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“I Can Only Imagine”

As you receive this volume of **Letter From M.O.M.**, we have many new writers of articles, we are putting some more of the testimonies of “How God Changes Lives” as well as some 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 control of their lives.

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You can't cut out the Middle Man

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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.

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Ask for a copy of our complete
“Resource Supplemental Letter”

For 2009, Bob is doing Bible study at BWDF on Mondays and at MCF on Thursdays.

The Sunday after the 2nd Saturday of each month is Bob, Rocky and Linda’s assigned day for 3 to 4 chapel Services at Corcoran State Prison (“Old” Corcoran). Brother Rocky has been cleared and did his first Corcoran services with M.O.M. on 12/27/2008 and 1/11/2009.

Bob and Rocky have also been doing the Miramonte Conservation Camp #5 chapel services every other Friday.

Bob and Linda are scheduled for the Bill Glass Ministry in Fresno, CA (4/30-5/2), Then (9/17-9/19) the No. Calif. Event, then (10/22-10/24) the So. Calif. Event.

M.O.M. Needs

- New Tractor has arrived for Camp Clarius development.
- Pen-pals to write inmates
- Finances
- Testimonies
- Development of Squaw Valley Property (Camp Clarius)
- Development of Nevada property
- Development of Arizona property
- Graphics artist for books
- Drawings to publish and share
- Prayer for Bob’s mom’s surgery
- Prayer for Bob’s hernia surgery

Prayer Request

The Mom of M.O.M. (Jeanne) needs prayer. She has many fractured vertebrae in her neck. The doctors are now mentioned putting plates down her neck (better than previous plans). She has been cut off all pain medication and is suffering with the pain. Please pray for guidance in the doctors and a speedy recovery.

Apologies

We would like to apologize to any individuals that we might have offended with any past articles we have published. We do not apologize for when we present God’s Word with boldness, but in some of the “Lighter Side,” drawings, or feelings we may have expressed. We try to keep them in a situation to reach the lost, and disciple the saved. We do not always review the articles close and that is our fault. Please feel free to express your feelings, to help us to better serve the Lord. We do not want to present ourselves as so straight and firm as to push away the lost, but we should never compromise God’s ministry either.

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." Every week we get many letters that state "I love hearing the testimonies." There are so many, we cannot publish them all, and the sad part is – people not involved in jail / prison ministry do not get to read the many letters we receive daily (average 2 to 11 each day) and try to keep up with and answer.

Prison Prayer

I received the following prayer from a "brother" in one of the chapel services at Corcoran State Prison,

Dear righteous Father; yes the God of Love, as I [*your name*] pray to You, I thank and praise you for all of my relatives, friends, and blessings. And as I pray to You, I ask you to do the following things for me; help me edify my opinions about my behavior, and the God of love, and accepting every person's freedom to have whatever opinions they choose to. And help me to be kind, humble, yielding, and gentle with every person, conversation, and relationship, which are placed before me. And help me judge mercifully the unholy actions, messages, and things placed before me. And place upon my heart, soul, and mind, the understanding of the truth of what your purpose is for my life. And what my divine abilities are to develop any holy thing. And all of the realities, actions, messages, policies, and things which are, and shall be,

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placed before me. And help me correctly separate the truths of all that I listen to and read, which are and shall be placed before me this day. And help me take and be the gifts and functioning of the apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and teacher for and with people placed before me. And help my heart, soul, and mind be of good cheer and be with a god attitude. And know, accept, and fully trust that all chapters in the Holy Bible are true. And fully forgive every unholy action and thing in Jesus name. and I thank and praise You for always hearing and answering all of my prayers, in Jesus name. **B Cain**

NOTE from Bob: We should always reach out to understand what others are trying to explain to us. We never compromise on God's values, but rather show patience with others and try to give Godly direction. Christ tells us to be "open hearted" not "open minded."

