back up and go another step....Never, Never, Never give up! You can do it. When we see another brother or sister fall we must show love and encouragement to them. Have you ever prayed for patience? Well, I suggest you pray for "unconditional love" instead. Really! It makes a huge difference. Realize that you have to have respect for yourself and "forgive yourself" because when you asked for repentance and asked Jesus into your heart you were forgiven!!!!! Ephesians 6:10. One of our downfalls is that we do not believe because "Pride" has a hold on you after all who could love us after what we did?? Another attack of the enemy of our souls.

PEOPLE....Listen to me>>>>

Sometimes we are not aware that the enemy is attacking. The devil is like a roaring lion that prowls around looking to see who he can devour. He is a liar and a thief of joy and tears down family and relationships. I Peter 5:8

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was still hurting but more than ever I was aware of who I was In Christ. A human being and not that monster I made of myself. For me the hardest thing get rid of was the pride and that ego. Once I got rid of those two things my change begin to occur. I no longer had the need to prove something to others. I didn't blame God for the bad things that happened to me. It wasn't easy but God has been there for me all the way. He picks me up when I am down, when I feel that I'm not worthy of Him and His mercy. When I feel my heart empty He fills me with that Love that only He can give. Well I am going to end this letter here. Once again thank you all. God bless you. Love, H.A. Mendoza.

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Note From Sister Linda Reprint from March 20, 2010

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Just want to share a bit of encouragement with you all. I have read letters of great joy, happiness and hope in people's lives as responses come back after reading the "Letter From M.O.M. Newsletter.

I thank God for my husband that he is faithful in this ministry. Bob can be found daily in the computer room updating or adding to the coming month's newsletter if he is not up in the hills taking care of the property maintenance or out at the jail facility or prison."

As I read the letters of joy I also come across some individuals that tell of their testimonies of the saddest situations and of how God has brought them to know that all things are possible with God. When resentment, bitterness and anger take hold of a person's heart it is shown by actions and words that cut right through the heart which is just another ploy of the enemy to destroy you and your relationships. I know that pain, bitterness, anger, rage and sadness, that was so overwhelming in my life that I just wanted to end it all since I was very young. I am here today because Jesus died on the cross for me to LIVE and I want to share this hope with you too.

I used to model for Frenchy Stafford Modeling School when I first came to Visalia 20 years ago. I could not afford the fees so Frenchy asked me if I would like to exchange cleaning her house for her.

Yes! was my quick response not knowing at the time that God had sent her to me for encouragement that would help me see and understand others and situations in a different light. It made a difference in my life for my self esteem and was a great aid for me to speak in public. Frenchy took her time to do a one on one session with me and before I knew it I was modeling at several of the malls, Tulare County Fair, singing and fill in as MC when she was unable to do it. It takes one simple act of kindness and the love of God that shines through you when you know the Master. I thank God for Frenchy, may she rest in peace.

One of the eye opening experiences I had was when I had the opportunity at my old church to have the young ladies from some of the group homes to model leisure, summer, and glamour and work attire. I met with the ladies, had them write down some

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 I've come to understand where I lay my head is home.

So now I no longer waste my hate... And somehow I've adapted to what has become my fate. But despite the days, weeks, months and years alone... I know that God will one day call me home

Care to know more of the man behind the poem? Then write at: Richard Weire #C-082615, Florida State Prison (M/U), P.O. Box 800, Raiford, FL 32083

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## HISTORY MAKER

September 2020

You are a history maker! Your life is making history today. The question is.... Who are You making history for? Every action, everything you do Everything you think and say Every least motive .....are recorded in God's Book ..... To Make Your History! We all say many things and appear to be what We want others to think of us but: What does your history reveal of the real you? When God opens The Book of Life: When we stand before Him one day..... What will He read? What will HIS Book sav? What Did You Do Each Day Making Your History? The choice is yours? Choose wisely how You ...... Write Your History! By: Glenn E. Manus

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### Fulfilling His Calling

Many have heard the phrase **"Where God Guides, He provides.**" We have been providing service for His Word for over 19 years (Started M.O.M. started April 2001}.

We have mentioned that the reason to go into ministry is not for the money. Our "pay grade" is way below that of Jesus. Jesus, who never drew a salary or got paid for doing ministry.

We are often asked how much we get paid. We reply that we don't get paid.. They reply, then you do it for free? Our response is that we wished it was free. We actually pay to present God's plan. Our payment that often comes years later is individuals coming into the family of God. But then, what greater gift or payment is there?

As we look at the out of pocket expense, we often ask God if this is where he wants us to be. We say, "GOD, YOU ARE NOT PROVIDING," God replies, "Have I not provided the locations for your meetings and for your programs?" YES GDD, THAT IS TRUE, God replies, "Have I not provided the inmates to attend services and do the correspondence with?" YES GOD AGAIN YOU ARE THERE. God asks ""Do I get you to and from your destinations?" AGAIN YOU ARE FAITHFUL GOD. God asks "Did I not give you the Bible for a map of life? YES GOD, THAT HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL, God asks ""Did I give you the greatest gift I could give, namely my son Jesus Christ, so that you can receive salvation." GDD, TRULY THERE IS NO GREATER GIFT. God, I guess that actually it is finances that worry me. 'Freely ye have received, freely also give. GOD I DON'T UNDERSTAND. "GOD REPLIED THAT WHEN YOU WERE SEEKING A CAREER, YOU WANTED TO GO TO SEMINARY AND GET INTO MINISTRY. I HAD YOU LEARN A SECULAR JOB SO YOU COULD HAVE FINANCIAL SECURITY IN THE FUTURE AND NOT HAVE TO TAKE OUT OF THE FUNDING OF THE MINISTRY.

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In looking at expenses, we often see the cost but don't realize the return.

Bryon with **CENTRAL VALLEY WHOLESALE LIQUIDATORS**, Visalia, CA. donated 12 reams of printer paper to print the 350 copies (68 pages each in half page format – 17 sheets each) of the **Volume 110 Newsletter** for mailing and donated another 12 reams to print additional 50 copies of the **newsletter** to be mailed out and printing 20 of the full size newsletters to be handed out. Also printing 40 copies of the 72 page list of **Resources** (half page format). Value of the donated paper is \$ 144.00.

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Purchased toner for printouts was \$ 68.18

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## 6 X 9 envelopes cost \$ 87.65.

Postage for mailing the 350 copies of Volume 110 newsletters was \$ 490.00 (Postage was \$ 1.40 each).

This one mailing had a cost of \$ 789.63 - our highest cost single day mailing.

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Our main concern is with the increasing costs and decreasing income. Most of the expenses are handled by Chaplain Bob and Sister Linda from their retirement checks. We have several of our volunteers that donate. Occasionally we have an inmate or two donate towards the mailing of the List of Resources (Donation now suggested at \$4.00).

We thought that M.O.M. would be closing its doors and its P.O. Box. But God came through,

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Due to so much going on with the Covid-19, I got behind on some of the mail but had to share part of this letter: God is doing amazing things in this man's life and had to share as I truly believe that many will be so encouraged and not give up like Horacio. God Bless you all. Thank you for sharing Horacio.

Dear M.O.M. Bob and Linda and volunteers.

I hope that this letter finds you and loved ones in the best of health. That God is keeping you and everyone safe during this time. I want to thank you all for the letters. I do appreciate what you do for us inmates.

.....(private conversation for us not added....but more continued) I believe I can now think in a better light is because of my Lord and Savior. ..... I know that prisoners have flaws and beliefs but what I have experienced these past seven years are a miracle and God's Grace. God has opened my heart and mind to see what He has done for me. I know that we are doubtful at times and this doubt makes us do the wrong things. Because we rely on our own understanding and not God's. We let our mind wander and we get in trouble (sin) but God has done a lot for me. I am at peace with myself and the actions that led me down this path. It doesn't mean that I don't have regrets, not at all. What it means is that I have learned to make choices that are pleasing to God. It means that I take full responsibility for my actions. That my love for God is greater than anything else. For many years I thought that what I was doing was the right thing. The pain inside of me wouldn't let me see clear. was a prideful person vet I was hurting inside. I didn't know why I was hurting and in pain. I was mad at God and at myself for all the things that were happening in my life, but.....God freed me of all that pain and I began to heal.

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dropped it in the dirt or stuck in the tractor tines or anywhere he was at. Nothing<sup>(1)</sup>..... Stressing now.

Well it is now almost five o'clock..... got to go. Praying minimum all the way home in my mind that no matter what ..... things will get taken care off. I did not want to put more stress on Bob about wallet so I tried to keep quiet so as not to put stress on him. Okay we will have to cancel credit cards n go to DMV and get Bob's ID renewed at the Lemoore Naval Base. (2)(2)(2). We get home and Bob checks messages on phone. "Hello this message is for Bob I found your wallet and would like to get it to you." OH MY GOSH!!!!!! WHAT!?!?!? At 11AM the next day a young lady "happened" to be going to see her mom for the day and just stopped for couple minutes to get her little girl out of car as the winding roads were a bit much for her. When she got off she found the wallet!!!! She went to her mom's and called from there so we called and we ended up meeting her at 8:30 pm that same night as she was going back home to Coalinga! That is 100 miles away from the mountain property and 65 miles from Visalia!! Almost like triangle distance for all three cities. We spoke to her for a while and so blessed and thankful  $\textcircled{\odot}$  that she was the one that found it. Of course rewarded her for all she did. It was a miracle that she was put in that path for sure. I bet her mom is very proud of her. God Bless you Kylee. Not a coincidence... A Blessing.

Okay so Chaplain Bob goes back to the hills few days later again in the 2. "Rugged Road Rage Jeep" (as I call it) @@@ pulling a small trailer. He left early as it takes hour and a half to drive there. I could not go as I had doctor appointment. I get a call few hours later from Bob that he is stuck on side of the road COO with a flat tire. (:). He called from his cellphone but how did that happen?!?! Usually we can't get cell reception in most area there in the mountains.???? Hhhmmm?? Okay so I get into the truck and picked up my sister-in-law and take the jack which was

not in the Jeep (:)(:) from Visalia to where he was stranded. We find Bob and pick him up so we go to the Tollhouse property to get a Jeep tire from the barn. Here we go back up to where Jeep and trailer are. The Jeep has right front tire all shredded. Many of you all are aware that my husband, Chaplain Bob, has Parkinson's and it is more noticeable now. Well he still likes to take charge and take care of things himself  $\Box \oplus$  a few cars passed us going slow then a big white suburban slowed and three guys stopped and asked if we needed help. I immediately put my hands like in prayer mode and nodded my head and whispered loud  $\square \textcircled{G} \square \textcircled{G} \square \textcircled{G}$  "yes please, please" They pulled over and immediately took tire off n put the other on and we all talked about where we were from n come to find out the father and son were related to my sister-in-law!!!!! She had not seen them in years n years! Now they are connected to contacts for the family. Wow that was a blessing for them all. They were chatting away and sharing memories  $\widehat{\mathbb{W}} \odot \square \widehat{\mathbb{G}}$  okay then while they were talking the other gentleman tells Bob that he looked familiar. Hhmmnn. This man rides motorcycles in with Bill Glass Ministry Events to prisons and has Ministry also in Fresno....aahhhh well Meet Chaplain Bob that does the same!!! ARR + + + AR

COINCIDENCE ?!? I DON'T THINK SO! prepared for us all. AMEN AND AMEN

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# "Letter From M.O.M."

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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.

Watch our website www.MovingOnMinistry.com

We are also affiliated with International Prison Fellowship www.PrisonMinistry.net/movingon

## 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.

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## 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.PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY \*\*\*\*\*

## 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." \*\*\*\*\*

## Sharing Your Testimony

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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

For those of you that communicate with individuals that have computer access,

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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 vou may download. www.MovingOnMinistry.com

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?"

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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.

Because we don't get paid doesn't mean it's free. We need support for expenses for supplies, paper, printing, stamps and envelopes. It really helps out so much. God Bless vou all.

done to thank Him for what He had done for them. (Exodus 23:14) "While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not erase." (Genesis 8:22)(NASB) God said this after He promised to never flood the earth again. So until the day that Jesus returns, the earth will always yield it's harvest.

In the Sermon on the Mount, one of the things that Jesus talked about was the Beatitudes. Each one of them starts with the word "blessed." (Matthew 5:3-12) They are designed to teach all believers, how we are to act and how God is going to bless us. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 1:3) (ESV) Paul is teaching that anyone who is in the Lord will be blessed by Him. Verse 7 "Yes, God will bless us, and people all over the world will fear Him."

Ezekiel 34:26 says "I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing: and I will cause showers to come down in their season, there shall be showers of blessing." (NKJV) The word "showers" does not simply mean the rain that comes down to water the earth. It also means the blessings that God gives to His children. There is a song lyric that goes as our prayers go up, the blessings come down. All believers need to realize this. The Bible even says that when we give our tithes to the Lord, He will pour down blessing upon us. (Malachi 3:10) Most people assume that tithing is giving money to the church, but, in reality, it can be our time and our works as well.

The word "fear" is used in this verse as a form of reverence. God promised the people of Israel that He would be with them and they did not need to fear. (Isaiah 41:10) In this verse, fear means to be afraid. But when the Lord is with us, we do not need to be afraid of our enemies. Peter wrote "Show proper respect to everyone. Love the brotherhood of brother, fear God, honor our King."(1 Peter 2:17) (NIV) The believer's fear of God is where they are showing Him respect and giving Him the honor and praise that He is due. This is something that all believers should be doing. BY JAMES BRICKER

All scripture is quoted from the New Living Translation (NLT) unless otherwise noted:

KJV King James Version

NKJV New King James Version New International Version NIV

ESV English Standard Version

NASB New American Standard Bible

#### Day To Day Blessings

1. This is a story about a double blessing. Chaplain Bob and I went to the mountain = property as his usual activities to do some of the cleanup of the tall weeds and work on the tractors and stuff and start getting ground leveling for a storage building. Okay so we go up in the evening stop to get some snacks. I drove the rest of the way and stop at one parking lot at Humphrey Station Restaurant so he sees something with paperwork so he opens the door for light. We get to house at 9:30pm. Tired  $\bigcirc$ . Next day he is using the small tractor discing around area. We start to get ready to leave at 2pm. I get all the things we need to be ready and Chaplain Bob asks me if I have his wallet??? Uhhh no don't you have it? He replies "No". Okay I go inside the 😭 house and search every nook and cranny. No 😳 luck . I go walking around all of area to see if he might have

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This verse is another example of where something is repeated. It means that it is important for us to learn. Paul wrote that praise cannot come from men but only from God. (Romans 2:29) In Revelation 19:5, the Bible says, "Then a voice came from the throne, saying "Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, both small and great!"(NIV) Even though this was heard in heaven, it should also be heard on earth today. All those who believe should be praising Him all the time. The children of God make up His holy nation and as such, we should be giving Him the praise that he deserves.

Verse 4 "Let the whole world sing for joy because You govern the nations with justice and guide the people of the whole world."

Nehemiah led a group of Israelites to Jerusalem when they were held in captivity in Babylon. "Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."(ESV) This is found in Nehemiah 8:10. He said this to the people after he had read them the law. When believers are living in the joy of the Lord, we are able to find strength. (Ephesians 3:18) It is available through the love that God has for all those who are part of His family. We should be joyful for the love.

Isaiah wrote that when Christ comes, the government would be upon His shoulders. (Isaiah 9:6) The Jewish leaders did not fully understand this. They assumed that when the Messiah came, He would reign over them as their king. The problem is that Jesus first had to come to save the world from sin. That is why He came the first time. When He comes for the second time, He will reign over the world. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body, and be thankful." (Colossians 3:15) (NASB) Jesus will not only rule over all believers, but He will also rule our lives.

Verse 5 "May the nation praise You, O God, yes, may all the nations praise You."

This verse is identical to verse 3. That means that it is very important for us to learn. Therefore all the nations of the earth should be giving Him the praise that He is due. Ephesians 1:6 states "To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved."(KJV) Through His great love that He has for all of His children, we are accepted in His sight. This was achieved by the blood that Jesus shed on the cross. We should be always praising God for this. It does no matter if they are going through a good time or through a rough patch. Paul even wrote that we can count it as a blessing when we suffer for Christ's sake. (Philippians 1:27-30) In our times of suffering, we should be still giving God praise.

All praise that is given to God is special to Him. Churches will sing songs of praise to Him as a form of praise. When the people of Israel left Egypt, they sang a song of praise to God. (Exodu 15) They were thanking God for rescuing them. "Seven times a day, I praise You, because of Your righteous judgments. "(NKJV) This is found in Psalm 119:164. We should be praising the Lord all the time because of all that He has done for us.

Verse 6 "Then the earth will yield it's harvest, and God, our God, will richly bless us."

The Jewish people celebrated two festivals called The Feast of the Harvest and The Feast of the Ingathering. Both of these were done to celebrate the harvest. The Lord wanted the Israelites to give Him the first portion of the harvest as a tithe to Him. It was

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# PSALMS 67

(Note from Beatriz, what an encouraging letter  $\ensuremath{\textcircled{}{\odot}}$  ) (Beatriz typed up letter)

Hi! I hope this letter will find you all blessed and fruitful in all that you set out to do in Christ Jesus. I hope and pray Psalm 91: 10 - 11, "No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; for he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all his ways." For you M.O.M.  $\odot$ 

I am doing well and thankful that this whole institution where I am currently serving my time, is Covid – 19 free. Thanks to God<sup>©</sup> Thank you for keeping me on your mailing list and always letting me know that I am thought of and prayed for on my birthdays!

It has been approximately sixteen (16) years that I have had the honor of receiving your mail, (*newsletter published since Oct. 2003*). I remember my first letter to you, crying out about me being alone with no one to write me, and by the grace of God you have been with me every step of the way. During mail call 99.9% my name gets called, it comforts me when I get the envelope containing the letters from M.O.M. ©

The world is changing and many in here, as I am sure outside are losing their grip on commands of love God and love thy neighbor, as a result of the Covid–19 restrictions on our freedom.

All that is going on, makes me think of Matthew 24 – of the signs of the coming of our Lord Jesus. He says in part that it will be like the flood of Noah's time, when the floods came and took everyone by surprise.

