

# “Letter From M.O.M.”

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## “I Can Only Imagine”

It is hard to imagine that this ministry has been developing for over four years. New facilities have opened up to us, as well as getting correspondence from many states and foreign countries.

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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 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.

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.

## Fellowship

We would like to keep a listing of locations for fellowship that welcomes previous incarcerated individuals. We previously listed churches that are supportive in California, as well as some special articles on churches in other states. We would like follow up on these churches to see if they are supportive, as well as letting us know of others available. **We also cherish letters from inmates or relatives to the churches to let us know how we are doing**

If you would like a church added, or have concern on one that is not supportive, please contact us.

## Letters that Express it All

**These are actual quotes from some of the different incarcerated individuals. The names have been removed. Our first newsletter went out October 2003. We receive many of these letters. If one of these letters is yours, let us know how you are doing now.**

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### **The Church**

The Church Should Be Different:

1John 2:15 = attitude  
Eph. 5:11 = Don't participate  
2 Corinthians. 6:13-18 – Worldly Living  
Titus 2:11-12 – Denying Ungodliness  
Matt. 5:13-14 – Salt & Light  
Acts 1:8 – Power and Witness  
Acts 8:4 – Preach Wherever  
Matt. 5:16 – Let your Light Shine  
Acts 2:47 – Add to the Church  
Acts 6:7 = Spread the Word of God

By **Robert P**

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### **Swaziland Pastor**

The following letter is from Pastor Jeffrey that we met in January 2006 while on the Swaziland mission trip. We fell in love with these people of Swaziland. During the church service we attended, both Linda and I were looking for Angels because of the angelic voices singing. The women of this congregation were the source of this heavenly music. The music was done without musical instruments, but it was "perfect" and the instruments would have only made it less than perfect.

We pray that you are as blessed by this letter as it blesses us. Please feel free to write him your blessings.

Dear Chaplain Bob & Linda

When I gave my life to Jesus in the year 1958 – my classmates thought I was joking. But as I continued serving the Lord, some realized that I was serious about it. Since then I have never Turned back. I therefore thank the Lord for His unfolding mercy. At school I had friends who were from Christian homes and some from non-Christian homes. I had to choose which group do I have to join because the Lord was always on my side. I had to do away with the non-believers and spent most of my time with believers. I therefore thank the Lord for His mercy that has led me up-until to-date.

Thanks so much Bob for sending me "Letters From M.O.M." volumes 23-26 for July 2007. Bob, each time one reads the Newsletters From M.O.M. volumes, one becomes so excited. I am positive that God will do miracles by both Bob and Linda. Remember the time when Mary told the people at the wedding of Cana that whatever Jesus will tell them to do, they must do it. Brother I also say, please whatever Jesus tells both of you to do, please do it.

I was looking at the amount of work you do every day. It is true that we should pray for you in order for you to continue doing this tremendous work for te Lord. Had it not been the Lord's work, I think you must have resigned. But because God gives you power, you are able to "Move On." Please know that God has put you as a model. Many people will see the Kingdom of God through you, even the Swazi people like us who have seen you.

Most important, praise be to the Lord that made you able to reach those

that are in prisons. In His Word He says “Blessed are those that visited Him while He was in jail.

Brother Bob and Linda, thank you for sending our cry for help to build God’s house where we can worship freely – to other believers across U.S.A. – especially those that saw our church condition (church building).



We do believe that God is able; He is the Lord that provides. As I mentioned in one of my letters, that the termites have started eating the scrap wood and plastics. They even build ant hills on the floor and around the building.



I also mentioned that we have already started building fund contributions. Due to sever drought that has lasted for three years now, it is very difficult for church members to make good contributions as their only source of income comes from field harvest when there is enough rain that gives them good harvest. So, our contributions are very, very slow. Our

bank account shows the sum of E 4255.89 (four thousand two hundred fifty-five Emalangeneni and eighty-nine cents). I should have included the bank branch #661164.