Thank you so much for your "Letters From M.O.M." I am very grateful. Also, I want you to know how God has worked through your ministry. I have a "sister in Christ" that I met a couple of years ago at a Valentine's church party. Her name is Erica Valentine. Anyway, she got my name and address from our pastor at church. She wrote me a letter and asked if I remembered her? I did! WOW But the most amazing thing is your ministry wrote her with some names of women who were incarcerated so that she could share her ministry, because she loves sharing the Word of God with us. And my name was on that list. WOW !! God is AMAZING. She must have been doing what God wanted her to do. **Darlene H.**

Camp Clarius Development

Many have asked on the progress of Camp Clarius. Well here is a quick summary

Tractor for Camp Clarius



We purchased a new tractor for use on the property. We now have a bucket loader and a backhoe.

This was the result of Bob liquidating all his retirement money, for support of the ministry.



The Jinma 284 (28 HP) is larger compared to the Yanmar 155D (15 HP)

The property is progressing slowly due to lack of finances, but still headed in a positive direction.



Clearing and leveling for concrete pad



Clearing the creeks



Local "wild" livestock watching activities. 7 deer in this picture.



Clearing the creek and doing swimming hole.



Start of digging swimming pond.



Still working on rock removal. We refer to these as “potato rocks” because you do not see them until you start to dig.



Here we are clearing an area to hopefully have a controlled burn of the tree trimmings.

Poetry Section

Mother

Mother I love you because, if any day
I would have troubles and strife,
You always remained
A positive example in my life.
Only a mother as special as you
Would care for me!
This the Lord
Has taught me to see.
The love of Jesus
You have expressed.
And only a beautiful mother
Like you deserves the very best

Leo G

Living for Jesus

Let me live my life for Jesus
Let all self in me be slain
If I lose myself in Jesus
I shall find my life again
In this weary world of sorrow
Many hearts are torn with grief
Jesus gave himself to save them
And to bring them sweet relief.
Let me see the needs of others
Let me feel another's woe
Jesus gave his life for others
Let me pray and give and go
Let me share my life with others
Let me serve unselfishly
That by living, giving, sharing
They may see the Christ in me.
Let me live my life for others
Fearing not the stress or strain
If I labor, toil and suffer
I shall then, with Jesus reign.

Frank Ramirez

I See . . . Me

I look unto myself and see
An empty soul, at best
A failure, true, quite sim-pi-ly
And things I've not confessed.

A man quite irresponsible
A father, failed, I be
All these things, and much, much more
In the mirror I do see.

All the things I'll never be
And promises unkept
And goals perhaps I'll only see
In dreams on nights I've slept.

So much wasted, so much lost
In prison I reside
In spite of lies, I tell myself
The truth can't be denied.

Yet, somehow. Hope has not died
For what I might yet be.
These dreams I have with lofty heights
Someday, might yet, be me . . .

David Marsh

The Lighter Side

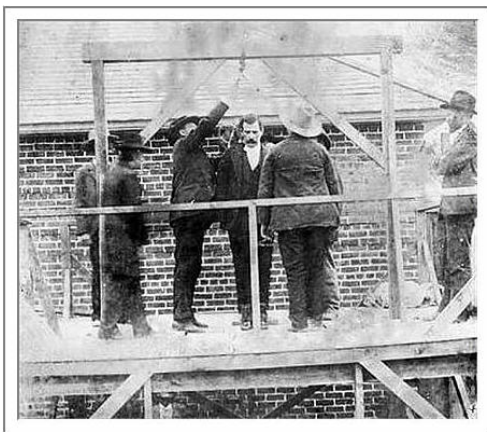
There's political spin, and then there's
POLITICAL SPIN!!!

The story below is exactly what we pay our Congressional Representatives for... Judy Wallman, a professional genealogy researcher here in southern California, was doing some personal work on her own family tree. She discovered that *she and Senator Harry Reid share a common ancestor: their great-great uncle, Remus Reid, who was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889.*



Sen. Harry Reid

The only known photograph of Remus Reid shows him standing on the gallows in Montana territory.