I thank the Lord for the laborers whom he has sent into his harvest. I thank the Lord for you, Moving On Ministry.

While in here, I have been constructive with my time. I have been attending college courses and working on receiving my AA degree in business and Anthropology. I believe the Lord is going to use me and I am cultivating in my mind. I do not know how or where He will use me, but I must gird up the loins of my mind right. ©©

To me since I have been getting closer to my release date, the thought of getting out of prison is intimidating to me. I had become homeless toward the end of my time before my arrest, and I'm sure that I will go back to that when I am released. But to be honest, I am not absolutely certain of that projected outcome. I knew that it is just a thought that crosses my mind whenever I pay attention to the rearview mirror of my life. Just touching bases with you a little bit, and I guess that I am also venting somewhat. ©

Well, wonderful family in Christ of Moving On Ministry. I will close for now. You are always in my prayers. IN CHRIST JESUS. KEN HERNANDEZ © ©

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 Verse 1 "May God be merciful and bless us, may His Face smile with favor upon us." The title of this Psalm is "Make Your Face Shine Upon Us." It is by an unknown author. When the Israelites were in the wilderness, God told Moses that no one was able to see His Face because then they would die. (Exodus 33:20) The reason is that due to their sinful nature, no one is able to see the Lord in all His Glory. On the day that Jesus returns, all believers will be given new bodies like the one that Jesus has. "When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you will also be revealed with Him in Glory." (Colossians 3:4) (NASB) Not only have we received these new bodies, we will be able to see God in all His Glory.

"For I will be merciful to the unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds, I will remember no more."(NKJV) This is found in Hebrews 8:12. The Lord is merciful to all those who have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. He has even promised to remember their sins no more. Because He sent Jesus to die on the cross as the perfect sacrifice, He is able to do this. The Lord told Moses to tell the people that He would bless them and keep them. (Number 6:24) Those whom the Lord has blessed will receive His Mercy.

There is a saying that a smile can light up a whole room. It may have started in order to life the spirits of people who are in a bad mood. In the book of Proverbs, it states that a good man will obtain favor from God. (Proverbs 12:2a) God grants all of His children favor because He loves them. Genesis 6:8 says "But Noah found favor in the Eyes of the Lord." (ESV) Noah is just one example of God smiling with favor on those whom He loves.

Verse 2 "May Your ways be known throughout the earth, Your saving power among people everywhere."

Wherever people look, they are able to see the power of God in everything around them. This is due to the fact that He is the Creator of everything. "He is the rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He." (Deuteronomy 32:4) (NIV) This is the reason why all believers should be telling others about the wonders of God's powers. Then they will be brought into His family and be under His love. Jesus told the disciples to make disciples of all the nations. (Matthew 28:19)

The Lord sent His Son, Jesus, to save people from their sin. "For the Son of man came to save that which is lost."(KJV) Jesus said this in Matthew 18:11. Due to the disobedience of Adam, all of mankind is lost in sin. Paul wrote that the wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23) Since God is holy, He is not able to abide in the presence of sin. Jesus did not have any sin in Him which is why He is able to save people from their sin.

Verse 3 "May the nations praise You, O God, yes, may all nations praise You." In this verse, the word nations can also mean people. When people or nations are praising God, they are giving Him glory and honor. The prophet Isaiah had a vision where he saw seraphim, which are a type of angel. "And one called at another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory." (Isaiah 6:2)(NASB) all believers should be saying the same thing. We are to tell others of His glory and of His wonderful deeds. (1 Chronicles 16:24) This is just one way that the children of God can give Him praise.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth.(Luke 2:14)

Dear Moving On Ministry family,

Merry Christmas, this Christmas as you consider all the awesome things that have come to you through Jesus/ God's perfect gift. Remember that this is a taste of all the good things that are yet to come.

I trust and pray that you continue to be blessed. It's a great joy each and every time I hear from you. Your fellowship continues to be a great joy and inspiration.

Despite this year being a year we'd like to forget but will always be remembered. I'm still going to have joy. Jesus is love. It was the loving circle of a family that first brought Christmas to our world. As we celebrate Christmas, it's still family that's at the heart of it all.

So saints of the most high know you're loved. Have a wonderful time with your loved ones. As we enter into a new year, remember, better than counting your years is to make all your years to count, Jesus is the reason we celebrate the season. May the timeless message of Christmas fill your hearts with joy and May God continue to bless you richly.

Love you, Carroll Watkins

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A FATHER'S PLEA by David Lewis

With my two sons and the times I missed. I daily think about this rather long list. From their dad's bad choices - please learn I say! And I'm so thankful they have taken - a better way. Things happen for a reason, and this is true – the Lord knew the solution – and it was now due. To wake me up as I had stepped off this path – these years verses Eternity just do the math. Graduations and weddings they all went by - as the bed in a prison cell – did I lie. Grandkids were born, so beautiful today – I missed it all and the price I pay. The youth of my sons and all the time we spent - the pictures I have and all the places we went. The Lord had His plan and this I say - all of these memories would be so vital one day. My example was poor, but you overcame, honor was brought to the family name. I am who I am, imperfection and all. To believe me or not - you make the call. A family they have and for this I'm glad – to take up the slack for their Absent Dad. My own way I tried and I went so low – and it took me to a place you never want to go. Pity nor Pride is not my goal - but in dark places tried to shine a soul. Walk the talk is the way I live - and how I go - to God be the Glory just so you will know. Perfection is not here but one day it will, to be like Him is how I yield. God sees the big picture and I see the small. He knows what is best when He makes the call. I stepped off the path, but I'm back to stay, and this will be shown – day by day. What will they think, I have no clue, To my two sons - HOW I LOVE YOU! To Justin, Jordan Lewis - and family. Written by Your Dad.

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M.O.M. Thanks for the Birthday letter & wishes. I pray that you all are safe out there and pointing others to the Cross of Christ for salvation. These are trying times and we know what Jesus says about these days in Matthew 24, Luke 21 & Mark 13. Our duty is not to worry but to share the message of Him and His Love for this decaying world. May the peace of Christ be your strength. 1Peter 2:9-12. In Christ Jesus,

Timmie Lee Fletcher.

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VERSES TO PONDER Submitted by **John Fordley**. Thank you John. © Matthew 5:14 - You are the Light of the World. Luke 1:37 - For with God nothing shall be impossible. 1Corinthians 13:4 -Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

#### <u>Give Me Courage</u> Submitted by John Fordley.

Oh give me courage Lord today to face what comes along. Give me faith and Love I need to fill each day with song. Oh, give me courage Lord to follow in Thy Way. Help me to do what I should do and hear me when I pray. Oh give me courage Lord today and strength to do Thy Will. Lead me and guide me Precious Lord for I need Thy Presence still. Oh give me courage Lord today. Come wash away my pain. Thou are my Master, Lord and King and ever shall remain.

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POEM FROM AUTHOR: ERNIE SANSON, (GREAT WORK ©)

If God had a wallet your picture would be in it. If He had a refrigerator, your photo would be on it. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Face it Beatriz, He is crazy about you!

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"The Unknown Soldier" By Richard Edward Weire, May 27, 2020

Each passing day gets longer than the last. Dreams of freedom from a very haunted past. Illness, Disease, Violence and Death..... I am sentenced to the wastelands where all... The Gladiators ..... will one day rest.

Scenarios of stabbings and brutality... Separates me from life's free world reality. Get up, smoke, eat and then go.... The hardships of my days you could never know.

Days turn to weeks, months turn to years... And many days of loneliness filled with tears. I am the Unknown Soldier society has scorned. I am the imprisoned. I am the soul of the unborn.

I am down but I am not slain. I will rise to one day fight again. I often wonder into the late of the night... A vision of beauty without any lights.

A dream of you with no sun shining thru. And all that I have is all that I'm after. Take a look into the mind of the soldier unknown.

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 points to remember regarding clothes fitting properly, posture, facial expressions etc..etc...etc...anyway it made a big difference in their lives about themselves and how they relate to others. There were many tears as sadness was being transformed into hope before my eyes. They realized that, yes indeed, God loved them and that they really were God's children and He never let go of us but we let go of God. Thank you Jesus!

When we read His truth, it gives us hope and strength to give up our baggage at His feet. We ask Jesus to forgive us, believe it and live a life that glorifies our Lord. We must know for a fact, 100% that we are a royal priesthood and must act upon it accordingly. II Peter 2:9-17. Sadly so many people go to church to leave their burdens at the altar to only go back at the end of the service to pick up their garbage and drag it back out again. They believe the filthy lies that were told to them and cannot see for they are blind to the truth. Their eyes, ears and heart are closed to the truth when all they have known is "you're no good", "no one will ever want you", "you make me sick", "you'll never amount to anything", "I hate you", "you're a nobody", "how could anyone love you after what you've done?" and the list goes on and on....Men and women are treated as the world sees them today because that is what you hear on commercials and books:"Take charge of your life", "dog eat dog to survive in this world", "Take home the bacon or you are nothing". I've got news for you.....

.....Yes, you can make a difference in your life by your choice of allowing the Holy Spirit to guide you in all you do and say. Give up everything, surrender all to Jesus Christ our Lord so you may LIVE. Allow God to work in your lives and guit working against Him. No more garbage in garbage out mentality. Once you allow the Holy Spirit to work in your heart and believe and trust that it is for real then you better get your seatbelt fastened and get ready for the ride of your life. God will open doors and prepare you the way for grand adventures that we could not even imagine. Along the way we might fall and that is where the Lords reminds us that He is the driving force and we must show love and obedience and get back up and go another step....Never, Never, Never give up! You can do it. When we see another brother or sister fall we must show love and encouragement to them. Have you ever prayed for patience? Well, I suggest you pray for "unconditional love" instead. Really! It makes a huge difference. Realize that you have to have respect for yourself and "forgive yourself" because when you asked for repentance and asked Jesus into your heart you were forgiven!!!!! Ephesians 6:10. One of our downfalls is that we do not believe because "Pride" has a hold on you after all who could love us after what we did?? Another attack of the enemy of our souls.

PEOPLE....Listen to me>>>>

Sometimes we are not aware that the enemy is attacking. The devil is like a roaring lion that prowls around looking to see who he can devour. He is a liar and a thief of joy and tears down family and relationships. I Peter 5:8

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was still hurting but more than ever I was aware of who I was In Christ. A human being and not that monster I made of myself. For me the hardest thing get rid of was the pride and that ego. Once I got rid of those two things my change begin to occur. I no longer had the need to prove something to others. I didn't blame God for the bad things that happened to me. It wasn't easy but God has been there for me all the way. He picks me up when I am down, when I feel that I'm not worthy of Him and His mercy. When I feel my heart empty He fills me with that Love that only He can give. Well I am going to end this letter here. Once again thank you all. God bless you. Love, H.A. Mendoza.

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Note From Sister Linda Reprint from March 20, 2010

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Just want to share a bit of encouragement with you all. I have read letters of great joy, happiness and hope in people's lives as responses come back after reading the "Letter From M.O.M. Newsletter.

I thank God for my husband that he is faithful in this ministry. Bob can be found daily in the computer room updating or adding to the coming month's newsletter if he is not up in the hills taking care of the property maintenance or out at the jail facility or prison."

As I read the letters of joy I also come across some individuals that tell of their testimonies of the saddest situations and of how God has brought them to know that all things are possible with God. When resentment, bitterness and anger take hold of a person's heart it is shown by actions and words that cut right through the heart which is just another ploy of the enemy to destroy you and your relationships. I know that pain, bitterness, anger, rage and sadness, that was so overwhelming in my life that I just wanted to end it all since I was very young. I am here today because Jesus died on the cross for me to LIVE and I want to share this hope with you too.

I used to model for Frenchy Stafford Modeling School when I first came to Visalia 20 years ago. I could not afford the fees so Frenchy asked me if I would like to exchange cleaning her house for her.

Yes! was my quick response not knowing at the time that God had sent her to me for encouragement that would help me see and understand others and situations in a different light. It made a difference in my life for my self esteem and was a great aid for me to speak in public. Frenchy took her time to do a one on one session with me and before I knew it I was modeling at several of the malls, Tulare County Fair, singing and fill in as MC when she was unable to do it. It takes one simple act of kindness and the love of God that shines through you when you know the Master. I thank God for Frenchy, may she rest in peace.

One of the eye opening experiences I had was when I had the opportunity at my old church to have the young ladies from some of the group homes to model leisure, summer, and glamour and work attire. I met with the ladies, had them write down some

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 I've come to understand where I lay my head is home.

So now I no longer waste my hate... And somehow I've adapted to what has become my fate. But despite the days, weeks, months and years alone... I know that God will one day call me home

Care to know more of the man behind the poem? Then write at: Richard Weire #C-082615, Florida State Prison (M/U), P.O. Box 800, Raiford, FL 32083

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## HISTORY MAKER

September 2020

You are a history maker! Your life is making history today. The question is.... Who are You making history for? Every action, everything you do Everything you think and say Every least motive .....are recorded in God's Book ..... To Make Your History! We all say many things and appear to be what We want others to think of us but: What does your history reveal of the real you? When God opens The Book of Life: When we stand before Him one day..... What will He read? What will HIS Book sav? What Did You Do Each Day Making Your History? The choice is yours? Choose wisely how You ...... Write Your History! By: Glenn E. Manus

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### Fulfilling His Calling

Many have heard the phrase **"Where God Guides, He provides.**" We have been providing service for His Word for over 19 years (Started M.O.M. started April 2001}.

We have mentioned that the reason to go into ministry is not for the money. Our "pay grade" is way below that of Jesus. Jesus, who never drew a salary or got paid for doing ministry.

We are often asked how much we get paid. We reply that we don't get paid.. They reply, then you do it for free? Our response is that we wished it was free. We actually pay to present God's plan. Our payment that often comes years later is individuals coming into the family of God. But then, what greater gift or payment is there?

As we look at the out of pocket expense, we often ask God if this is where he wants us to be. We say, "GOD, YOU ARE NOT PROVIDING," God replies, "Have I not provided the locations for your meetings and for your programs?" YES GDD, THAT IS TRUE, God replies, "Have I not provided the inmates to attend services and do the correspondence with?" YES GOD AGAIN YOU ARE THERE. God asks ""Do I get you to and from your destinations?" AGAIN YOU ARE FAITHFUL GOD. God asks "Did I not give you the Bible for a map of life? YES GOD, THAT HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL, God asks ""Did I give you the greatest gift I could give, namely my son Jesus Christ, so that you can receive salvation." GDD, TRULY THERE IS NO GREATER GIFT. God, I guess that actually it is finances that worry me. 'Freely ye have received, freely also give. GOD I DON'T UNDERSTAND. "GOD REPLIED THAT WHEN YOU WERE SEEKING A CAREER, YOU WANTED TO GO TO SEMINARY AND GET INTO MINISTRY. I HAD YOU LEARN A SECULAR JOB SO YOU COULD HAVE FINANCIAL SECURITY IN THE FUTURE AND NOT HAVE TO TAKE OUT OF THE FUNDING OF THE MINISTRY.

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In looking at expenses, we often see the cost but don't realize the return.

Bryon with **CENTRAL VALLEY WHOLESALE LIQUIDATORS**, Visalia, CA. donated 12 reams of printer paper to print the 350 copies (68 pages each in half page format – 17 sheets each) of the **Volume 110 Newsletter** for mailing and donated another 12 reams to print additional 50 copies of the **newsletter** to be mailed out and printing 20 of the full size newsletters to be handed out. Also printing 40 copies of the 72 page list of **Resources** (half page format). Value of the donated paper is \$ 144.00.

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Purchased toner for printouts was \$ 68.18

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## 6 X 9 envelopes cost \$ 87.65.

Postage for mailing the 350 copies of Volume 110 newsletters was \$ 490.00 (Postage was \$ 1.40 each).

This one mailing had a cost of \$ 789.63 - our highest cost single day mailing.

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Our main concern is with the increasing costs and decreasing income. Most of the expenses are handled by Chaplain Bob and Sister Linda from their retirement checks. We have several of our volunteers that donate. Occasionally we have an inmate or two donate towards the mailing of the List of Resources (Donation now suggested at \$4.00).

We thought that M.O.M. would be closing its doors and its P.O. Box. But God came through,

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Due to so much going on with the Covid-19, I got behind on some of the mail but had to share part of this letter: God is doing amazing things in this man's life and had to share as I truly believe that many will be so encouraged and not give up like Horacio. God Bless you all. Thank you for sharing Horacio.

Dear M.O.M. Bob and Linda and volunteers.

I hope that this letter finds you and loved ones in the best of health. That God is keeping you and everyone safe during this time. I want to thank you all for the letters. I do appreciate what you do for us inmates.

.....(private conversation for us not added....but more continued) I believe I can now think in a better light is because of my Lord and Savior. ..... I know that prisoners have flaws and beliefs but what I have experienced these past seven years are a miracle and God's Grace. God has opened my heart and mind to see what He has done for me. I know that we are doubtful at times and this doubt makes us do the wrong things. Because we rely on our own understanding and not God's. We let our mind wander and we get in trouble (sin) but God has done a lot for me. I am at peace with myself and the actions that led me down this path. It doesn't mean that I don't have regrets, not at all. What it means is that I have learned to make choices that are pleasing to God. It means that I take full responsibility for my actions. That my love for God is greater than anything else. For many years I thought that what I was doing was the right thing. The pain inside of me wouldn't let me see clear. was a prideful person vet I was hurting inside. I didn't know why I was hurting and in pain. I was mad at God and at myself for all the things that were happening in my life, but.....God freed me of all that pain and I began to heal.

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dropped it in the dirt or stuck in the tractor tines or anywhere he was at. Nothing<sup>(1)</sup>..... Stressing now.