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Acct. # 0121214986701  
Standard Bank of Swaziland  
Piggs Peak Branch  
Branch # 661164

We are continuing making home visits and family has given their lives to Christ, of which we are so thankful to God about that. We appreciate the spirit both Bob and Linda are showing towards us. We will continue to pray for you so that you do God’s work tirelessly. Warm greetings from the entire church. Thank you,  
Yours in Christ

Jeffrey Khumalo  
Holiness Unity Church  
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These individuals may walk 1 to 4 kilometers (0.6 to 2.5 miles) to church on days that were 40 deg. C (105 degrees F) to get to church. America could learn of dedication for something we take so for granted.

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## **A short note from Linda**

This just to remind you that when things seem hopeless, like you are going around and around in circles, the storms are very dark and you feel like you are drowning in a sea of a whirling turmoil or loneliness

**WAIT!!!! STOP!!!**

Remember that the devil just laughs at you because he knows he is pulling your strings like a puppet.

**NO MORE! STAND UP MAN!**

Know that you serve a King of kings and you are not alone. He will never leave you. We are like sheep in the midst of wolves. We are fighting a spiritual battle. Set your focus on Jesus, read your Bible and like a brave soldier know your strategic plan.

Read the Book of James (you can do it...it is only 3 pages\*\*\*)

Learn how to find certain subjects in your Bible so that you can get prepared for what is ahead. God's blessing and knowledge for you.

In His Service  
LINDA

## **Una Nota Para Ti de Parte de Linda**

Nomas unas palabras para que se acuerden que cuando las tormentas vienen or cuando te sientes sola.

**ESPERE!!! ALTO!!!**

Acuerdate que el Diablo se pone reir de ti cuando te jala el cordon como un titere.

**NO MAS! LLEVANTATE!**

Savelo bien que eres sirviente del Rey de reyes y no estas solo. El nunca de deja solo. Somos como ovejas entre los lobos que rodean. Estamos en un batalla espiritual. Pon tu enfoque en Cristo Jesus y como un soldado valiente entiende bien tu plan estrategico.

Bendiciones y sabiduria para ti.

Lea el Libro de Santiago.....(nomas son 3 paginas :>) \*\*\*

Aprenda bien como leer su Biblia para que se prepare a lo que viene adelante.

Sirviente Para El Senor  
LINDA  
10-18-2007

## Needs after Release

Individuals being released from incarceration have the same common needs of all individuals. There is a need of self-respect and self esteem. Many have a need of housing. Most are coming back looking for employment. Some are facing classes for AA, NA, or Domestic Violence. Some need to enroll in educational or vocational programs. Most would appreciate someone to just talk to or have a mentor. Fellowship with the right people is ALWAYS needed. For many these are totally new expectations and experiences.

One inmate expressed wonderfully the problem of being released. He stated that everything is slow to happen while incarcerated. It seems like an eternity as you wait for your next transfer or assignment. You feel like you are running at 5 miles per hour. Then, when released to the world, you are put into an environment that is running at 200 miles per hour. This drastic change of environments tends to overcome individuals and they have a hard time adapting. We hear of transitions from one area to another in each of our lives. Someone to just talk with about the feelings and changes the individuals are going thru is a great healer. The Bible says that each of us should be a "brother" to help the other one up when he falls. Other scripture talks about "sticking closer than a brother" we can often help with sharing life experiences or just listening to someone in need. We don't always have to solve the problems, but many times need to just "lend an ear" so that someone might share their needs or hurts with us. Many men have heard from their wives "I don't want you to fix it, just listen". We need to just listen.

## Sharing Your Testimony

There are 4 parts to an individual's testimony;

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

But in reality, those who believe in Jesus have the testimony of God in them; Each of us needs to periodically share our testimony with others. The importance is not what you have done, but what God is doing.