Well it is now almost five o'clock..... got to go. Praying minimum all the way home in my mind that no matter what ..... things will get taken care off. I did not want to put more stress on Bob about wallet so I tried to keep quiet so as not to put stress on him. Okay we will have to cancel credit cards n go to DMV and get Bob's ID renewed at the Lemoore Naval Base. (2)(2)(2). We get home and Bob checks messages on phone. "Hello this message is for Bob I found your wallet and would like to get it to you." OH MY GOSH!!!!!! WHAT!?!?!? At 11AM the next day a young lady "happened" to be going to see her mom for the day and just stopped for couple minutes to get her little girl out of car as the winding roads were a bit much for her. When she got off she found the wallet!!!! She went to her mom's and called from there so we called and we ended up meeting her at 8:30 pm that same night as she was going back home to Coalinga! That is 100 miles away from the mountain property and 65 miles from Visalia!! Almost like triangle distance for all three cities. We spoke to her for a while and so blessed and thankful  $\textcircled{\odot}$  that she was the one that found it. Of course rewarded her for all she did. It was a miracle that she was put in that path for sure. I bet her mom is very proud of her. God Bless you Kylee. Not a coincidence... A Blessing.

Okay so Chaplain Bob goes back to the hills few days later again in the 2. "Rugged Road Rage Jeep" (as I call it) @@@ pulling a small trailer. He left early as it takes hour and a half to drive there. I could not go as I had doctor appointment. I get a call few hours later from Bob that he is stuck on side of the road COO with a flat tire. (:). He called from his cellphone but how did that happen?!?! Usually we can't get cell reception in most area there in the mountains.???? Hhhmmm?? Okay so I get into the truck and picked up my sister-in-law and take the jack which was

not in the Jeep (:)(:) from Visalia to where he was stranded. We find Bob and pick him up so we go to the Tollhouse property to get a Jeep tire from the barn. Here we go back up to where Jeep and trailer are. The Jeep has right front tire all shredded. Many of you all are aware that my husband, Chaplain Bob, has Parkinson's and it is more noticeable now. Well he still likes to take charge and take care of things himself  $\Box \oplus$  a few cars passed us going slow then a big white suburban slowed and three guys stopped and asked if we needed help. I immediately put my hands like in prayer mode and nodded my head and whispered loud  $\square \textcircled{G} \square \textcircled{G} \square \textcircled{G}$  "yes please, please" They pulled over and immediately took tire off n put the other on and we all talked about where we were from n come to find out the father and son were related to my sister-in-law!!!!! She had not seen them in years n years! Now they are connected to contacts for the family. Wow that was a blessing for them all. They were chatting away and sharing memories  $\widehat{\mathbb{W}}^{\odot}$ then while they were talking the other gentleman tells Bob that he looked familiar. Hhmmnn. This man rides motorcycles in with Bill Glass Ministry Events to prisons and has Ministry also in Fresno....aahhhh well Meet Chaplain Bob that does the same!!! ARR + + + AR

COINCIDENCE ?!? I DON'T THINK SO! prepared for us all. AMEN AND AMEN

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# Volume111

# "Letter From M.O.M."

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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.

Watch our website www.MovingOnMinistry.com

We are also affiliated with International Prison Fellowship www.PrisonMinistry.net/movingon

## 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.

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## 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.PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY \*\*\*\*\*

## 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." \*\*\*\*\*

## Sharing Your Testimony

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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

For those of you that communicate with individuals that have computer access,

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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 vou may download. www.MovingOnMinistry.com

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?"

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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.

Because we don't get paid doesn't mean it's free. We need support for expenses for supplies, paper, printing, stamps and envelopes. It really helps out so much. God Bless vou all.

done to thank Him for what He had done for them. (Exodus 23:14) "While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not erase." (Genesis 8:22)(NASB) God said this after He promised to never flood the earth again. So until the day that Jesus returns, the earth will always yield it's harvest.

In the Sermon on the Mount, one of the things that Jesus talked about was the Beatitudes. Each one of them starts with the word "blessed." (Matthew 5:3-12) They are designed to teach all believers, how we are to act and how God is going to bless us. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 1:3) (ESV) Paul is teaching that anyone who is in the Lord will be blessed by Him. Verse 7 "Yes, God will bless us, and people all over the world will fear Him."

Ezekiel 34:26 says "I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing: and I will cause showers to come down in their season, there shall be showers of blessing." (NKJV) The word "showers" does not simply mean the rain that comes down to water the earth. It also means the blessings that God gives to His children. There is a song lyric that goes as our prayers go up, the blessings come down. All believers need to realize this. The Bible even says that when we give our tithes to the Lord, He will pour down blessing upon us. (Malachi 3:10) Most people assume that tithing is giving money to the church, but, in reality, it can be our time and our works as well.

The word "fear" is used in this verse as a form of reverence. God promised the people of Israel that He would be with them and they did not need to fear. (Isaiah 41:10) In this verse, fear means to be afraid. But when the Lord is with us, we do not need to be afraid of our enemies. Peter wrote "Show proper respect to everyone. Love the brotherhood of brother, fear God, honor our King."(1 Peter 2:17) (NIV) The believer's fear of God is where they are showing Him respect and giving Him the honor and praise that He is due. This is something that all believers should be doing. BY JAMES BRICKER

All scripture is quoted from the New Living Translation (NLT) unless otherwise noted:

KJV King James Version

NKJV New King James Version New International Version NIV

ESV English Standard Version

NASB New American Standard Bible

#### Day To Day Blessings

1. This is a story about a double blessing. Chaplain Bob and I went to the mountain = property as his usual activities to do some of the cleanup of the tall weeds and work on the tractors and stuff and start getting ground leveling for a storage building. Okay so we go up in the evening stop to get some snacks. I drove the rest of the way and stop at one parking lot at Humphrey Station Restaurant so he sees something with paperwork so he opens the door for light. We get to house at 9:30pm. Tired  $\bigcirc$ . Next day he is using the small tractor discing around area. We start to get ready to leave at 2pm. I get all the things we need to be ready and Chaplain Bob asks me if I have his wallet??? Uhhh no don't you have it? He replies "No". Okay I go inside the 😭 house and search every nook and cranny. No 😳 luck . I go walking around all of area to see if he might have

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This verse is another example of where something is repeated. It means that it is important for us to learn. Paul wrote that praise cannot come from men but only from God. (Romans 2:29) In Revelation 19:5, the Bible says, "Then a voice came from the throne, saying "Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, both small and great!"(NIV) Even though this was heard in heaven, it should also be heard on earth today. All those who believe should be praising Him all the time. The children of God make up His holy nation and as such, we should be giving Him the praise that he deserves.

Verse 4 "Let the whole world sing for joy because You govern the nations with justice and guide the people of the whole world."

Nehemiah led a group of Israelites to Jerusalem when they were held in captivity in Babylon. "Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."(ESV) This is found in Nehemiah 8:10. He said this to the people after he had read them the law. When believers are living in the joy of the Lord, we are able to find strength. (Ephesians 3:18) It is available through the love that God has for all those who are part of His family. We should be joyful for the love.

Isaiah wrote that when Christ comes, the government would be upon His shoulders. (Isaiah 9:6) The Jewish leaders did not fully understand this. They assumed that when the Messiah came, He would reign over them as their king. The problem is that Jesus first had to come to save the world from sin. That is why He came the first time. When He comes for the second time, He will reign over the world. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body, and be thankful." (Colossians 3:15) (NASB) Jesus will not only rule over all believers, but He will also rule our lives.

Verse 5 "May the nation praise You, O God, yes, may all the nations praise You."

This verse is identical to verse 3. That means that it is very important for us to learn. Therefore all the nations of the earth should be giving Him the praise that He is due. Ephesians 1:6 states "To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved."(KJV) Through His great love that He has for all of His children, we are accepted in His sight. This was achieved by the blood that Jesus shed on the cross. We should be always praising God for this. It does no matter if they are going through a good time or through a rough patch. Paul even wrote that we can count it as a blessing when we suffer for Christ's sake. (Philippians 1:27-30) In our times of suffering, we should be still giving God praise.

All praise that is given to God is special to Him. Churches will sing songs of praise to Him as a form of praise. When the people of Israel left Egypt, they sang a song of praise to God. (Exodu 15) They were thanking God for rescuing them. "Seven times a day, I praise You, because of Your righteous judgments. "(NKJV) This is found in Psalm 119:164. We should be praising the Lord all the time because of all that He has done for us.

Verse 6 "Then the earth will yield it's harvest, and God, our God, will richly bless us."

The Jewish people celebrated two festivals called The Feast of the Harvest and The Feast of the Ingathering. Both of these were done to celebrate the harvest. The Lord wanted the Israelites to give Him the first portion of the harvest as a tithe to Him. It was

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# PSALMS 67

(Note from Beatriz, what an encouraging letter  $\ensuremath{\textcircled{}{\odot}}$  ) (Beatriz typed up letter)

Hi! I hope this letter will find you all blessed and fruitful in all that you set out to do in Christ Jesus. I hope and pray Psalm 91: 10 - 11, "No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; for he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all his ways." For you M.O.M.  $\odot$ 

I am doing well and thankful that this whole institution where I am currently serving my time, is Covid – 19 free. Thanks to God<sup>©</sup> Thank you for keeping me on your mailing list and always letting me know that I am thought of and prayed for on my birthdays!

It has been approximately sixteen (16) years that I have had the honor of receiving your mail, (*newsletter published since Oct. 2003*). I remember my first letter to you, crying out about me being alone with no one to write me, and by the grace of God you have been with me every step of the way. During mail call 99.9% my name gets called, it comforts me when I get the envelope containing the letters from M.O.M. ©

The world is changing and many in here, as I am sure outside are losing their grip on commands of love God and love thy neighbor, as a result of the Covid–19 restrictions on our freedom.

All that is going on, makes me think of Matthew 24 – of the signs of the coming of our Lord Jesus. He says in part that it will be like the flood of Noah's time, when the floods came and took everyone by surprise.

I thank the Lord for the laborers whom he has sent into his harvest. I thank the Lord for you, Moving On Ministry.

While in here, I have been constructive with my time. I have been attending college courses and working on receiving my AA degree in business and Anthropology. I believe the Lord is going to use me and I am cultivating in my mind. I do not know how or where He will use me, but I must gird up the loins of my mind right. ©©

To me since I have been getting closer to my release date, the thought of getting out of prison is intimidating to me. I had become homeless toward the end of my time before my arrest, and I'm sure that I will go back to that when I am released. But to be honest, I am not absolutely certain of that projected outcome. I knew that it is just a thought that crosses my mind whenever I pay attention to the rearview mirror of my life. Just touching bases with you a little bit, and I guess that I am also venting somewhat. ©

Well, wonderful family in Christ of Moving On Ministry. I will close for now. You are always in my prayers. IN CHRIST JESUS. KEN HERNANDEZ © ©

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 Verse 1 "May God be merciful and bless us, may His Face smile with favor upon us." The title of this Psalm is "Make Your Face Shine Upon Us." It is by an unknown author. When the Israelites were in the wilderness, God told Moses that no one was able to see His Face because then they would die. (Exodus 33:20) The reason is that due to their sinful nature, no one is able to see the Lord in all His Glory. On the day that Jesus returns, all believers will be given new bodies like the one that Jesus has. "When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you will also be revealed with Him in Glory." (Colossians 3:4) (NASB) Not only have we received these new bodies, we will be able to see God in all His Glory.

"For I will be merciful to the unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds, I will remember no more."(NKJV) This is found in Hebrews 8:12. The Lord is merciful to all those who have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. He has even promised to remember their sins no more. Because He sent Jesus to die on the cross as the perfect sacrifice, He is able to do this. The Lord told Moses to tell the people that He would bless them and keep them. (Number 6:24) Those whom the Lord has blessed will receive His Mercy.

There is a saying that a smile can light up a whole room. It may have started in order to life the spirits of people who are in a bad mood. In the book of Proverbs, it states that a good man will obtain favor from God. (Proverbs 12:2a) God grants all of His children favor because He loves them. Genesis 6:8 says "But Noah found favor in the Eyes of the Lord." (ESV) Noah is just one example of God smiling with favor on those whom He loves.

Verse 2 "May Your ways be known throughout the earth, Your saving power among people everywhere."

Wherever people look, they are able to see the power of God in everything around them. This is due to the fact that He is the Creator of everything. "He is the rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He." (Deuteronomy 32:4) (NIV) This is the reason why all believers should be telling others about the wonders of God's powers. Then they will be brought into His family and be under His love. Jesus told the disciples to make disciples of all the nations. (Matthew 28:19)

The Lord sent His Son, Jesus, to save people from their sin. "For the Son of man came to save that which is lost."(KJV) Jesus said this in Matthew 18:11. Due to the disobedience of Adam, all of mankind is lost in sin. Paul wrote that the wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23) Since God is holy, He is not able to abide in the presence of sin. Jesus did not have any sin in Him which is why He is able to save people from their sin.

Verse 3 "May the nations praise You, O God, yes, may all nations praise You." In this verse, the word nations can also mean people. When people or nations are praising God, they are giving Him glory and honor. The prophet Isaiah had a vision where he saw seraphim, which are a type of angel. "And one called at another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory." (Isaiah 6:2)(NASB) all believers should be saying the same thing. We are to tell others of His glory and of His wonderful deeds. (1 Chronicles 16:24) This is just one way that the children of God can give Him praise.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth.(Luke 2:14)

Dear Moving On Ministry family,

Merry Christmas, this Christmas as you consider all the awesome things that have come to you through Jesus/ God's perfect gift. Remember that this is a taste of all the good things that are yet to come.

I trust and pray that you continue to be blessed. It's a great joy each and every time I hear from you. Your fellowship continues to be a great joy and inspiration.

Despite this year being a year we'd like to forget but will always be remembered. I'm still going to have joy. Jesus is love. It was the loving circle of a family that first brought Christmas to our world. As we celebrate Christmas, it's still family that's at the heart of it all.

So saints of the most high know you're loved. Have a wonderful time with your loved ones. As we enter into a new year, remember, better than counting your years is to make all your years to count, Jesus is the reason we celebrate the season. May the timeless message of Christmas fill your hearts with joy and May God continue to bless you richly.

Love you, Carroll Watkins

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A FATHER'S PLEA by David Lewis

With my two sons and the times I missed. I daily think about this rather long list. From their dad's bad choices - please learn I say! And I'm so thankful they have taken - a better way. Things happen for a reason, and this is true – the Lord knew the solution – and it was now due. To wake me up as I had stepped off this path – these years verses Eternity just do the math. Graduations and weddings they all went by - as the bed in a prison cell – did I lie. Grandkids were born, so beautiful today – I missed it all and the price I pay. The youth of my sons and all the time we spent - the pictures I have and all the places we went. The Lord had His plan and this I say - all of these memories would be so vital one day. My example was poor, but you overcame, honor was brought to the family name. I am who I am, imperfection and all. To believe me or not - you make the call. A family they have and for this I'm glad – to take up the slack for their Absent Dad. My own way I tried and I went so low – and it took me to a place you never want to go. Pity nor Pride is not my goal - but in dark places tried to shine a soul. Walk the talk is the way I live - and how I go - to God be the Glory just so you will know. Perfection is not here but one day it will, to be like Him is how I yield. God sees the big picture and I see the small. He knows what is best when He makes the call. I stepped off the path, but I'm back to stay, and this will be shown – day by day. What will they think, I have no clue, To my two sons - HOW I LOVE YOU! To Justin, Jordan Lewis - and family. Written by Your Dad.

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M.O.M. Thanks for the Birthday letter & wishes. I pray that you all are safe out there and pointing others to the Cross of Christ for salvation. These are trying times and we know what Jesus says about these days in Matthew 24, Luke 21 & Mark 13. Our duty is not to worry but to share the message of Him and His Love for this decaying world. May the peace of Christ be your strength. 1Peter 2:9-12. In Christ Jesus,

Timmie Lee Fletcher.

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VERSES TO PONDER Submitted by **John Fordley**. Thank you John. © Matthew 5:14 - You are the Light of the World. Luke 1:37 - For with God nothing shall be impossible. 1Corinthians 13:4 -Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

#### <u>Give Me Courage</u> Submitted by John Fordley.

Oh give me courage Lord today to face what comes along. Give me faith and Love I need to fill each day with song. Oh, give me courage Lord to follow in Thy Way. Help me to do what I should do and hear me when I pray. Oh give me courage Lord today and strength to do Thy Will. Lead me and guide me Precious Lord for I need Thy Presence still. Oh give me courage Lord today. Come wash away my pain. Thou are my Master, Lord and King and ever shall remain.

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POEM FROM AUTHOR: ERNIE SANSON, (GREAT WORK ©)

If God had a wallet your picture would be in it. If He had a refrigerator, your photo would be on it. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Face it Beatriz, He is crazy about you!

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"The Unknown Soldier" By Richard Edward Weire, May 27, 2020

Each passing day gets longer than the last. Dreams of freedom from a very haunted past. Illness, Disease, Violence and Death..... I am sentenced to the wastelands where all... The Gladiators ..... will one day rest.

Scenarios of stabbings and brutality... Separates me from life's free world reality. Get up, smoke, eat and then go.... The hardships of my days you could never know.

Days turn to weeks, months turn to years... And many days of loneliness filled with tears. I am the Unknown Soldier society has scorned. I am the imprisoned. I am the soul of the unborn.

I am down but I am not slain. I will rise to one day fight again. I often wonder into the late of the night... A vision of beauty without any lights.

A dream of you with no sun shining thru. And all that I have is all that I'm after. Take a look into the mind of the soldier unknown.

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 points to remember regarding clothes fitting properly, posture, facial expressions etc..etc...etc...anyway it made a big difference in their lives about themselves and how they relate to others. There were many tears as sadness was being transformed into hope before my eyes. They realized that, yes indeed, God loved them and that they really were God's children and He never let go of us but we let go of God. Thank you Jesus!

When we read His truth, it gives us hope and strength to give up our baggage at His feet. We ask Jesus to forgive us, believe it and live a life that glorifies our Lord. We must know for a fact, 100% that we are a royal priesthood and must act upon it accordingly. II Peter 2:9-17. Sadly so many people go to church to leave their burdens at the altar to only go back at the end of the service to pick up their garbage and drag it back out again. They believe the filthy lies that were told to them and cannot see for they are blind to the truth. Their eyes, ears and heart are closed to the truth when all they have known is "you're no good", "no one will ever want you", "you make me sick", "you'll never amount to anything", "I hate you", "you're a nobody", "how could anyone love you after what you've done?" and the list goes on and on....Men and women are treated as the world sees them today because that is what you hear on commercials and books:"Take charge of your life", "dog eat dog to survive in this world", "Take home the bacon or you are nothing". I've got news for you.....