1. Your testimony;
2. Your life lessons
3. Your godly passions
4. the Good News

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God will make all things new  
***What are some things I should finish once I start?***

**"For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ."  
Hebrews 3:14**

**New life in Christ. We must maintain the confident faith we had when we first believed.**

Scripture is from the New Living Translation (Tyndale House Publishers, 1996).

**Our testimony is to give hope to others; our fruit is to give proof to God.**

**Repentance means you change your mind so deeply that it changes you. It's not just that I changed how I thought—I am now changed.**

## Testimonies

### Why Not Me?

Say Bob, you don't know me (really), but I know you and Linda as you know our Lord. Well, let me tell you a little about myself, without trying to write a book. It's probably the same old life you've heard and lived – Bob. Yes, I go to the chapel services every Sunday – here in Corcoran Prison. As I heard you and Linda share our good Lord's Words – at times when you came. I remember the first time I heard and read Linda's testimony (volume 15, Letter From M.O.M.), it made me feel strong all over again. Why is that? Because I know our Lord is really there for us. I too, came from a hurting & painful life that I had lived.

I was once a gang member at the age of 15 and then at age 16, became a heroin addict, as well as in-and-out of jail and prison. Playing the prison's politics, a life I had to live at times, as I was a gang member, and in the street life. So much of my life was a painful hurt to my heart. To see and be around family and close friends that passed away from gang violence or drugs. I was even with my little brother when he was 18, when he got killed. I asked God "why my little brother and not me?" For so many years I lived with the hurt and pain of my little brother's death, that I had a lot of hate in my heart, because if anyone should have died, it should have been me. I was the "black sheep" of the

family, the "bad one," the "sinner of game." I had broken all of God's rules.

But, then here I am still alive at the age of 49 years old now. I have been through so much in my lifetime. I wouldn't know where to start at with a testimony.

I can say one thing, now that my heart feels good and has joy; I have surrendered all to God. I accepted our Lord Jesus Christ in 1999. As I try to keep faithful to God, through this prison life, I have lived now for 8 years. I am not the best, but I came a long ways from what I was. I know God is working in my life still. That's why he kept me around. God knows I am not a quitter. I stay strong for our Lord. What His plans are for me will be in His time. I give all glory to God, because He took me away from what I once was. A gang member called Chino Sinner, and a South-sider prison sympathizer, an adulterous man, that was with a lot of women, and a drug user. This is how I lived most of my life.

I am saved, because our Lord never stopped looking for his )lost) black sheep (me). I was once lost in the dark life of sin, but now I am found and rest with love, peace, and joy. I may be in prison, but I am free inside my heart. The past of my life, is the past. I keep moving forward, and live for God now. God Bless. **JM**

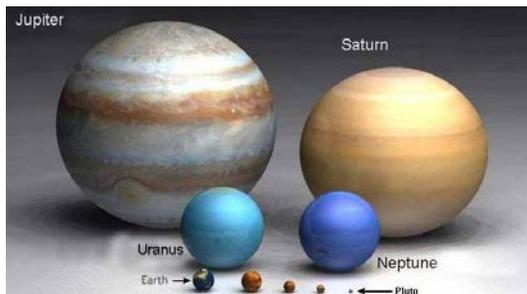
## Lighter but Serious Side Significance

I would like to do a short article on “Significance.” I would like to look at “man’s” significance, when looking through Man’s eyes, and when looking through God’s eyes.

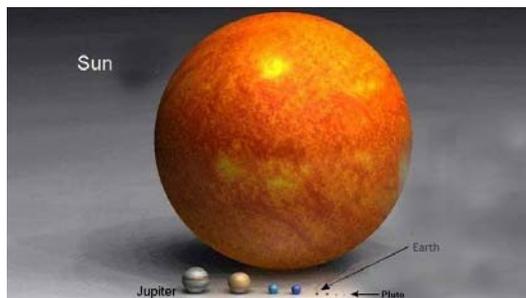
As we look at man, he is one of about 7 billion of his species on this planet, known as 3<sup>rd</sup> ball from the Sun, we call Earth.