.....Yes, you can make a difference in your life by your choice of allowing the Holy Spirit to guide you in all you do and say. Give up everything, surrender all to Jesus Christ our Lord so you may LIVE. Allow God to work in your lives and guit working against Him. No more garbage in garbage out mentality. Once you allow the Holy Spirit to work in your heart and believe and trust that it is for real then you better get your seatbelt fastened and get ready for the ride of your life. God will open doors and prepare you the way for grand adventures that we could not even imagine. Along the way we might fall and that is where the Lords reminds us that He is the driving force and we must show love and obedience and get back up and go another step....Never, Never, Never give up! You can do it. When we see another brother or sister fall we must show love and encouragement to them. Have you ever prayed for patience? Well, I suggest you pray for "unconditional love" instead. Really! It makes a huge difference. Realize that you have to have respect for yourself and "forgive yourself" because when you asked for repentance and asked Jesus into your heart you were forgiven!!!!! Ephesians 6:10. One of our downfalls is that we do not believe because "Pride" has a hold on you after all who could love us after what we did?? Another attack of the enemy of our souls.

PEOPLE....Listen to me>>>>

Sometimes we are not aware that the enemy is attacking. The devil is like a roaring lion that prowls around looking to see who he can devour. He is a liar and a thief of joy and tears down family and relationships. I Peter 5:8

Read your Map Of Life: THE BIBLE In Christ Jesus Linda

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was still hurting but more than ever I was aware of who I was In Christ. A human being and not that monster I made of myself. For me the hardest thing get rid of was the pride and that ego. Once I got rid of those two things my change begin to occur. I no longer had the need to prove something to others. I didn't blame God for the bad things that happened to me. It wasn't easy but God has been there for me all the way. He picks me up when I am down, when I feel that I'm not worthy of Him and His mercy. When I feel my heart empty He fills me with that Love that only He can give. Well I am going to end this letter here. Once again thank you all. God bless you. Love, H.A. Mendoza.

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Note From Sister Linda Reprint from March 20, 2010

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Just want to share a bit of encouragement with you all. I have read letters of great joy, happiness and hope in people's lives as responses come back after reading the "Letter From M.O.M. Newsletter.

I thank God for my husband that he is faithful in this ministry. Bob can be found daily in the computer room updating or adding to the coming month's newsletter if he is not up in the hills taking care of the property maintenance or out at the jail facility or prison."

As I read the letters of joy I also come across some individuals that tell of their testimonies of the saddest situations and of how God has brought them to know that all things are possible with God. When resentment, bitterness and anger take hold of a person's heart it is shown by actions and words that cut right through the heart which is just another ploy of the enemy to destroy you and your relationships. I know that pain, bitterness, anger, rage and sadness, that was so overwhelming in my life that I just wanted to end it all since I was very young. I am here today because Jesus died on the cross for me to LIVE and I want to share this hope with you too.

I used to model for Frenchy Stafford Modeling School when I first came to Visalia 20 years ago. I could not afford the fees so Frenchy asked me if I would like to exchange cleaning her house for her.

Yes! was my quick response not knowing at the time that God had sent her to me for encouragement that would help me see and understand others and situations in a different light. It made a difference in my life for my self esteem and was a great aid for me to speak in public. Frenchy took her time to do a one on one session with me and before I knew it I was modeling at several of the malls, Tulare County Fair, singing and fill in as MC when she was unable to do it. It takes one simple act of kindness and the love of God that shines through you when you know the Master. I thank God for Frenchy, may she rest in peace.

One of the eye opening experiences I had was when I had the opportunity at my old church to have the young ladies from some of the group homes to model leisure, summer, and glamour and work attire. I met with the ladies, had them write down some

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 I've come to understand where I lay my head is home.

So now I no longer waste my hate... And somehow I've adapted to what has become my fate. But despite the days, weeks, months and years alone... I know that God will one day call me home

Care to know more of the man behind the poem? Then write at: Richard Weire #C-082615, Florida State Prison (M/U), P.O. Box 800, Raiford, FL 32083

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## HISTORY MAKER

September 2020

You are a history maker! Your life is making history today. The question is.... Who are You making history for? Every action, everything you do Everything you think and say Every least motive .....are recorded in God's Book ..... To Make Your History! We all say many things and appear to be what We want others to think of us but: What does your history reveal of the real you? When God opens The Book of Life: When we stand before Him one day..... What will He read? What will HIS Book sav? What Did You Do Each Day Making Your History? The choice is yours? Choose wisely how You ...... Write Your History! By: Glenn E. Manus

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### Fulfilling His Calling

Many have heard the phrase **"Where God Guides, He provides.**" We have been providing service for His Word for over 19 years (Started M.O.M. started April 2001}.

We have mentioned that the reason to go into ministry is not for the money. Our "pay grade" is way below that of Jesus. Jesus, who never drew a salary or got paid for doing ministry.

We are often asked how much we get paid. We reply that we don't get paid.. They reply, then you do it for free? Our response is that we wished it was free. We actually pay to present God's plan. Our payment that often comes years later is individuals coming into the family of God. But then, what greater gift or payment is there?

As we look at the out of pocket expense, we often ask God if this is where he wants us to be. We say, "GOD, YOU ARE NOT PROVIDING," God replies, "Have I not provided the locations for your meetings and for your programs?" YES GDD, THAT IS TRUE, God replies, "Have I not provided the inmates to attend services and do the correspondence with?" YES GOD AGAIN YOU ARE THERE. God asks ""Do I get you to and from your destinations?" AGAIN YOU ARE FAITHFUL GOD. God asks "Did I not give you the Bible for a map of life? YES GOD, THAT HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL, God asks ""Did I give you the greatest gift I could give, namely my son Jesus Christ, so that you can receive salvation." GDD, TRULY THERE IS NO GREATER GIFT. God, I guess that actually it is finances that worry me. 'Freely ye have received, freely also give. GOD I DON'T UNDERSTAND. "GOD REPLIED THAT WHEN YOU WERE SEEKING A CAREER, YOU WANTED TO GO TO SEMINARY AND GET INTO MINISTRY. I HAD YOU LEARN A SECULAR JOB SO YOU COULD HAVE FINANCIAL SECURITY IN THE FUTURE AND NOT HAVE TO TAKE OUT OF THE FUNDING OF THE MINISTRY.

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In looking at expenses, we often see the cost but don't realize the return.

Bryon with **CENTRAL VALLEY WHOLESALE LIQUIDATORS**, Visalia, CA. donated 12 reams of printer paper to print the 350 copies (68 pages each in half page format – 17 sheets each) of the **Volume 110 Newsletter** for mailing and donated another 12 reams to print additional 50 copies of the **newsletter** to be mailed out and printing 20 of the full size newsletters to be handed out. Also printing 40 copies of the 72 page list of **Resources** (half page format). Value of the donated paper is \$ 144.00.

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Purchased toner for printouts was \$ 68.18

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## 6 X 9 envelopes cost \$ 87.65.

Postage for mailing the 350 copies of Volume 110 newsletters was \$ 490.00 (Postage was \$ 1.40 each).

This one mailing had a cost of \$ 789.63 - our highest cost single day mailing.

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Our main concern is with the increasing costs and decreasing income. Most of the expenses are handled by Chaplain Bob and Sister Linda from their retirement checks. We have several of our volunteers that donate. Occasionally we have an inmate or two donate towards the mailing of the List of Resources (Donation now suggested at \$4.00).

We thought that M.O.M. would be closing its doors and its P.O. Box. But God came through,

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Due to so much going on with the Covid-19, I got behind on some of the mail but had to share part of this letter: God is doing amazing things in this man's life and had to share as I truly believe that many will be so encouraged and not give up like Horacio. God Bless you all. Thank you for sharing Horacio.

Dear M.O.M. Bob and Linda and volunteers.

I hope that this letter finds you and loved ones in the best of health. That God is keeping you and everyone safe during this time. I want to thank you all for the letters. I do appreciate what you do for us inmates.

.....(private conversation for us not added....but more continued) I believe I can now think in a better light is because of my Lord and Savior. ..... I know that prisoners have flaws and beliefs but what I have experienced these past seven years are a miracle and God's Grace. God has opened my heart and mind to see what He has done for me. I know that we are doubtful at times and this doubt makes us do the wrong things. Because we rely on our own understanding and not God's. We let our mind wander and we get in trouble (sin) but God has done a lot for me. I am at peace with myself and the actions that led me down this path. It doesn't mean that I don't have regrets, not at all. What it means is that I have learned to make choices that are pleasing to God. It means that I take full responsibility for my actions. That my love for God is greater than anything else. For many years I thought that what I was doing was the right thing. The pain inside of me wouldn't let me see clear. was a prideful person vet I was hurting inside. I didn't know why I was hurting and in pain. I was mad at God and at myself for all the things that were happening in my life, but.....God freed me of all that pain and I began to heal.

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dropped it in the dirt or stuck in the tractor tines or anywhere he was at. Nothing<sup>(1)</sup>..... Stressing now.

Well it is now almost five o'clock..... got to go. Praying minimum all the way home in my mind that no matter what ..... things will get taken care off. I did not want to put more stress on Bob about wallet so I tried to keep quiet so as not to put stress on him. Okay we will have to cancel credit cards n go to DMV and get Bob's ID renewed at the Lemoore Naval Base. (2)(2)(2). We get home and Bob checks messages on phone. "Hello this message is for Bob I found your wallet and would like to get it to you." OH MY GOSH!!!!!! WHAT!?!?!? At 11AM the next day a young lady "happened" to be going to see her mom for the day and just stopped for couple minutes to get her little girl out of car as the winding roads were a bit much for her. When she got off she found the wallet!!!! She went to her mom's and called from there so we called and we ended up meeting her at 8:30 pm that same night as she was going back home to Coalinga! That is 100 miles away from the mountain property and 65 miles from Visalia!! Almost like triangle distance for all three cities. We spoke to her for a while and so blessed and thankful  $\textcircled{\odot}$  that she was the one that found it. Of course rewarded her for all she did. It was a miracle that she was put in that path for sure. I bet her mom is very proud of her. God Bless you Kylee. Not a coincidence... A Blessing.

Okay so Chaplain Bob goes back to the hills few days later again in the 2. "Rugged Road Rage Jeep" (as I call it) @@@ pulling a small trailer. He left early as it takes hour and a half to drive there. I could not go as I had doctor appointment. I get a call few hours later from Bob that he is stuck on side of the road COO with a flat tire. (:). He called from his cellphone but how did that happen?!?! Usually we can't get cell reception in most area there in the mountains.???? Hhhmmm?? Okay so I get into the truck and picked up my sister-in-law and take the jack which was

not in the Jeep (:)(:) from Visalia to where he was stranded. We find Bob and pick him up so we go to the Tollhouse property to get a Jeep tire from the barn. Here we go back up to where Jeep and trailer are. The Jeep has right front tire all shredded. Many of you all are aware that my husband, Chaplain Bob, has Parkinson's and it is more noticeable now. Well he still likes to take charge and take care of things himself  $\Box \oplus$  a few cars passed us going slow then a big white suburban slowed and three guys stopped and asked if we needed help. I immediately put my hands like in prayer mode and nodded my head and whispered loud  $\square \textcircled{G} \square \textcircled{G} \square \textcircled{G}$  "yes please, please" They pulled over and immediately took tire off n put the other on and we all talked about where we were from n come to find out the father and son were related to my sister-in-law!!!!! She had not seen them in years n years! Now they are connected to contacts for the family. Wow that was a blessing for them all. They were chatting away and sharing memories  $\widehat{\mathbb{W}}^{\odot}$ then while they were talking the other gentleman tells Bob that he looked familiar. Hhmmnn. This man rides motorcycles in with Bill Glass Ministry Events to prisons and has Ministry also in Fresno....aahhhh well Meet Chaplain Bob that does the same!!! ARR + + + AR

COINCIDENCE ?!? I DON'T THINK SO! prepared for us all. AMEN AND AMEN

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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.

Watch our website www.MovingOnMinistry.com

We are also affiliated with International Prison Fellowship www.PrisonMinistry.net/movingon

## 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.

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## 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.PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY \*\*\*\*\*

## 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." \*\*\*\*\*

## Sharing Your Testimony

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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

For those of you that communicate with individuals that have computer access,

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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 vou may download. www.MovingOnMinistry.com

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?"

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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.

Because we don't get paid doesn't mean it's free. We need support for expenses for supplies, paper, printing, stamps and envelopes. It really helps out so much. God Bless vou all.

done to thank Him for what He had done for them. (Exodus 23:14) "While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not erase." (Genesis 8:22)(NASB) God said this after He promised to never flood the earth again. So until the day that Jesus returns, the earth will always yield it's harvest.

In the Sermon on the Mount, one of the things that Jesus talked about was the Beatitudes. Each one of them starts with the word "blessed." (Matthew 5:3-12) They are designed to teach all believers, how we are to act and how God is going to bless us. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 1:3) (ESV) Paul is teaching that anyone who is in the Lord will be blessed by Him. Verse 7 "Yes, God will bless us, and people all over the world will fear Him."

Ezekiel 34:26 says "I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing: and I will cause showers to come down in their season, there shall be showers of blessing." (NKJV) The word "showers" does not simply mean the rain that comes down to water the earth. It also means the blessings that God gives to His children. There is a song lyric that goes as our prayers go up, the blessings come down. All believers need to realize this. The Bible even says that when we give our tithes to the Lord, He will pour down blessing upon us. (Malachi 3:10) Most people assume that tithing is giving money to the church, but, in reality, it can be our time and our works as well.

The word "fear" is used in this verse as a form of reverence. God promised the people of Israel that He would be with them and they did not need to fear. (Isaiah 41:10) In this verse, fear means to be afraid. But when the Lord is with us, we do not need to be afraid of our enemies. Peter wrote "Show proper respect to everyone. Love the brotherhood of brother, fear God, honor our King."(1 Peter 2:17) (NIV) The believer's fear of God is where they are showing Him respect and giving Him the honor and praise that He is due. This is something that all believers should be doing. BY JAMES BRICKER

All scripture is quoted from the New Living Translation (NLT) unless otherwise noted:

KJV King James Version

NKJV New King James Version New International Version NIV

ESV English Standard Version

NASB New American Standard Bible

#### Day To Day Blessings

1. This is a story about a double blessing. Chaplain Bob and I went to the mountain = property as his usual activities to do some of the cleanup of the tall weeds and work on the tractors and stuff and start getting ground leveling for a storage building. Okay so we go up in the evening stop to get some snacks. I drove the rest of the way and stop at one parking lot at Humphrey Station Restaurant so he sees something with paperwork so he opens the door for light. We get to house at 9:30pm. Tired  $\bigcirc$ . Next day he is using the small tractor discing around area. We start to get ready to leave at 2pm. I get all the things we need to be ready and Chaplain Bob asks me if I have his wallet??? Uhhh no don't you have it? He replies "No". Okay I go inside the 😭 house and search every nook and cranny. No 😳 luck . I go walking around all of area to see if he might have

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This verse is another example of where something is repeated. It means that it is important for us to learn. Paul wrote that praise cannot come from men but only from God. (Romans 2:29) In Revelation 19:5, the Bible says, "Then a voice came from the throne, saying "Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, both small and great!"(NIV) Even though this was heard in heaven, it should also be heard on earth today. All those who believe should be praising Him all the time. The children of God make up His holy nation and as such, we should be giving Him the praise that he deserves.

Verse 4 "Let the whole world sing for joy because You govern the nations with justice and guide the people of the whole world."

Nehemiah led a group of Israelites to Jerusalem when they were held in captivity in Babylon. "Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."(ESV) This is found in Nehemiah 8:10. He said this to the people after he had read them the law. When believers are living in the joy of the Lord, we are able to find strength. (Ephesians 3:18) It is available through the love that God has for all those who are part of His family. We should be joyful for the love.

Isaiah wrote that when Christ comes, the government would be upon His shoulders. (Isaiah 9:6) The Jewish leaders did not fully understand this. They assumed that when the Messiah came, He would reign over them as their king. The problem is that Jesus first had to come to save the world from sin. That is why He came the first time. When He comes for the second time, He will reign over the world. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body, and be thankful." (Colossians 3:15) (NASB) Jesus will not only rule over all believers, but He will also rule our lives.

Verse 5 "May the nation praise You, O God, yes, may all the nations praise You."

This verse is identical to verse 3. That means that it is very important for us to learn. Therefore all the nations of the earth should be giving Him the praise that He is due. Ephesians 1:6 states "To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved."(KJV) Through His great love that He has for all of His children, we are accepted in His sight. This was achieved by the blood that Jesus shed on the cross. We should be always praising God for this. It does no matter if they are going through a good time or through a rough patch. Paul even wrote that we can count it as a blessing when we suffer for Christ's sake. (Philippians 1:27-30) In our times of suffering, we should be still giving God praise.

All praise that is given to God is special to Him. Churches will sing songs of praise to Him as a form of praise. When the people of Israel left Egypt, they sang a song of praise to God. (Exodu 15) They were thanking God for rescuing them. "Seven times a day, I praise You, because of Your righteous judgments. "(NKJV) This is found in Psalm 119:164. We should be praising the Lord all the time because of all that He has done for us.

Verse 6 "Then the earth will yield it's harvest, and God, our God, will richly bless us."

The Jewish people celebrated two festivals called The Feast of the Harvest and The Feast of the Ingathering. Both of these were done to celebrate the harvest. The Lord wanted the Israelites to give Him the first portion of the harvest as a tithe to Him. It was

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(Note from Beatriz, what an encouraging letter  $\ensuremath{\textcircled{}{\odot}}$  ) (Beatriz typed up letter)

Hi! I hope this letter will find you all blessed and fruitful in all that you set out to do in Christ Jesus. I hope and pray Psalm 91: 10 - 11, "No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; for he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all his ways." For you M.O.M.  $\odot$ 

I am doing well and thankful that this whole institution where I am currently serving my time, is Covid – 19 free. Thanks to God<sup>©</sup> Thank you for keeping me on your mailing list and always letting me know that I am thought of and prayed for on my birthdays!

It has been approximately sixteen (16) years that I have had the honor of receiving your mail, (*newsletter published since Oct. 2003*). I remember my first letter to you, crying out about me being alone with no one to write me, and by the grace of God you have been with me every step of the way. During mail call 99.9% my name gets called, it comforts me when I get the envelope containing the letters from M.O.M. ©

The world is changing and many in here, as I am sure outside are losing their grip on commands of love God and love thy neighbor, as a result of the Covid–19 restrictions on our freedom.

All that is going on, makes me think of Matthew 24 – of the signs of the coming of our Lord Jesus. He says in part that it will be like the flood of Noah's time, when the floods came and took everyone by surprise.

I thank the Lord for the laborers whom he has sent into his harvest. I thank the Lord for you, Moving On Ministry.

While in here, I have been constructive with my time. I have been attending college courses and working on receiving my AA degree in business and Anthropology. I believe the Lord is going to use me and I am cultivating in my mind. I do not know how or where He will use me, but I must gird up the loins of my mind right. ©©

To me since I have been getting closer to my release date, the thought of getting out of prison is intimidating to me. I had become homeless toward the end of my time before my arrest, and I'm sure that I will go back to that when I am released. But to be honest, I am not absolutely certain of that projected outcome. I knew that it is just a thought that crosses my mind whenever I pay attention to the rearview mirror of my life. Just touching bases with you a little bit, and I guess that I am also venting somewhat. ©

Well, wonderful family in Christ of Moving On Ministry. I will close for now. You are always in my prayers. IN CHRIST JESUS. KEN HERNANDEZ © ©

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 Verse 1 "May God be merciful and bless us, may His Face smile with favor upon us." The title of this Psalm is "Make Your Face Shine Upon Us." It is by an unknown author. When the Israelites were in the wilderness, God told Moses that no one was able to see His Face because then they would die. (Exodus 33:20) The reason is that due to their sinful nature, no one is able to see the Lord in all His Glory. On the day that Jesus returns, all believers will be given new bodies like the one that Jesus has. "When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you will also be revealed with Him in Glory." (Colossians 3:4) (NASB) Not only have we received these new bodies, we will be able to see God in all His Glory.

"For I will be merciful to the unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds, I will remember no more."(NKJV) This is found in Hebrews 8:12. The Lord is merciful to all those who have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. He has even promised to remember their sins no more. Because He sent Jesus to die on the cross as the perfect sacrifice, He is able to do this. The Lord told Moses to tell the people that He would bless them and keep them. (Number 6:24) Those whom the Lord has blessed will receive His Mercy.

There is a saying that a smile can light up a whole room. It may have started in order to life the spirits of people who are in a bad mood. In the book of Proverbs, it states that a good man will obtain favor from God. (Proverbs 12:2a) God grants all of His children favor because He loves them. Genesis 6:8 says "But Noah found favor in the Eyes of the Lord." (ESV) Noah is just one example of God smiling with favor on those whom He loves.

Verse 2 "May Your ways be known throughout the earth, Your saving power among people everywhere."

Wherever people look, they are able to see the power of God in everything around them. This is due to the fact that He is the Creator of everything. "He is the rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He." (Deuteronomy 32:4) (NIV) This is the reason why all believers should be telling others about the wonders of God's powers. Then they will be brought into His family and be under His love. Jesus told the disciples to make disciples of all the nations. (Matthew 28:19)

The Lord sent His Son, Jesus, to save people from their sin. "For the Son of man came to save that which is lost."(KJV) Jesus said this in Matthew 18:11. Due to the disobedience of Adam, all of mankind is lost in sin. Paul wrote that the wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23) Since God is holy, He is not able to abide in the presence of sin. Jesus did not have any sin in Him which is why He is able to save people from their sin.

Verse 3 "May the nations praise You, O God, yes, may all nations praise You." In this verse, the word nations can also mean people. When people or nations are praising God, they are giving Him glory and honor. The prophet Isaiah had a vision where he saw seraphim, which are a type of angel. "And one called at another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory." (Isaiah 6:2)(NASB) all believers should be saying the same thing. We are to tell others of His glory and of His wonderful deeds. (1 Chronicles 16:24) This is just one way that the children of God can give Him praise.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth.(Luke 2:14)

Dear Moving On Ministry family,

Merry Christmas, this Christmas as you consider all the awesome things that have come to you through Jesus/ God's perfect gift. Remember that this is a taste of all the good things that are yet to come.

I trust and pray that you continue to be blessed. It's a great joy each and every time I hear from you. Your fellowship continues to be a great joy and inspiration.

Despite this year being a year we'd like to forget but will always be remembered. I'm still going to have joy. Jesus is love. It was the loving circle of a family that first brought Christmas to our world. As we celebrate Christmas, it's still family that's at the heart of it all.

So saints of the most high know you're loved. Have a wonderful time with your loved ones. As we enter into a new year, remember, better than counting your years is to make all your years to count, Jesus is the reason we celebrate the season. May the timeless message of Christmas fill your hearts with joy and May God continue to bless you richly.

Love you, Carroll Watkins

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A FATHER'S PLEA by David Lewis

With my two sons and the times I missed. I daily think about this rather long list. From their dad's bad choices - please learn I say! And I'm so thankful they have taken - a better way. Things happen for a reason, and this is true – the Lord knew the solution – and it was now due. To wake me up as I had stepped off this path – these years verses Eternity just do the math. Graduations and weddings they all went by - as the bed in a prison cell – did I lie. Grandkids were born, so beautiful today – I missed it all and the price I pay. The youth of my sons and all the time we spent - the pictures I have and all the places we went. The Lord had His plan and this I say - all of these memories would be so vital one day. My example was poor, but you overcame, honor was brought to the family name. I am who I am, imperfection and all. To believe me or not - you make the call. A family they have and for this I'm glad – to take up the slack for their Absent Dad. My own way I tried and I went so low – and it took me to a place you never want to go. Pity nor Pride is not my goal - but in dark places tried to shine a soul. Walk the talk is the way I live - and how I go - to God be the Glory just so you will know. Perfection is not here but one day it will, to be like Him is how I yield. God sees the big picture and I see the small. He knows what is best when He makes the call. I stepped off the path, but I'm back to stay, and this will be shown – day by day. What will they think, I have no clue, To my two sons - HOW I LOVE YOU! To Justin, Jordan Lewis - and family. Written by Your Dad.

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M.O.M. Thanks for the Birthday letter & wishes. I pray that you all are safe out there and pointing others to the Cross of Christ for salvation. These are trying times and we know what Jesus says about these days in Matthew 24, Luke 21 & Mark 13. Our duty is not to worry but to share the message of Him and His Love for this decaying world. May the peace of Christ be your strength. 1Peter 2:9-12. In Christ Jesus,

Timmie Lee Fletcher.

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VERSES TO PONDER Submitted by **John Fordley**. Thank you John. © Matthew 5:14 - You are the Light of the World. Luke 1:37 - For with God nothing shall be impossible. 1Corinthians 13:4 -Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

#### <u>Give Me Courage</u> Submitted by John Fordley.

Oh give me courage Lord today to face what comes along. Give me faith and Love I need to fill each day with song. Oh, give me courage Lord to follow in Thy Way. Help me to do what I should do and hear me when I pray. Oh give me courage Lord today and strength to do Thy Will. Lead me and guide me Precious Lord for I need Thy Presence still. Oh give me courage Lord today. Come wash away my pain. Thou are my Master, Lord and King and ever shall remain.

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POEM FROM AUTHOR: ERNIE SANSON, (GREAT WORK ©)

If God had a wallet your picture would be in it. If He had a refrigerator, your photo would be on it. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Face it Beatriz, He is crazy about you!

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"The Unknown Soldier" By Richard Edward Weire, May 27, 2020

Each passing day gets longer than the last. Dreams of freedom from a very haunted past. Illness, Disease, Violence and Death..... I am sentenced to the wastelands where all... The Gladiators ..... will one day rest.

Scenarios of stabbings and brutality... Separates me from life's free world reality. Get up, smoke, eat and then go.... The hardships of my days you could never know.

Days turn to weeks, months turn to years... And many days of loneliness filled with tears. I am the Unknown Soldier society has scorned. I am the imprisoned. I am the soul of the unborn.

I am down but I am not slain. I will rise to one day fight again. I often wonder into the late of the night... A vision of beauty without any lights.

A dream of you with no sun shining thru. And all that I have is all that I'm after. Take a look into the mind of the soldier unknown.

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When we read His truth, it gives us hope and strength to give up our baggage at His feet. We ask Jesus to forgive us, believe it and live a life that glorifies our Lord. We must know for a fact, 100% that we are a royal priesthood and must act upon it accordingly. II Peter 2:9-17. Sadly so many people go to church to leave their burdens at the altar to only go back at the end of the service to pick up their garbage and drag it back out again. They believe the filthy lies that were told to them and cannot see for they are blind to the truth. Their eyes, ears and heart are closed to the truth when all they have known is "you're no good", "no one will ever want you", "you make me sick", "you'll never amount to anything", "I hate you", "you're a nobody", "how could anyone love you after what you've done?" and the list goes on and on....Men and women are treated as the world sees them today because that is what you hear on commercials and books:"Take charge of your life", "dog eat dog to survive in this world", "Take home the bacon or you are nothing". I've got news for you.....

.....Yes, you can make a difference in your life by your choice of allowing the Holy Spirit to guide you in all you do and say. Give up everything, surrender all to Jesus Christ our Lord so you may LIVE. Allow God to work in your lives and guit working against Him. No more garbage in garbage out mentality. Once you allow the Holy Spirit to work in your heart and believe and trust that it is for real then you better get your seatbelt fastened and get ready for the ride of your life. God will open doors and prepare you the way for grand adventures that we could not even imagine. Along the way we might fall and that is where the Lords reminds us that He is the driving force and we must show love and obedience and get back up and go another step....Never, Never, Never give up! You can do it. When we see another brother or sister fall we must show love and encouragement to them. Have you ever prayed for patience? Well, I suggest you pray for "unconditional love" instead. Really! It makes a huge difference. Realize that you have to have respect for yourself and "forgive yourself" because when you asked for repentance and asked Jesus into your heart you were forgiven!!!!! Ephesians 6:10. One of our downfalls is that we do not believe because "Pride" has a hold on you after all who could love us after what we did?? Another attack of the enemy of our souls.

PEOPLE....Listen to me>>>>

Sometimes we are not aware that the enemy is attacking. The devil is like a roaring lion that prowls around looking to see who he can devour. He is a liar and a thief of joy and tears down family and relationships. I Peter 5:8

Read your Map Of Life: THE BIBLE In Christ Jesus Linda

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was still hurting but more than ever I was aware of who I was In Christ. A human being and not that monster I made of myself. For me the hardest thing get rid of was the pride and that ego. Once I got rid of those two things my change begin to occur. I no longer had the need to prove something to others. I didn't blame God for the bad things that happened to me. It wasn't easy but God has been there for me all the way. He picks me up when I am down, when I feel that I'm not worthy of Him and His mercy. When I feel my heart empty He fills me with that Love that only He can give. Well I am going to end this letter here. Once again thank you all. God bless you. Love, H.A. Mendoza.

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Note From Sister Linda Reprint from March 20, 2010

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Just want to share a bit of encouragement with you all. I have read letters of great joy, happiness and hope in people's lives as responses come back after reading the "Letter From M.O.M. Newsletter.

I thank God for my husband that he is faithful in this ministry. Bob can be found daily in the computer room updating or adding to the coming month's newsletter if he is not up in the hills taking care of the property maintenance or out at the jail facility or prison."

As I read the letters of joy I also come across some individuals that tell of their testimonies of the saddest situations and of how God has brought them to know that all things are possible with God. When resentment, bitterness and anger take hold of a person's heart it is shown by actions and words that cut right through the heart which is just another ploy of the enemy to destroy you and your relationships. I know that pain, bitterness, anger, rage and sadness, that was so overwhelming in my life that I just wanted to end it all since I was very young. I am here today because Jesus died on the cross for me to LIVE and I want to share this hope with you too.

I used to model for Frenchy Stafford Modeling School when I first came to Visalia 20 years ago. I could not afford the fees so Frenchy asked me if I would like to exchange cleaning her house for her.

Yes! was my quick response not knowing at the time that God had sent her to me for encouragement that would help me see and understand others and situations in a different light. It made a difference in my life for my self esteem and was a great aid for me to speak in public. Frenchy took her time to do a one on one session with me and before I knew it I was modeling at several of the malls, Tulare County Fair, singing and fill in as MC when she was unable to do it. It takes one simple act of kindness and the love of God that shines through you when you know the Master. I thank God for Frenchy, may she rest in peace.

One of the eye opening experiences I had was when I had the opportunity at my old church to have the young ladies from some of the group homes to model leisure, summer, and glamour and work attire. I met with the ladies, had them write down some

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So now I no longer waste my hate... And somehow I've adapted to what has become my fate. But despite the days, weeks, months and years alone... I know that God will one day call me home

Care to know more of the man behind the poem? Then write at: Richard Weire #C-082615, Florida State Prison (M/U), P.O. Box 800, Raiford, FL 32083

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## HISTORY MAKER

September 2020

You are a history maker! Your life is making history today. The question is.... Who are You making history for? Every action, everything you do Everything you think and say Every least motive .....are recorded in God's Book ..... To Make Your History! We all say many things and appear to be what We want others to think of us but: What does your history reveal of the real you? When God opens The Book of Life: When we stand before Him one day..... What will He read? What will HIS Book sav? What Did You Do Each Day Making Your History? The choice is yours? Choose wisely how You ...... Write Your History! By: Glenn E. Manus

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### Fulfilling His Calling

Many have heard the phrase **"Where God Guides, He provides.**" We have been providing service for His Word for over 19 years (Started M.O.M. started April 2001}.

We have mentioned that the reason to go into ministry is not for the money. Our "pay grade" is way below that of Jesus. Jesus, who never drew a salary or got paid for doing ministry.

We are often asked how much we get paid. We reply that we don't get paid.. They reply, then you do it for free? Our response is that we wished it was free. We actually pay to present God's plan. Our payment that often comes years later is individuals coming into the family of God. But then, what greater gift or payment is there?

As we look at the out of pocket expense, we often ask God if this is where he wants us to be. We say, "GOD, YOU ARE NOT PROVIDING," God replies, "Have I not provided the locations for your meetings and for your programs?" YES GDD, THAT IS TRUE, God replies, "Have I not provided the inmates to attend services and do the correspondence with?" YES GOD AGAIN YOU ARE THERE. God asks ""Do I get you to and from your destinations?" AGAIN YOU ARE FAITHFUL GOD. God asks "Did I not give you the Bible for a map of life? YES GOD, THAT HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL, God asks ""Did I give you the greatest gift I could give, namely my son Jesus Christ, so that you can receive salvation." GDD, TRULY THERE IS NO GREATER GIFT. God, I guess that actually it is finances that worry me. 'Freely ye have received, freely also give. GOD I DON'T UNDERSTAND. "GOD REPLIED THAT WHEN YOU WERE SEEKING A CAREER, YOU WANTED TO GO TO SEMINARY AND GET INTO MINISTRY. I HAD YOU LEARN A SECULAR JOB SO YOU COULD HAVE FINANCIAL SECURITY IN THE FUTURE AND NOT HAVE TO TAKE OUT OF THE FUNDING OF THE MINISTRY.

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In looking at expenses, we often see the cost but don't realize the return.

Bryon with **CENTRAL VALLEY WHOLESALE LIQUIDATORS**, Visalia, CA. donated 12 reams of printer paper to print the 350 copies (68 pages each in half page format – 17 sheets each) of the **Volume 110 Newsletter** for mailing and donated another 12 reams to print additional 50 copies of the **newsletter** to be mailed out and printing 20 of the full size newsletters to be handed out. Also printing 40 copies of the 72 page list of **Resources** (half page format). Value of the donated paper is \$ 144.00.

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Purchased toner for printouts was \$ 68.18

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## 6 X 9 envelopes cost \$ 87.65.

Postage for mailing the 350 copies of Volume 110 newsletters was \$ 490.00 (Postage was \$ 1.40 each).

This one mailing had a cost of \$ 789.63 - our highest cost single day mailing.

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Our main concern is with the increasing costs and decreasing income. Most of the expenses are handled by Chaplain Bob and Sister Linda from their retirement checks. We have several of our volunteers that donate. Occasionally we have an inmate or two donate towards the mailing of the List of Resources (Donation now suggested at \$4.00).

We thought that M.O.M. would be closing its doors and its P.O. Box. But God came through,

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Due to so much going on with the Covid-19, I got behind on some of the mail but had to share part of this letter: God is doing amazing things in this man's life and had to share as I truly believe that many will be so encouraged and not give up like Horacio. God Bless you all. Thank you for sharing Horacio.

Dear M.O.M. Bob and Linda and volunteers.

I hope that this letter finds you and loved ones in the best of health. That God is keeping you and everyone safe during this time. I want to thank you all for the letters. I do appreciate what you do for us inmates.

.....(private conversation for us not added....but more continued) I believe I can now think in a better light is because of my Lord and Savior. ..... I know that prisoners have flaws and beliefs but what I have experienced these past seven years are a miracle and God's Grace. God has opened my heart and mind to see what He has done for me. I know that we are doubtful at times and this doubt makes us do the wrong things. Because we rely on our own understanding and not God's. We let our mind wander and we get in trouble (sin) but God has done a lot for me. I am at peace with myself and the actions that led me down this path. It doesn't mean that I don't have regrets, not at all. What it means is that I have learned to make choices that are pleasing to God. It means that I take full responsibility for my actions. That my love for God is greater than anything else. For many years I thought that what I was doing was the right thing. The pain inside of me wouldn't let me see clear. was a prideful person vet I was hurting inside. I didn't know why I was hurting and in pain. I was mad at God and at myself for all the things that were happening in my life, but.....God freed me of all that pain and I began to heal.

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dropped it in the dirt or stuck in the tractor tines or anywhere he was at. Nothing<sup>(1)</sup>..... Stressing now.