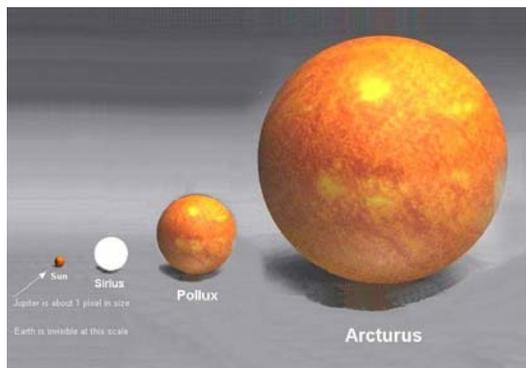
Earth is one of 9 planets (actually 8 now since Pluto has lost its status as a planet) that is larger than the other 4. The Earth is 6.55 times the diameter of Pluto



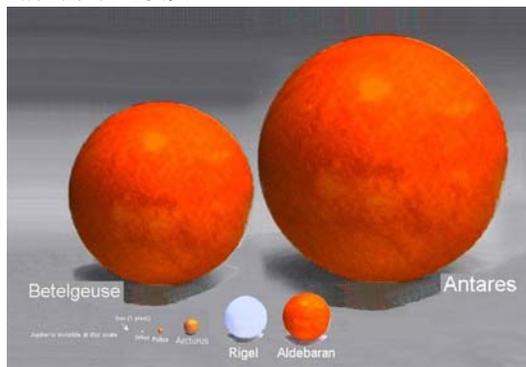
Earth is dwarfed in size, when we compare Earth to the other 4 planets, Jupiter being the largest at 11 times the Earth’s diameter.



As we compare the size of the 9 planets to our own Sun, we see that even Jupiter is dwarfed in size by our own Sun, which has a diameter of 9.68 times that of Jupiter..

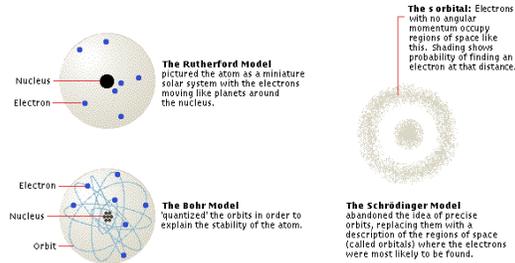


As we reach out further into space (known as the heavens), we find super stars of other galaxies. In the comparison of our Sun to Arcturus, our own sun is a mere glimmer in the presence of Arcturus, which has a solar radius of 15.9.



And yet the significance continues. Comparing Arcturus to Antares, again

makes Arcturus barely noticeable. Antares has a solar radius of 700 (700 times that of our own sun). Epsilon Aurigae is said to be 2800 times the size of our sun.



How as we look the other direction of Order and examine the atom, there seems to be the unlimited range displayed. The atom is said to have a diameter of .1 to .5 nm ( $10^{-8}$  mm). The nucleus of the atom has a diameter of  $10^{-12}$  mm. The classical radius of a free proton or neutron is taken to be about  $1 \times 10^{-15}$ . The radius of the free electron that orbits about the nucleus is said to be  $3 \times 10^{-15}$  m. The size of atomic and sub-atomic particles loses its meaning because these “particles” behave as though they are waves, or wave packets. So, “size” becomes kind of “squishy.” We would think this was the end of the structure, yet scientists discovered the “quark.” I do not know that anyone really thinks of quarks and other sub-atomic particles as having a particular “size,” in fact their masses are

usually given in energy units of  $c^2$  from Einstein’s Theory of Relativity which states  $E = mc^2$ .

As we look at the lower end of the spectrum of particles such as the quarks, that are infinitesimally small and make up the other sub-atomic particles, to the opposite end of the spectrum to the giant and mega stars that are as large as solar systems, we ask how significant am I God?