Well it is now almost five o'clock..... got to go. Praying minimum all the way home in my mind that no matter what ..... things will get taken care off. I did not want to put more stress on Bob about wallet so I tried to keep quiet so as not to put stress on him. Okay we will have to cancel credit cards n go to DMV and get Bob's ID renewed at the Lemoore Naval Base. (2)(2)(2). We get home and Bob checks messages on phone. "Hello this message is for Bob I found your wallet and would like to get it to you." OH MY GOSH!!!!!! WHAT!?!?!? At 11AM the next day a young lady "happened" to be going to see her mom for the day and just stopped for couple minutes to get her little girl out of car as the winding roads were a bit much for her. When she got off she found the wallet!!!! She went to her mom's and called from there so we called and we ended up meeting her at 8:30 pm that same night as she was going back home to Coalinga! That is 100 miles away from the mountain property and 65 miles from Visalia!! Almost like triangle distance for all three cities. We spoke to her for a while and so blessed and thankful  $\textcircled{\odot}$  that she was the one that found it. Of course rewarded her for all she did. It was a miracle that she was put in that path for sure. I bet her mom is very proud of her. God Bless you Kylee. Not a coincidence... A Blessing.

Okay so Chaplain Bob goes back to the hills few days later again in the 2. "Rugged Road Rage Jeep" (as I call it) @@@ pulling a small trailer. He left early as it takes hour and a half to drive there. I could not go as I had doctor appointment. I get a call few hours later from Bob that he is stuck on side of the road COO with a flat tire. (:). He called from his cellphone but how did that happen?!?! Usually we can't get cell reception in most area there in the mountains.???? Hhhmmm?? Okay so I get into the truck and picked up my sister-in-law and take the jack which was

not in the Jeep (:)(:) from Visalia to where he was stranded. We find Bob and pick him up so we go to the Tollhouse property to get a Jeep tire from the barn. Here we go back up to where Jeep and trailer are. The Jeep has right front tire all shredded. Many of you all are aware that my husband, Chaplain Bob, has Parkinson's and it is more noticeable now. Well he still likes to take charge and take care of things himself  $\Box \oplus$  a few cars passed us going slow then a big white suburban slowed and three guys stopped and asked if we needed help. I immediately put my hands like in prayer mode and nodded my head and whispered loud  $\square \textcircled{G} \square \textcircled{G} \square \textcircled{G}$  "yes please, please" They pulled over and immediately took tire off n put the other on and we all talked about where we were from n come to find out the father and son were related to my sister-in-law!!!!! She had not seen them in years n years! Now they are connected to contacts for the family. Wow that was a blessing for them all. They were chatting away and sharing memories  $\widehat{\mathbb{W}} \odot \square \widehat{\mathbb{G}}$  okay then while they were talking the other gentleman tells Bob that he looked familiar. Hhmmnn. This man rides motorcycles in with Bill Glass Ministry Events to prisons and has Ministry also in Fresno....aahhhh well Meet Chaplain Bob that does the same!!! ARR + + + AR

COINCIDENCE ?!? I DON'T THINK SO! prepared for us all. AMEN AND AMEN

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# "Letter From M.O.M."

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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.

Watch our website www.MovingOnMinistry.com

We are also affiliated with International Prison Fellowship www.PrisonMinistry.net/movingon

## 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.

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## 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.PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY \*\*\*\*\*

## 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." \*\*\*\*\*

## Sharing Your Testimony

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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

For those of you that communicate with individuals that have computer access,

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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 vou may download. www.MovingOnMinistry.com

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?"

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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.

Because we don't get paid doesn't mean it's free. We need support for expenses for supplies, paper, printing, stamps and envelopes. It really helps out so much. God Bless vou all.

done to thank Him for what He had done for them. (Exodus 23:14) "While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not erase." (Genesis 8:22)(NASB) God said this after He promised to never flood the earth again. So until the day that Jesus returns, the earth will always yield it's harvest.

In the Sermon on the Mount, one of the things that Jesus talked about was the Beatitudes. Each one of them starts with the word "blessed." (Matthew 5:3-12) They are designed to teach all believers, how we are to act and how God is going to bless us. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 1:3) (ESV) Paul is teaching that anyone who is in the Lord will be blessed by Him. Verse 7 "Yes, God will bless us, and people all over the world will fear Him."

Ezekiel 34:26 says "I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing: and I will cause showers to come down in their season, there shall be showers of blessing." (NKJV) The word "showers" does not simply mean the rain that comes down to water the earth. It also means the blessings that God gives to His children. There is a song lyric that goes as our prayers go up, the blessings come down. All believers need to realize this. The Bible even says that when we give our tithes to the Lord, He will pour down blessing upon us. (Malachi 3:10) Most people assume that tithing is giving money to the church, but, in reality, it can be our time and our works as well.

The word "fear" is used in this verse as a form of reverence. God promised the people of Israel that He would be with them and they did not need to fear. (Isaiah 41:10) In this verse, fear means to be afraid. But when the Lord is with us, we do not need to be afraid of our enemies. Peter wrote "Show proper respect to everyone. Love the brotherhood of brother, fear God, honor our King."(1 Peter 2:17) (NIV) The believer's fear of God is where they are showing Him respect and giving Him the honor and praise that He is due. This is something that all believers should be doing. BY JAMES BRICKER

All scripture is quoted from the New Living Translation (NLT) unless otherwise noted:

KJV King James Version

NKJV New King James Version New International Version NIV

ESV English Standard Version

NASB New American Standard Bible

### Day To Day Blessings

1. This is a story about a double blessing. Chaplain Bob and I went to the mountain = property as his usual activities to do some of the cleanup of the tall weeds and work on the tractors and stuff and start getting ground leveling for a storage building. Okay so we go up in the evening stop to get some snacks. I drove the rest of the way and stop at one parking lot at Humphrey Station Restaurant so he sees something with paperwork so he opens the door for light. We get to house at 9:30pm. Tired  $\bigcirc$ . Next day he is using the small tractor discing around area. We start to get ready to leave at 2pm. I get all the things we need to be ready and Chaplain Bob asks me if I have his wallet??? Uhhh no don't you have it? He replies "No". Okay I go inside the 😭 house and search every nook and cranny. No 😳 luck . I go walking around all of area to see if he might have

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This verse is another example of where something is repeated. It means that it is important for us to learn. Paul wrote that praise cannot come from men but only from God. (Romans 2:29) In Revelation 19:5, the Bible says, "Then a voice came from the throne, saying "Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, both small and great!"(NIV) Even though this was heard in heaven, it should also be heard on earth today. All those who believe should be praising Him all the time. The children of God make up His holy nation and as such, we should be giving Him the praise that he deserves.

Verse 4 "Let the whole world sing for joy because You govern the nations with justice and guide the people of the whole world."

Nehemiah led a group of Israelites to Jerusalem when they were held in captivity in Babylon. "Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."(ESV) This is found in Nehemiah 8:10. He said this to the people after he had read them the law. When believers are living in the joy of the Lord, we are able to find strength. (Ephesians 3:18) It is available through the love that God has for all those who are part of His family. We should be joyful for the love.

Isaiah wrote that when Christ comes, the government would be upon His shoulders. (Isaiah 9:6) The Jewish leaders did not fully understand this. They assumed that when the Messiah came, He would reign over them as their king. The problem is that Jesus first had to come to save the world from sin. That is why He came the first time. When He comes for the second time, He will reign over the world. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body, and be thankful." (Colossians 3:15) (NASB) Jesus will not only rule over all believers, but He will also rule our lives.

Verse 5 "May the nation praise You, O God, yes, may all the nations praise You."

This verse is identical to verse 3. That means that it is very important for us to learn. Therefore all the nations of the earth should be giving Him the praise that He is due. Ephesians 1:6 states "To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved."(KJV) Through His great love that He has for all of His children, we are accepted in His sight. This was achieved by the blood that Jesus shed on the cross. We should be always praising God for this. It does no matter if they are going through a good time or through a rough patch. Paul even wrote that we can count it as a blessing when we suffer for Christ's sake. (Philippians 1:27-30) In our times of suffering, we should be still giving God praise.

All praise that is given to God is special to Him. Churches will sing songs of praise to Him as a form of praise. When the people of Israel left Egypt, they sang a song of praise to God. (Exodu 15) They were thanking God for rescuing them. "Seven times a day, I praise You, because of Your righteous judgments. "(NKJV) This is found in Psalm 119:164. We should be praising the Lord all the time because of all that He has done for us.

Verse 6 "Then the earth will yield it's harvest, and God, our God, will richly bless us."

The Jewish people celebrated two festivals called The Feast of the Harvest and The Feast of the Ingathering. Both of these were done to celebrate the harvest. The Lord wanted the Israelites to give Him the first portion of the harvest as a tithe to Him. It was

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



# PSALMS 67

(Note from Beatriz, what an encouraging letter  $\ensuremath{\textcircled{}{\odot}}$  ) (Beatriz typed up letter)

Hi! I hope this letter will find you all blessed and fruitful in all that you set out to do in Christ Jesus. I hope and pray Psalm 91: 10 - 11, "No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; for he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all his ways." For you M.O.M.  $\odot$ 

I am doing well and thankful that this whole institution where I am currently serving my time, is Covid – 19 free. Thanks to God<sup>©</sup> Thank you for keeping me on your mailing list and always letting me know that I am thought of and prayed for on my birthdays!

It has been approximately sixteen (16) years that I have had the honor of receiving your mail, (*newsletter published since Oct. 2003*). I remember my first letter to you, crying out about me being alone with no one to write me, and by the grace of God you have been with me every step of the way. During mail call 99.9% my name gets called, it comforts me when I get the envelope containing the letters from M.O.M. ©

The world is changing and many in here, as I am sure outside are losing their grip on commands of love God and love thy neighbor, as a result of the Covid–19 restrictions on our freedom.

All that is going on, makes me think of Matthew 24 – of the signs of the coming of our Lord Jesus. He says in part that it will be like the flood of Noah's time, when the floods came and took everyone by surprise.

I thank the Lord for the laborers whom he has sent into his harvest. I thank the Lord for you, Moving On Ministry.

While in here, I have been constructive with my time. I have been attending college courses and working on receiving my AA degree in business and Anthropology. I believe the Lord is going to use me and I am cultivating in my mind. I do not know how or where He will use me, but I must gird up the loins of my mind right. ©©

To me since I have been getting closer to my release date, the thought of getting out of prison is intimidating to me. I had become homeless toward the end of my time before my arrest, and I'm sure that I will go back to that when I am released. But to be honest, I am not absolutely certain of that projected outcome. I knew that it is just a thought that crosses my mind whenever I pay attention to the rearview mirror of my life. Just touching bases with you a little bit, and I guess that I am also venting somewhat. ©

Well, wonderful family in Christ of Moving On Ministry. I will close for now. You are always in my prayers. IN CHRIST JESUS. KEN HERNANDEZ © ©

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 Verse 1 "May God be merciful and bless us, may His Face smile with favor upon us." The title of this Psalm is "Make Your Face Shine Upon Us." It is by an unknown author. When the Israelites were in the wilderness, God told Moses that no one was able to see His Face because then they would die. (Exodus 33:20) The reason is that due to their sinful nature, no one is able to see the Lord in all His Glory. On the day that Jesus returns, all believers will be given new bodies like the one that Jesus has. "When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you will also be revealed with Him in Glory." (Colossians 3:4) (NASB) Not only have we received these new bodies, we will be able to see God in all His Glory.

"For I will be merciful to the unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds, I will remember no more."(NKJV) This is found in Hebrews 8:12. The Lord is merciful to all those who have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. He has even promised to remember their sins no more. Because He sent Jesus to die on the cross as the perfect sacrifice, He is able to do this. The Lord told Moses to tell the people that He would bless them and keep them. (Number 6:24) Those whom the Lord has blessed will receive His Mercy.

There is a saying that a smile can light up a whole room. It may have started in order to life the spirits of people who are in a bad mood. In the book of Proverbs, it states that a good man will obtain favor from God. (Proverbs 12:2a) God grants all of His children favor because He loves them. Genesis 6:8 says "But Noah found favor in the Eyes of the Lord." (ESV) Noah is just one example of God smiling with favor on those whom He loves.

Verse 2 "May Your ways be known throughout the earth, Your saving power among people everywhere."

Wherever people look, they are able to see the power of God in everything around them. This is due to the fact that He is the Creator of everything. "He is the rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He." (Deuteronomy 32:4) (NIV) This is the reason why all believers should be telling others about the wonders of God's powers. Then they will be brought into His family and be under His love. Jesus told the disciples to make disciples of all the nations. (Matthew 28:19)

The Lord sent His Son, Jesus, to save people from their sin. "For the Son of man came to save that which is lost."(KJV) Jesus said this in Matthew 18:11. Due to the disobedience of Adam, all of mankind is lost in sin. Paul wrote that the wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23) Since God is holy, He is not able to abide in the presence of sin. Jesus did not have any sin in Him which is why He is able to save people from their sin.

Verse 3 "May the nations praise You, O God, yes, may all nations praise You." In this verse, the word nations can also mean people. When people or nations are praising God, they are giving Him glory and honor. The prophet Isaiah had a vision where he saw seraphim, which are a type of angel. "And one called at another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory." (Isaiah 6:2)(NASB) all believers should be saying the same thing. We are to tell others of His glory and of His wonderful deeds. (1 Chronicles 16:24) This is just one way that the children of God can give Him praise.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth.(Luke 2:14)

Dear Moving On Ministry family,

Merry Christmas, this Christmas as you consider all the awesome things that have come to you through Jesus/ God's perfect gift. Remember that this is a taste of all the good things that are yet to come.

I trust and pray that you continue to be blessed. It's a great joy each and every time I hear from you. Your fellowship continues to be a great joy and inspiration.

Despite this year being a year we'd like to forget but will always be remembered. I'm still going to have joy. Jesus is love. It was the loving circle of a family that first brought Christmas to our world. As we celebrate Christmas, it's still family that's at the heart of it all.

So saints of the most high know you're loved. Have a wonderful time with your loved ones. As we enter into a new year, remember, better than counting your years is to make all your years to count, Jesus is the reason we celebrate the season. May the timeless message of Christmas fill your hearts with joy and May God continue to bless you richly.

Love you, Carroll Watkins

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A FATHER'S PLEA by David Lewis

With my two sons and the times I missed. I daily think about this rather long list. From their dad's bad choices - please learn I say! And I'm so thankful they have taken - a better way. Things happen for a reason, and this is true – the Lord knew the solution – and it was now due. To wake me up as I had stepped off this path – these years verses Eternity just do the math. Graduations and weddings they all went by - as the bed in a prison cell – did I lie. Grandkids were born, so beautiful today – I missed it all and the price I pay. The youth of my sons and all the time we spent - the pictures I have and all the places we went. The Lord had His plan and this I say - all of these memories would be so vital one day. My example was poor, but you overcame, honor was brought to the family name. I am who I am, imperfection and all. To believe me or not - you make the call. A family they have and for this I'm glad – to take up the slack for their Absent Dad. My own way I tried and I went so low – and it took me to a place you never want to go. Pity nor Pride is not my goal - but in dark places tried to shine a soul. Walk the talk is the way I live - and how I go - to God be the Glory just so you will know. Perfection is not here but one day it will, to be like Him is how I yield. God sees the big picture and I see the small. He knows what is best when He makes the call. I stepped off the path, but I'm back to stay, and this will be shown – day by day. What will they think, I have no clue, To my two sons - HOW I LOVE YOU! To Justin, Jordan Lewis - and family. Written by Your Dad.

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M.O.M. Thanks for the Birthday letter & wishes. I pray that you all are safe out there and pointing others to the Cross of Christ for salvation. These are trying times and we know what Jesus says about these days in Matthew 24, Luke 21 & Mark 13. Our duty is not to worry but to share the message of Him and His Love for this decaying world. May the peace of Christ be your strength. 1Peter 2:9-12. In Christ Jesus,

Timmie Lee Fletcher.

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VERSES TO PONDER Submitted by **John Fordley**. Thank you John. © Matthew 5:14 - You are the Light of the World. Luke 1:37 - For with God nothing shall be impossible. 1Corinthians 13:4 -Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

#### <u>Give Me Courage</u> Submitted by John Fordley.

Oh give me courage Lord today to face what comes along. Give me faith and Love I need to fill each day with song. Oh, give me courage Lord to follow in Thy Way. Help me to do what I should do and hear me when I pray. Oh give me courage Lord today and strength to do Thy Will. Lead me and guide me Precious Lord for I need Thy Presence still. Oh give me courage Lord today. Come wash away my pain. Thou are my Master, Lord and King and ever shall remain.

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POEM FROM AUTHOR: ERNIE SANSON, (GREAT WORK ©)

If God had a wallet your picture would be in it. If He had a refrigerator, your photo would be on it. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Face it Beatriz, He is crazy about you!

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"The Unknown Soldier" By Richard Edward Weire, May 27, 2020

Each passing day gets longer than the last. Dreams of freedom from a very haunted past. Illness, Disease, Violence and Death..... I am sentenced to the wastelands where all... The Gladiators ..... will one day rest.

Scenarios of stabbings and brutality... Separates me from life's free world reality. Get up, smoke, eat and then go.... The hardships of my days you could never know.

Days turn to weeks, months turn to years... And many days of loneliness filled with tears. I am the Unknown Soldier society has scorned. I am the imprisoned. I am the soul of the unborn.

I am down but I am not slain. I will rise to one day fight again. I often wonder into the late of the night... A vision of beauty without any lights.

A dream of you with no sun shining thru. And all that I have is all that I'm after. Take a look into the mind of the soldier unknown.

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 points to remember regarding clothes fitting properly, posture, facial expressions etc..etc...etc...anyway it made a big difference in their lives about themselves and how they relate to others. There were many tears as sadness was being transformed into hope before my eyes. They realized that, yes indeed, God loved them and that they really were God's children and He never let go of us but we let go of God. Thank you Jesus!

When we read His truth, it gives us hope and strength to give up our baggage at His feet. We ask Jesus to forgive us, believe it and live a life that glorifies our Lord. We must know for a fact, 100% that we are a royal priesthood and must act upon it accordingly. II Peter 2:9-17. Sadly so many people go to church to leave their burdens at the altar to only go back at the end of the service to pick up their garbage and drag it back out again. They believe the filthy lies that were told to them and cannot see for they are blind to the truth. Their eyes, ears and heart are closed to the truth when all they have known is "you're no good", "no one will ever want you", "you make me sick", "you'll never amount to anything", "I hate you", "you're a nobody", "how could anyone love you after what you've done?" and the list goes on and on....Men and women are treated as the world sees them today because that is what you hear on commercials and books:"Take charge of your life", "dog eat dog to survive in this world", "Take home the bacon or you are nothing". I've got news for you.....

.....Yes, you can make a difference in your life by your choice of allowing the Holy Spirit to guide you in all you do and say. Give up everything, surrender all to Jesus Christ our Lord so you may LIVE. Allow God to work in your lives and guit working against Him. No more garbage in garbage out mentality. Once you allow the Holy Spirit to work in your heart and believe and trust that it is for real then you better get your seatbelt fastened and get ready for the ride of your life. God will open doors and prepare you the way for grand adventures that we could not even imagine. Along the way we might fall and that is where the Lords reminds us that He is the driving force and we must show love and obedience and get back up and go another step....Never, Never, Never give up! You can do it. When we see another brother or sister fall we must show love and encouragement to them. Have you ever prayed for patience? Well, I suggest you pray for "unconditional love" instead. Really! It makes a huge difference. Realize that you have to have respect for yourself and "forgive yourself" because when you asked for repentance and asked Jesus into your heart you were forgiven!!!!! Ephesians 6:10. One of our downfalls is that we do not believe because "Pride" has a hold on you after all who could love us after what we did?? Another attack of the enemy of our souls.

PEOPLE....Listen to me>>>>

Sometimes we are not aware that the enemy is attacking. The devil is like a roaring lion that prowls around looking to see who he can devour. He is a liar and a thief of joy and tears down family and relationships. I Peter 5:8

Read your Map Of Life: THE BIBLE In Christ Jesus Linda

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was still hurting but more than ever I was aware of who I was In Christ. A human being and not that monster I made of myself. For me the hardest thing get rid of was the pride and that ego. Once I got rid of those two things my change begin to occur. I no longer had the need to prove something to others. I didn't blame God for the bad things that happened to me. It wasn't easy but God has been there for me all the way. He picks me up when I am down, when I feel that I'm not worthy of Him and His mercy. When I feel my heart empty He fills me with that Love that only He can give. Well I am going to end this letter here. Once again thank you all. God bless you. Love, H.A. Mendoza.

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Note From Sister Linda Reprint from March 20, 2010

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Just want to share a bit of encouragement with you all. I have read letters of great joy, happiness and hope in people's lives as responses come back after reading the "Letter From M.O.M. Newsletter.

I thank God for my husband that he is faithful in this ministry. Bob can be found daily in the computer room updating or adding to the coming month's newsletter if he is not up in the hills taking care of the property maintenance or out at the jail facility or prison."

As I read the letters of joy I also come across some individuals that tell of their testimonies of the saddest situations and of how God has brought them to know that all things are possible with God. When resentment, bitterness and anger take hold of a person's heart it is shown by actions and words that cut right through the heart which is just another ploy of the enemy to destroy you and your relationships. I know that pain, bitterness, anger, rage and sadness, that was so overwhelming in my life that I just wanted to end it all since I was very young. I am here today because Jesus died on the cross for me to LIVE and I want to share this hope with you too.

I used to model for Frenchy Stafford Modeling School when I first came to Visalia 20 years ago. I could not afford the fees so Frenchy asked me if I would like to exchange cleaning her house for her.

Yes! was my quick response not knowing at the time that God had sent her to me for encouragement that would help me see and understand others and situations in a different light. It made a difference in my life for my self esteem and was a great aid for me to speak in public. Frenchy took her time to do a one on one session with me and before I knew it I was modeling at several of the malls, Tulare County Fair, singing and fill in as MC when she was unable to do it. It takes one simple act of kindness and the love of God that shines through you when you know the Master. I thank God for Frenchy, may she rest in peace.

One of the eye opening experiences I had was when I had the opportunity at my old church to have the young ladies from some of the group homes to model leisure, summer, and glamour and work attire. I met with the ladies, had them write down some

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 I've come to understand where I lay my head is home.

So now I no longer waste my hate... And somehow I've adapted to what has become my fate. But despite the days, weeks, months and years alone... I know that God will one day call me home

Care to know more of the man behind the poem? Then write at: Richard Weire #C-082615, Florida State Prison (M/U), P.O. Box 800, Raiford, FL 32083

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## HISTORY MAKER

September 2020

You are a history maker! Your life is making history today. The question is.... Who are You making history for? Every action, everything you do Everything you think and say Every least motive .....are recorded in God's Book ..... To Make Your History! We all say many things and appear to be what We want others to think of us but: What does your history reveal of the real you? When God opens The Book of Life: When we stand before Him one day..... What will He read? What will HIS Book sav? What Did You Do Each Day Making Your History? The choice is yours? Choose wisely how You ...... Write Your History! By: Glenn E. Manus

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### Fulfilling His Calling

Many have heard the phrase **"Where God Guides, He provides.**" We have been providing service for His Word for over 19 years (Started M.O.M. started April 2001}.

We have mentioned that the reason to go into ministry is not for the money. Our "pay grade" is way below that of Jesus. Jesus, who never drew a salary or got paid for doing ministry.

We are often asked how much we get paid. We reply that we don't get paid.. They reply, then you do it for free? Our response is that we wished it was free. We actually pay to present God's plan. Our payment that often comes years later is individuals coming into the family of God. But then, what greater gift or payment is there?

As we look at the out of pocket expense, we often ask God if this is where he wants us to be. We say, "GOD, YOU ARE NOT PROVIDING," God replies, "Have I not provided the locations for your meetings and for your programs?" YES GDD, THAT IS TRUE, God replies, "Have I not provided the inmates to attend services and do the correspondence with?" YES GOD AGAIN YOU ARE THERE. God asks ""Do I get you to and from your destinations?" AGAIN YOU ARE FAITHFUL GOD. God asks "Did I not give you the Bible for a map of life? YES GOD, THAT HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL, God asks ""Did I give you the greatest gift I could give, namely my son Jesus Christ, so that you can receive salvation." GDD, TRULY THERE IS NO GREATER GIFT. God, I guess that actually it is finances that worry me. 'Freely ye have received, freely also give. GOD I DON'T UNDERSTAND. "GOD REPLIED THAT WHEN YOU WERE SEEKING A CAREER, YOU WANTED TO GO TO SEMINARY AND GET INTO MINISTRY. I HAD YOU LEARN A SECULAR JOB SO YOU COULD HAVE FINANCIAL SECURITY IN THE FUTURE AND NOT HAVE TO TAKE OUT OF THE FUNDING OF THE MINISTRY.

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In looking at expenses, we often see the cost but don't realize the return.

Bryon with **CENTRAL VALLEY WHOLESALE LIQUIDATORS**, Visalia, CA. donated 12 reams of printer paper to print the 350 copies (68 pages each in half page format – 17 sheets each) of the **Volume 110 Newsletter** for mailing and donated another 12 reams to print additional 50 copies of the **newsletter** to be mailed out and printing 20 of the full size newsletters to be handed out. Also printing 40 copies of the 72 page list of **Resources** (half page format). Value of the donated paper is \$ 144.00.

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Purchased toner for printouts was \$ 68.18

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## 6 X 9 envelopes cost \$ 87.65.

Postage for mailing the 350 copies of Volume 110 newsletters was \$ 490.00 (Postage was \$ 1.40 each).

This one mailing had a cost of \$ 789.63 - our highest cost single day mailing.

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Our main concern is with the increasing costs and decreasing income. Most of the expenses are handled by Chaplain Bob and Sister Linda from their retirement checks. We have several of our volunteers that donate. Occasionally we have an inmate or two donate towards the mailing of the List of Resources (Donation now suggested at \$4.00).

We thought that M.O.M. would be closing its doors and its P.O. Box. But God came through,

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Due to so much going on with the Covid-19, I got behind on some of the mail but had to share part of this letter: God is doing amazing things in this man's life and had to share as I truly believe that many will be so encouraged and not give up like Horacio. God Bless you all. Thank you for sharing Horacio.

Dear M.O.M. Bob and Linda and volunteers.

I hope that this letter finds you and loved ones in the best of health. That God is keeping you and everyone safe during this time. I want to thank you all for the letters. I do appreciate what you do for us inmates.

.....(private conversation for us not added....but more continued) I believe I can now think in a better light is because of my Lord and Savior. ..... I know that prisoners have flaws and beliefs but what I have experienced these past seven years are a miracle and God's Grace. God has opened my heart and mind to see what He has done for me. I know that we are doubtful at times and this doubt makes us do the wrong things. Because we rely on our own understanding and not God's. We let our mind wander and we get in trouble (sin) but God has done a lot for me. I am at peace with myself and the actions that led me down this path. It doesn't mean that I don't have regrets, not at all. What it means is that I have learned to make choices that are pleasing to God. It means that I take full responsibility for my actions. That my love for God is greater than anything else. For many years I thought that what I was doing was the right thing. The pain inside of me wouldn't let me see clear. was a prideful person vet I was hurting inside. I didn't know why I was hurting and in pain. I was mad at God and at myself for all the things that were happening in my life, but.....God freed me of all that pain and I began to heal.

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dropped it in the dirt or stuck in the tractor tines or anywhere he was at. Nothing<sup>(1)</sup>..... Stressing now.

Well it is now almost five o'clock..... got to go. Praying minimum all the way home in my mind that no matter what ..... things will get taken care off. I did not want to put more stress on Bob about wallet so I tried to keep quiet so as not to put stress on him. Okay we will have to cancel credit cards n go to DMV and get Bob's ID renewed at the Lemoore Naval Base. (2)(2)(2). We get home and Bob checks messages on phone. "Hello this message is for Bob I found your wallet and would like to get it to you." OH MY GOSH!!!!!! WHAT!?!?!? At 11AM the next day a young lady "happened" to be going to see her mom for the day and just stopped for couple minutes to get her little girl out of car as the winding roads were a bit much for her. When she got off she found the wallet!!!! She went to her mom's and called from there so we called and we ended up meeting her at 8:30 pm that same night as she was going back home to Coalinga! That is 100 miles away from the mountain property and 65 miles from Visalia!! Almost like triangle distance for all three cities. We spoke to her for a while and so blessed and thankful  $\textcircled{\odot}$  that she was the one that found it. Of course rewarded her for all she did. It was a miracle that she was put in that path for sure. I bet her mom is very proud of her. God Bless you Kylee. Not a coincidence... A Blessing.

Okay so Chaplain Bob goes back to the hills few days later again in the 2. "Rugged Road Rage Jeep" (as I call it) @@@ pulling a small trailer. He left early as it takes hour and a half to drive there. I could not go as I had doctor appointment. I get a call few hours later from Bob that he is stuck on side of the road COO with a flat tire. (:). He called from his cellphone but how did that happen?!?! Usually we can't get cell reception in most area there in the mountains.???? Hhhmmm?? Okay so I get into the truck and picked up my sister-in-law and take the jack which was

not in the Jeep (:)(:) from Visalia to where he was stranded. We find Bob and pick him up so we go to the Tollhouse property to get a Jeep tire from the barn. Here we go back up to where Jeep and trailer are. The Jeep has right front tire all shredded. Many of you all are aware that my husband, Chaplain Bob, has Parkinson's and it is more noticeable now. Well he still likes to take charge and take care of things himself  $\Box \oplus$  a few cars passed us going slow then a big white suburban slowed and three guys stopped and asked if we needed help. I immediately put my hands like in prayer mode and nodded my head and whispered loud  $\square \textcircled{G} \square \textcircled{G} \square \textcircled{G}$  "yes please, please" They pulled over and immediately took tire off n put the other on and we all talked about where we were from n come to find out the father and son were related to my sister-in-law!!!!! She had not seen them in years n years! Now they are connected to contacts for the family. Wow that was a blessing for them all. They were chatting away and sharing memories  $\widehat{\mathbb{W}} \odot \square \widehat{\mathbb{G}}$  okay then while they were talking the other gentleman tells Bob that he looked familiar. Hhmmnn. This man rides motorcycles in with Bill Glass Ministry Events to prisons and has Ministry also in Fresno....aahhhh well Meet Chaplain Bob that does the same!!! 

COINCIDENCE ?!? I DON'T THINK SO! prepared for us all. AMEN AND AMEN

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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.

Watch our website www.MovingOnMinistry.com

We are also affiliated with International Prison Fellowship www.PrisonMinistry.net/movingon

## 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.

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## 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.PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY \*\*\*\*\*

## 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." \*\*\*\*\*

## Sharing Your Testimony

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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

For those of you that communicate with individuals that have computer access,

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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 vou may download. www.MovingOnMinistry.com

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?"

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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.

Because we don't get paid doesn't mean it's free. We need support for expenses for supplies, paper, printing, stamps and envelopes. It really helps out so much. God Bless vou all.

done to thank Him for what He had done for them. (Exodus 23:14) "While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not erase." (Genesis 8:22)(NASB) God said this after He promised to never flood the earth again. So until the day that Jesus returns, the earth will always yield it's harvest.

In the Sermon on the Mount, one of the things that Jesus talked about was the Beatitudes. Each one of them starts with the word "blessed." (Matthew 5:3-12) They are designed to teach all believers, how we are to act and how God is going to bless us. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 1:3) (ESV) Paul is teaching that anyone who is in the Lord will be blessed by Him. Verse 7 "Yes, God will bless us, and people all over the world will fear Him."

Ezekiel 34:26 says "I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing: and I will cause showers to come down in their season, there shall be showers of blessing." (NKJV) The word "showers" does not simply mean the rain that comes down to water the earth. It also means the blessings that God gives to His children. There is a song lyric that goes as our prayers go up, the blessings come down. All believers need to realize this. The Bible even says that when we give our tithes to the Lord, He will pour down blessing upon us. (Malachi 3:10) Most people assume that tithing is giving money to the church, but, in reality, it can be our time and our works as well.

The word "fear" is used in this verse as a form of reverence. God promised the people of Israel that He would be with them and they did not need to fear. (Isaiah 41:10) In this verse, fear means to be afraid. But when the Lord is with us, we do not need to be afraid of our enemies. Peter wrote "Show proper respect to everyone. Love the brotherhood of brother, fear God, honor our King."(1 Peter 2:17) (NIV) The believer's fear of God is where they are showing Him respect and giving Him the honor and praise that He is due. This is something that all believers should be doing. BY JAMES BRICKER

All scripture is quoted from the New Living Translation (NLT) unless otherwise noted:

KJV King James Version

NKJV New King James Version New International Version NIV

ESV English Standard Version

NASB New American Standard Bible

### Day To Day Blessings

1. This is a story about a double blessing. Chaplain Bob and I went to the mountain = property as his usual activities to do some of the cleanup of the tall weeds and work on the tractors and stuff and start getting ground leveling for a storage building. Okay so we go up in the evening stop to get some snacks. I drove the rest of the way and stop at one parking lot at Humphrey Station Restaurant so he sees something with paperwork so he opens the door for light. We get to house at 9:30pm. Tired  $\bigcirc$ . Next day he is using the small tractor discing around area. We start to get ready to leave at 2pm. I get all the things we need to be ready and Chaplain Bob asks me if I have his wallet??? Uhhh no don't you have it? He replies "No". Okay I go inside the 😭 house and search every nook and cranny. No 😳 luck . I go walking around all of area to see if he might have

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This verse is another example of where something is repeated. It means that it is important for us to learn. Paul wrote that praise cannot come from men but only from God. (Romans 2:29) In Revelation 19:5, the Bible says, "Then a voice came from the throne, saying "Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, both small and great!"(NIV) Even though this was heard in heaven, it should also be heard on earth today. All those who believe should be praising Him all the time. The children of God make up His holy nation and as such, we should be giving Him the praise that he deserves.

Verse 4 "Let the whole world sing for joy because You govern the nations with justice and guide the people of the whole world."

Nehemiah led a group of Israelites to Jerusalem when they were held in captivity in Babylon. "Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."(ESV) This is found in Nehemiah 8:10. He said this to the people after he had read them the law. When believers are living in the joy of the Lord, we are able to find strength. (Ephesians 3:18) It is available through the love that God has for all those who are part of His family. We should be joyful for the love.

Isaiah wrote that when Christ comes, the government would be upon His shoulders. (Isaiah 9:6) The Jewish leaders did not fully understand this. They assumed that when the Messiah came, He would reign over them as their king. The problem is that Jesus first had to come to save the world from sin. That is why He came the first time. When He comes for the second time, He will reign over the world. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body, and be thankful." (Colossians 3:15) (NASB) Jesus will not only rule over all believers, but He will also rule our lives.

Verse 5 "May the nation praise You, O God, yes, may all the nations praise You."

This verse is identical to verse 3. That means that it is very important for us to learn. Therefore all the nations of the earth should be giving Him the praise that He is due. Ephesians 1:6 states "To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved."(KJV) Through His great love that He has for all of His children, we are accepted in His sight. This was achieved by the blood that Jesus shed on the cross. We should be always praising God for this. It does no matter if they are going through a good time or through a rough patch. Paul even wrote that we can count it as a blessing when we suffer for Christ's sake. (Philippians 1:27-30) In our times of suffering, we should be still giving God praise.

All praise that is given to God is special to Him. Churches will sing songs of praise to Him as a form of praise. When the people of Israel left Egypt, they sang a song of praise to God. (Exodu 15) They were thanking God for rescuing them. "Seven times a day, I praise You, because of Your righteous judgments. "(NKJV) This is found in Psalm 119:164. We should be praising the Lord all the time because of all that He has done for us.

Verse 6 "Then the earth will yield it's harvest, and God, our God, will richly bless us."

The Jewish people celebrated two festivals called The Feast of the Harvest and The Feast of the Ingathering. Both of these were done to celebrate the harvest. The Lord wanted the Israelites to give Him the first portion of the harvest as a tithe to Him. It was

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# PSALMS 67

(Note from Beatriz, what an encouraging letter  $\ensuremath{\textcircled{}{\odot}}$  ) (Beatriz typed up letter)

Hi! I hope this letter will find you all blessed and fruitful in all that you set out to do in Christ Jesus. I hope and pray Psalm 91: 10 - 11, "No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; for he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all his ways." For you M.O.M.  $\odot$ 

I am doing well and thankful that this whole institution where I am currently serving my time, is Covid – 19 free. Thanks to God<sup>©</sup> Thank you for keeping me on your mailing list and always letting me know that I am thought of and prayed for on my birthdays!