Gods Word states the following;

**Psalms 8:4** What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?

**Psalms 115:12** The Lord hath been mindful of us: he will bless [us]; . . .

**Matthew 10:30** But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

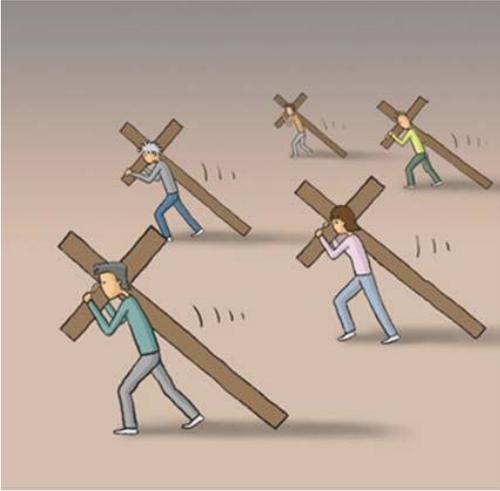
**Luke 12:7** But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Realizing that God is mindful of us in this vast universe. from the sub-atomic particles such as the quarks, to the mega stellar bodies such as Epsilon Aurigae, we realize that man is significant to God. Knowing he has every detail on us (down to the number of hairs on our head) shows his attention to detail on us. And when we read of his greatest gift to us, we know of our significance because of his love displayed;

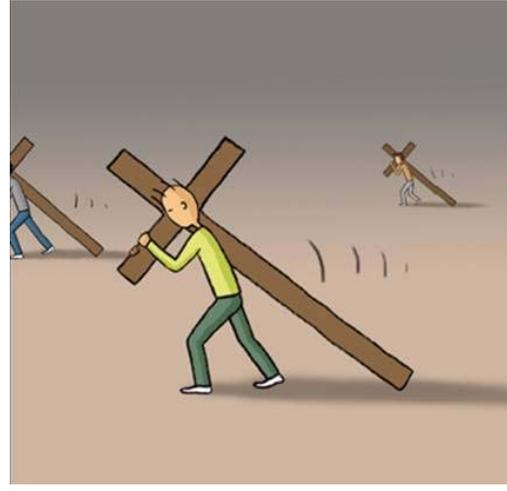
**John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

## Picture & Poetry Section

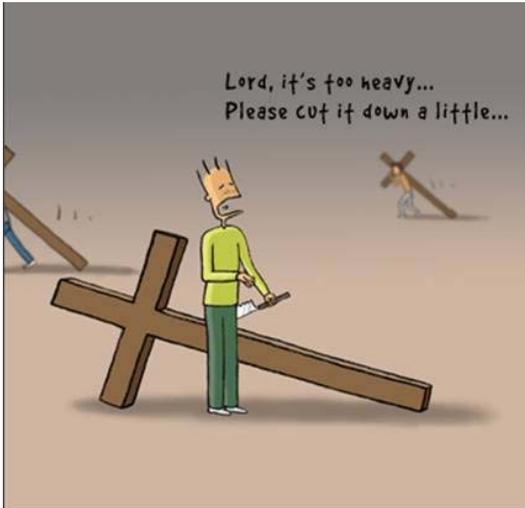
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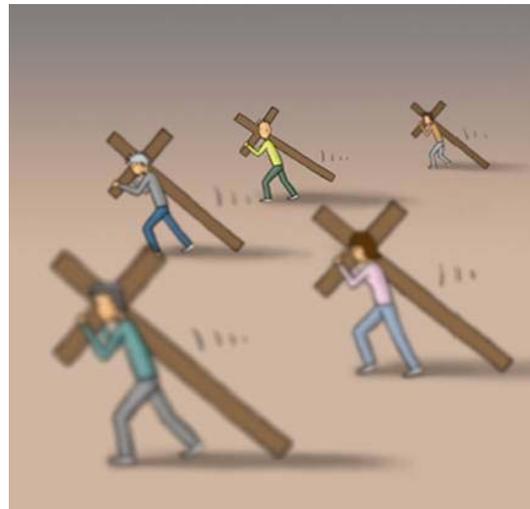
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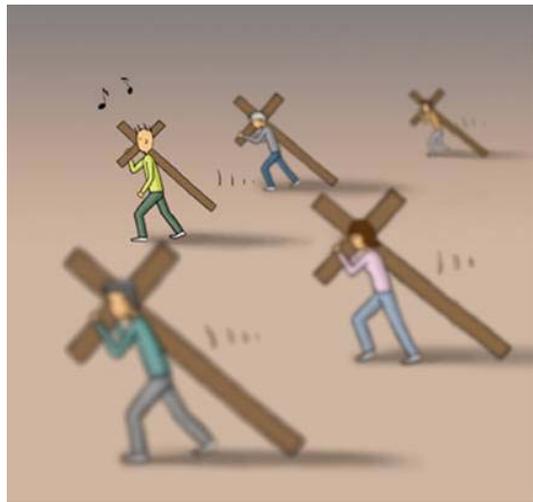
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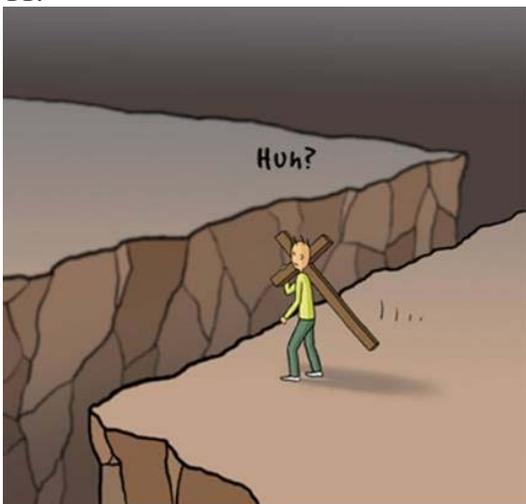
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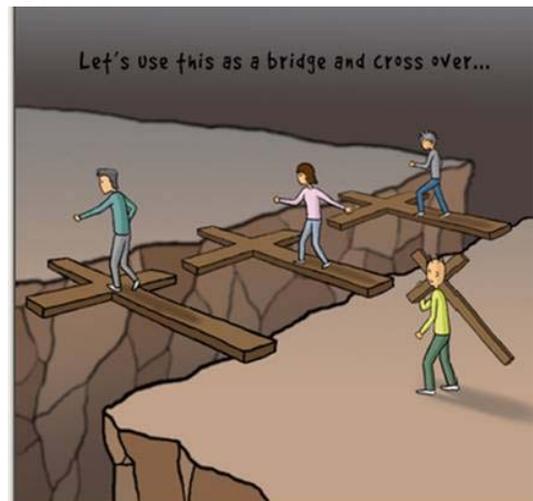
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Whatever your cross,  
whatever your pain,  
there will always be sunshine,  
after the rain ....

Perhaps you may stumble,  
perhaps even fall,  
But God's always ready,  
To answer your call ...  
He knows every heartache,  
sees every tear,

A word from His lips,  
can calm every fear . . .  
Your sorrows may linger,  
throughout the night,  
But suddenly vanish,  
in dawn's early light ...

The Savior is waiting,  
somewhere above,  
To give you His grace,  
and send you His love ..

Whatever your cross,  
whatever your pain,  
"God always sends rainbows ....  
after the rain ... "

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## GUIDE ME

I stand exposed before my God

Fall humbly at His feet, am awed

By His sweet grace that sets me  
free.

Why would He have such love for  
me?

Because He shaped me from the  
Earth?

He's gently cradled me since birth,

Whispered guidance in my ears,

Calmed my doubts and quelled  
my fears.

And when I shamed Him, yet he  
stayed.

On His own son, *my* sins He laid;

Washed my spirit white as snow.

Such love, no human one can  
know.

But my great God is always there

Listening for my smallest prayer,

Even silent prayers, unspoken.

He mends my spirit when it's  
broken.