It has been approximately sixteen (16) years that I have had the honor of receiving your mail, (*newsletter published since Oct. 2003*). I remember my first letter to you, crying out about me being alone with no one to write me, and by the grace of God you have been with me every step of the way. During mail call 99.9% my name gets called, it comforts me when I get the envelope containing the letters from M.O.M. ©

The world is changing and many in here, as I am sure outside are losing their grip on commands of love God and love thy neighbor, as a result of the Covid–19 restrictions on our freedom.

All that is going on, makes me think of Matthew 24 – of the signs of the coming of our Lord Jesus. He says in part that it will be like the flood of Noah's time, when the floods came and took everyone by surprise.

I thank the Lord for the laborers whom he has sent into his harvest. I thank the Lord for you, Moving On Ministry.

While in here, I have been constructive with my time. I have been attending college courses and working on receiving my AA degree in business and Anthropology. I believe the Lord is going to use me and I am cultivating in my mind. I do not know how or where He will use me, but I must gird up the loins of my mind right. ©©

To me since I have been getting closer to my release date, the thought of getting out of prison is intimidating to me. I had become homeless toward the end of my time before my arrest, and I'm sure that I will go back to that when I am released. But to be honest, I am not absolutely certain of that projected outcome. I knew that it is just a thought that crosses my mind whenever I pay attention to the rearview mirror of my life. Just touching bases with you a little bit, and I guess that I am also venting somewhat. ©

Well, wonderful family in Christ of Moving On Ministry. I will close for now. You are always in my prayers. IN CHRIST JESUS. KEN HERNANDEZ © ©

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 Verse 1 "May God be merciful and bless us, may His Face smile with favor upon us." The title of this Psalm is "Make Your Face Shine Upon Us." It is by an unknown author. When the Israelites were in the wilderness, God told Moses that no one was able to see His Face because then they would die. (Exodus 33:20) The reason is that due to their sinful nature, no one is able to see the Lord in all His Glory. On the day that Jesus returns, all believers will be given new bodies like the one that Jesus has. "When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you will also be revealed with Him in Glory." (Colossians 3:4) (NASB) Not only have we received these new bodies, we will be able to see God in all His Glory.

"For I will be merciful to the unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds, I will remember no more."(NKJV) This is found in Hebrews 8:12. The Lord is merciful to all those who have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. He has even promised to remember their sins no more. Because He sent Jesus to die on the cross as the perfect sacrifice, He is able to do this. The Lord told Moses to tell the people that He would bless them and keep them. (Number 6:24) Those whom the Lord has blessed will receive His Mercy.

There is a saying that a smile can light up a whole room. It may have started in order to life the spirits of people who are in a bad mood. In the book of Proverbs, it states that a good man will obtain favor from God. (Proverbs 12:2a) God grants all of His children favor because He loves them. Genesis 6:8 says "But Noah found favor in the Eyes of the Lord." (ESV) Noah is just one example of God smiling with favor on those whom He loves.

Verse 2 "May Your ways be known throughout the earth, Your saving power among people everywhere."

Wherever people look, they are able to see the power of God in everything around them. This is due to the fact that He is the Creator of everything. "He is the rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He." (Deuteronomy 32:4) (NIV) This is the reason why all believers should be telling others about the wonders of God's powers. Then they will be brought into His family and be under His love. Jesus told the disciples to make disciples of all the nations. (Matthew 28:19)

The Lord sent His Son, Jesus, to save people from their sin. "For the Son of man came to save that which is lost."(KJV) Jesus said this in Matthew 18:11. Due to the disobedience of Adam, all of mankind is lost in sin. Paul wrote that the wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23) Since God is holy, He is not able to abide in the presence of sin. Jesus did not have any sin in Him which is why He is able to save people from their sin.

Verse 3 "May the nations praise You, O God, yes, may all nations praise You." In this verse, the word nations can also mean people. When people or nations are praising God, they are giving Him glory and honor. The prophet Isaiah had a vision where he saw seraphim, which are a type of angel. "And one called at another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory." (Isaiah 6:2)(NASB) all believers should be saying the same thing. We are to tell others of His glory and of His wonderful deeds. (1 Chronicles 16:24) This is just one way that the children of God can give Him praise.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth.(Luke 2:14)

Dear Moving On Ministry family,

Merry Christmas, this Christmas as you consider all the awesome things that have come to you through Jesus/ God's perfect gift. Remember that this is a taste of all the good things that are yet to come.

I trust and pray that you continue to be blessed. It's a great joy each and every time I hear from you. Your fellowship continues to be a great joy and inspiration.

Despite this year being a year we'd like to forget but will always be remembered. I'm still going to have joy. Jesus is love. It was the loving circle of a family that first brought Christmas to our world. As we celebrate Christmas, it's still family that's at the heart of it all.

So saints of the most high know you're loved. Have a wonderful time with your loved ones. As we enter into a new year, remember, better than counting your years is to make all your years to count, Jesus is the reason we celebrate the season. May the timeless message of Christmas fill your hearts with joy and May God continue to bless you richly.

Love you, Carroll Watkins

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A FATHER'S PLEA by David Lewis

With my two sons and the times I missed. I daily think about this rather long list. From their dad's bad choices - please learn I say! And I'm so thankful they have taken - a better way. Things happen for a reason, and this is true – the Lord knew the solution – and it was now due. To wake me up as I had stepped off this path – these years verses Eternity just do the math. Graduations and weddings they all went by - as the bed in a prison cell – did I lie. Grandkids were born, so beautiful today – I missed it all and the price I pay. The youth of my sons and all the time we spent - the pictures I have and all the places we went. The Lord had His plan and this I say - all of these memories would be so vital one day. My example was poor, but you overcame, honor was brought to the family name. I am who I am, imperfection and all. To believe me or not - you make the call. A family they have and for this I'm glad – to take up the slack for their Absent Dad. My own way I tried and I went so low – and it took me to a place you never want to go. Pity nor Pride is not my goal - but in dark places tried to shine a soul. Walk the talk is the way I live - and how I go - to God be the Glory just so you will know. Perfection is not here but one day it will, to be like Him is how I yield. God sees the big picture and I see the small. He knows what is best when He makes the call. I stepped off the path, but I'm back to stay, and this will be shown – day by day. What will they think, I have no clue, To my two sons - HOW I LOVE YOU! To Justin, Jordan Lewis - and family. Written by Your Dad.

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M.O.M. Thanks for the Birthday letter & wishes. I pray that you all are safe out there and pointing others to the Cross of Christ for salvation. These are trying times and we know what Jesus says about these days in Matthew 24, Luke 21 & Mark 13. Our duty is not to worry but to share the message of Him and His Love for this decaying world. May the peace of Christ be your strength. 1Peter 2:9-12. In Christ Jesus,

Timmie Lee Fletcher.

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VERSES TO PONDER Submitted by **John Fordley**. Thank you John. © Matthew 5:14 - You are the Light of the World. Luke 1:37 - For with God nothing shall be impossible. 1Corinthians 13:4 -Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

#### <u>Give Me Courage</u> Submitted by John Fordley.

Oh give me courage Lord today to face what comes along. Give me faith and Love I need to fill each day with song. Oh, give me courage Lord to follow in Thy Way. Help me to do what I should do and hear me when I pray. Oh give me courage Lord today and strength to do Thy Will. Lead me and guide me Precious Lord for I need Thy Presence still. Oh give me courage Lord today. Come wash away my pain. Thou are my Master, Lord and King and ever shall remain.

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POEM FROM AUTHOR: ERNIE SANSON, (GREAT WORK ©)

If God had a wallet your picture would be in it. If He had a refrigerator, your photo would be on it. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Face it Beatriz, He is crazy about you!

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"The Unknown Soldier" By Richard Edward Weire, May 27, 2020

Each passing day gets longer than the last. Dreams of freedom from a very haunted past. Illness, Disease, Violence and Death..... I am sentenced to the wastelands where all... The Gladiators ..... will one day rest.

Scenarios of stabbings and brutality... Separates me from life's free world reality. Get up, smoke, eat and then go.... The hardships of my days you could never know.

Days turn to weeks, months turn to years... And many days of loneliness filled with tears. I am the Unknown Soldier society has scorned. I am the imprisoned. I am the soul of the unborn.

I am down but I am not slain. I will rise to one day fight again. I often wonder into the late of the night... A vision of beauty without any lights.

A dream of you with no sun shining thru. And all that I have is all that I'm after. Take a look into the mind of the soldier unknown.

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When we read His truth, it gives us hope and strength to give up our baggage at His feet. We ask Jesus to forgive us, believe it and live a life that glorifies our Lord. We must know for a fact, 100% that we are a royal priesthood and must act upon it accordingly. II Peter 2:9-17. Sadly so many people go to church to leave their burdens at the altar to only go back at the end of the service to pick up their garbage and drag it back out again. They believe the filthy lies that were told to them and cannot see for they are blind to the truth. Their eyes, ears and heart are closed to the truth when all they have known is "you're no good", "no one will ever want you", "you make me sick", "you'll never amount to anything", "I hate you", "you're a nobody", "how could anyone love you after what you've done?" and the list goes on and on....Men and women are treated as the world sees them today because that is what you hear on commercials and books:"Take charge of your life", "dog eat dog to survive in this world", "Take home the bacon or you are nothing". I've got news for you.....

.....Yes, you can make a difference in your life by your choice of allowing the Holy Spirit to guide you in all you do and say. Give up everything, surrender all to Jesus Christ our Lord so you may LIVE. Allow God to work in your lives and guit working against Him. No more garbage in garbage out mentality. Once you allow the Holy Spirit to work in your heart and believe and trust that it is for real then you better get your seatbelt fastened and get ready for the ride of your life. God will open doors and prepare you the way for grand adventures that we could not even imagine. Along the way we might fall and that is where the Lords reminds us that He is the driving force and we must show love and obedience and get back up and go another step....Never, Never, Never give up! You can do it. When we see another brother or sister fall we must show love and encouragement to them. Have you ever prayed for patience? Well, I suggest you pray for "unconditional love" instead. Really! It makes a huge difference. Realize that you have to have respect for yourself and "forgive yourself" because when you asked for repentance and asked Jesus into your heart you were forgiven!!!!! Ephesians 6:10. One of our downfalls is that we do not believe because "Pride" has a hold on you after all who could love us after what we did?? Another attack of the enemy of our souls.

PEOPLE....Listen to me>>>>

Sometimes we are not aware that the enemy is attacking. The devil is like a roaring lion that prowls around looking to see who he can devour. He is a liar and a thief of joy and tears down family and relationships. I Peter 5:8

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was still hurting but more than ever I was aware of who I was In Christ. A human being and not that monster I made of myself. For me the hardest thing get rid of was the pride and that ego. Once I got rid of those two things my change begin to occur. I no longer had the need to prove something to others. I didn't blame God for the bad things that happened to me. It wasn't easy but God has been there for me all the way. He picks me up when I am down, when I feel that I'm not worthy of Him and His mercy. When I feel my heart empty He fills me with that Love that only He can give. Well I am going to end this letter here. Once again thank you all. God bless you. Love, H.A. Mendoza.

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Note From Sister Linda Reprint from March 20, 2010

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Just want to share a bit of encouragement with you all. I have read letters of great joy, happiness and hope in people's lives as responses come back after reading the "Letter From M.O.M. Newsletter.

I thank God for my husband that he is faithful in this ministry. Bob can be found daily in the computer room updating or adding to the coming month's newsletter if he is not up in the hills taking care of the property maintenance or out at the jail facility or prison."

As I read the letters of joy I also come across some individuals that tell of their testimonies of the saddest situations and of how God has brought them to know that all things are possible with God. When resentment, bitterness and anger take hold of a person's heart it is shown by actions and words that cut right through the heart which is just another ploy of the enemy to destroy you and your relationships. I know that pain, bitterness, anger, rage and sadness, that was so overwhelming in my life that I just wanted to end it all since I was very young. I am here today because Jesus died on the cross for me to LIVE and I want to share this hope with you too.

I used to model for Frenchy Stafford Modeling School when I first came to Visalia 20 years ago. I could not afford the fees so Frenchy asked me if I would like to exchange cleaning her house for her.

Yes! was my quick response not knowing at the time that God had sent her to me for encouragement that would help me see and understand others and situations in a different light. It made a difference in my life for my self esteem and was a great aid for me to speak in public. Frenchy took her time to do a one on one session with me and before I knew it I was modeling at several of the malls, Tulare County Fair, singing and fill in as MC when she was unable to do it. It takes one simple act of kindness and the love of God that shines through you when you know the Master. I thank God for Frenchy, may she rest in peace.

One of the eye opening experiences I had was when I had the opportunity at my old church to have the young ladies from some of the group homes to model leisure, summer, and glamour and work attire. I met with the ladies, had them write down some

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Letter From M.O.M. Volume 111 Jan - Mar 2021 I've come to understand where I lay my head is home.

So now I no longer waste my hate... And somehow I've adapted to what has become my fate. But despite the days, weeks, months and years alone... I know that God will one day call me home

Care to know more of the man behind the poem? Then write at: Richard Weire #C-082615, Florida State Prison (M/U), P.O. Box 800, Raiford, FL 32083

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## HISTORY MAKER

September 2020

You are a history maker! Your life is making history today. The question is.... Who are You making history for? Every action, everything you do Everything you think and say Every least motive .....are recorded in God's Book ..... To Make Your History! We all say many things and appear to be what We want others to think of us but: What does your history reveal of the real you? When God opens The Book of Life: When we stand before Him one day..... What will He read? What will HIS Book sav? What Did You Do Each Day Making Your History? The choice is yours? Choose wisely how You ...... Write Your History! By: Glenn E. Manus

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### Fulfilling His Calling

Many have heard the phrase **"Where God Guides, He provides.**" We have been providing service for His Word for over 19 years (Started M.O.M. started April 2001}.

We have mentioned that the reason to go into ministry is not for the money. Our "pay grade" is way below that of Jesus. Jesus, who never drew a salary or got paid for doing ministry.

We are often asked how much we get paid. We reply that we don't get paid.. They reply, then you do it for free? Our response is that we wished it was free. We actually pay to present God's plan. Our payment that often comes years later is individuals coming into the family of God. But then, what greater gift or payment is there?

As we look at the out of pocket expense, we often ask God if this is where he wants us to be. We say, "GOD, YOU ARE NOT PROVIDING," God replies, "Have I not provided the locations for your meetings and for your programs?" YES GDD, THAT IS TRUE, God replies, "Have I not provided the inmates to attend services and do the correspondence with?" YES GOD AGAIN YOU ARE THERE. God asks ""Do I get you to and from your destinations?" AGAIN YOU ARE FAITHFUL GOD. God asks "Did I not give you the Bible for a map of life? YES GOD, THAT HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL, God asks ""Did I give you the greatest gift I could give, namely my son Jesus Christ, so that you can receive salvation." GDD, TRULY THERE IS NO GREATER GIFT. God, I guess that actually it is finances that worry me. 'Freely ye have received, freely also give. GOD I DON'T UNDERSTAND. "GOD REPLIED THAT WHEN YOU WERE SEEKING A CAREER, YOU WANTED TO GO TO SEMINARY AND GET INTO MINISTRY. I HAD YOU LEARN A SECULAR JOB SO YOU COULD HAVE FINANCIAL SECURITY IN THE FUTURE AND NOT HAVE TO TAKE OUT OF THE FUNDING OF THE MINISTRY.

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In looking at expenses, we often see the cost but don't realize the return.

Bryon with **CENTRAL VALLEY WHOLESALE LIQUIDATORS**, Visalia, CA. donated 12 reams of printer paper to print the 350 copies (68 pages each in half page format – 17 sheets each) of the **Volume 110 Newsletter** for mailing and donated another 12 reams to print additional 50 copies of the **newsletter** to be mailed out and printing 20 of the full size newsletters to be handed out. Also printing 40 copies of the 72 page list of **Resources** (half page format). Value of the donated paper is \$ 144.00.

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Purchased toner for printouts was \$ 68.18

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## 6 X 9 envelopes cost \$ 87.65.

Postage for mailing the 350 copies of Volume 110 newsletters was \$ 490.00 (Postage was \$ 1.40 each).

This one mailing had a cost of \$ 789.63 - our highest cost single day mailing.

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Our main concern is with the increasing costs and decreasing income. Most of the expenses are handled by Chaplain Bob and Sister Linda from their retirement checks. We have several of our volunteers that donate. Occasionally we have an inmate or two donate towards the mailing of the List of Resources (Donation now suggested at \$4.00).

We thought that M.O.M. would be closing its doors and its P.O. Box. But God came through,

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Due to so much going on with the Covid-19, I got behind on some of the mail but had to share part of this letter: God is doing amazing things in this man's life and had to share as I truly believe that many will be so encouraged and not give up like Horacio. God Bless you all. Thank you for sharing Horacio.

Dear M.O.M. Bob and Linda and volunteers.

I hope that this letter finds you and loved ones in the best of health. That God is keeping you and everyone safe during this time. I want to thank you all for the letters. I do appreciate what you do for us inmates.

.....(private conversation for us not added....but more continued) I believe I can now think in a better light is because of my Lord and Savior. ..... I know that prisoners have flaws and beliefs but what I have experienced these past seven years are a miracle and God's Grace. God has opened my heart and mind to see what He has done for me. I know that we are doubtful at times and this doubt makes us do the wrong things. Because we rely on our own understanding and not God's. We let our mind wander and we get in trouble (sin) but God has done a lot for me. I am at peace with myself and the actions that led me down this path. It doesn't mean that I don't have regrets, not at all. What it means is that I have learned to make choices that are pleasing to God. It means that I take full responsibility for my actions. That my love for God is greater than anything else. For many years I thought that what I was doing was the right thing. The pain inside of me wouldn't let me see clear. was a prideful person vet I was hurting inside. I didn't know why I was hurting and in pain. I was mad at God and at myself for all the things that were happening in my life, but.....God freed me of all that pain and I began to heal.

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