He heals my body, soul and heart.

Oh, my God, how great though art!

My heart sings praises to His  
name.

I, His child, my birthright claim

And pray that through all stress  
and strife

I'll make a difference with my life

To someone lonely, sad, or lost,

No matter sacrifice or cost

To me. A lowly servant I would  
be.

Please let me shine so one might  
see

Your love and ever perfect plan.

There's one set out for every man.

True joy and peace is free for all

Who answer God's sweet  
Heavenly call.

Author: Barbara LaRue

**“Inmate Art”** Drawing by Leo Castillo



Send us your drawings to be displayed to the world and to remind those on the “outside” the talent that lies “behind the walls.”

## PRISONS HOLD GOD'S TREASURES

By Bill Yount

It was late and I was tired, wanting to go to sleep, but God wanted to talk; it was about midnight, but it dawned on me that God does not sleep. His question made me restless. "Bill, where on earth does man keep his most priceless treasures and valuables?" I said, "Lord, usually these treasures like gold, silver, diamonds and precious jewels are kept locked up somewhere out of sight with usually guards and security to keep them under lock and key." God spoke. Like man, My most valuable treasures on earth are also locked up." I then saw Jesus standing in front of seemingly thousands of prisons and jails. The Lord said, "These have almost been destroyed by the enemy, but these ones have the greatest potential to be used and to bring forth glory to my name. Tell MY people, I am going this hour to the prisons to activate the gifts and callings that lie dormant in these lives that were given before the foundation of the earth. Out from these walls will come forth an Army of Spiritual who will have power to literally kick down the gates of Hell and overcome satanic powers that are holding many of My own people bound in My own house.



Tell my people that great treasure is behind these walls in these forgotten vessels. My people must come forth and touch these ones, for a mighty anointing will be unleashed upon these for future victory in My kingdom. THEY MUST BE RESTORED."

I then saw the Lord step up to the prison doors with a key. One key fit every lock and the gates began to open. I then heard and saw great explosions which sounded like dynamite going off behind the walls. It sounded like all-out spiritual warfare. Jesus turned and said, "Tell My people to go in now and pick up the spoil and rescue these." Jesus then began walking in and touching inmates who were thronging Him. Many being touched instantly began to have a golden glow come over them. God spoke to me, "THERE'S THE GOLD!" Others had a silver glow around them. God said, "THERE'S THE SILVER!"

Like slow motion they began to grow into what appeared to be giant knights in armor-

like warriors. They had on the entire armor of God and every piece was solid and pure gold! Even golden shields! When I saw the golden shields, I heard God say to these warriors: "Now go and take what Satan has taught you and use it against him. Go and pull down the strongholds coming against MY church." The spiritual giants then started stepping over the prison walls with no one to resist them, and they went immediately to the very front line of the battle with the enemy. I saw them walk right past the church and big-name ministers known for their power with God were surpassed by the giant warriors like David going after Goliath! They crossed the enemy's line and started delivering many of God's people from the clutches of Satan while demons trembled and fled out of sight at their presence. No one, not even the church, seems to know who these spiritual giants were or where they came from. All you could see was the armor, the golden armor of God, from head to foot, and the shields of gold were

there. The shields were restored to God's House and there was great victory and rejoicing.

I also saw silver, precious treasures, and vessels being brought in. Beneath the gold and silver were the people that nobody knew: REJECTS OF SOCIETY, STREET PEOPLE, THE OUTCASTS, THE POOR and the DESPISED. These were the treasures that were missing from His House.

In closing the Lord said, "If my people want to know where they are needed, tell them they are needed in the STREETS, the HOSPITALS, the MISSIONS, and PRISONS. When they come there they will find Me and the next move of my spirit and they will be judged by My Word in **Matthew 25:42**. "**For I was hungry and you gave me no meat: I was thirsty and you gave me no drink: I was a stranger and you took me not in: naked and you clothed me not: Sick and in prison and you visited me not.**"