On the back of the picture Judy obtained during her research is this inscription:

'Remus Reid, horse thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison 1885, escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton detectives, convicted and hanged in 1889.'

So Judy recently e-mailed Congressman Harry Reid for information about their great-great uncle.

Believe it or not, Harry Reid's staff sent back the following biographical sketch for her genealogy research:

'Remus Reid was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad. Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honor when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed.'

NOW THAT is how it's done folks! That's real SPIN.



GRANDMA'S HANDS

Grandma, some ninety plus years, sat feebly on the patio bench.

She didn't move, just sat with her head down staring at her hands.

When I sat down beside her she didn't acknowledge my presence and the longer I sat I wondered if she was OK.

Finally, not really wanting to disturb her but wanting to check on her at the same time, I asked her if she was OK. She raised her head and looked at me and smiled. 'Yes, I'm fine, thank you for asking,' she said in a clear voice strong.

'I didn't mean to disturb you, grandma, but you were just sitting here staring at your hands and I wanted to make sure you were OK,' I explained

to her.

'Have you ever looked at your hands,' she asked. 'I mean really looked at your hands?'

I slowly opened my hands and stared down at them. I turned them over, palms up and then palms down. No, I guess I had never really looked at my hands as I tried to figure out the point she was making.

Grandma smiled and related this story:

'Stop and think for a moment about the hands you have, how the have served you well throughout your years. These hands, though wrinkled shriveled and weak have been the tools I have used all my life to reach out and grab and embrace life.

'They braced and caught my fall when as a toddler I crashed upon the floor.

They put food in my mouth and clothes on my back. As a child, my mother taught me to fold them

in prayer. They tied my shoes and pulled on my boots. They held my husband and wiped my tears when he went off to war.

'They have been dirty, scraped and raw, swollen and bent. They were uneasy and clumsy when I tried to hold my newborn son. Decorated with my wedding band they showed the world that I was married and loved someone special.

They wrote my letters to him and trembled and shook when I buried my parents and spouse.

'They have held my children and grandchildren, consoled neighbors, and shook in fists of anger when I didn't understand.

They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed the rest of my body. They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, dried and raw. And to this day when not much

of anything else of me works real well these hands hold me up, lay me down, and again continue to fold in prayer.

'These hands are the mark of where I've been and the ruggedness of life.

But more importantly it will be these hands that God will reach out and take when he leads me home. And with my hands He will lift me to His side and there I will use these hands to touch the face of Christ.'

I will never look at my hands the same again. But I remember God reached out and took my grandma's hands and led her home.

When my hands are hurt or sore or when I stroke the face of my children and husband I think of grandma. I know she has been stroked and caressed and held by the hands of God.

I too want to touch the face of God and feel His hands upon my face.

Specials Planned for 2009

We are hoping to do some preaching & special concerts with Heather Layne. Heather is a National Recording artist and just released her 6th album.



Bill Glass Champions for Life Ministry

Our scheduled events for 2009 with the Bill Glass Ministry are as follows;



Bob getting his Jail bar cross



Keith tearing phone book



Keith Bending rebar



Tully Blanchard



Keith with Linda

(4/30-5/2) Fresno, CA

(9/17-9/19) No. Calif. Event

(10/22-10/24) So. Calif. Event.

Looking at the Facts 3 Guilty by Association Innocent by Affiliation

What is love?
Yelling and screaming at a child and
dragging them thru the gravel?
Telling a person “boldly” they are living
in sin

The message of today could be
summarized as **“Good Morning;
REPENT! Let’s Pray! AMEN. Now
we can all go home.”**

Repentance before revival!!

Repentance is;

- change in every way at every
level,
- change in the place it is needed
most,
- a recognition of sin for what it is,
- followed by heart felt sorrow,
- culminating in a change of
behavior.

II Cor. 7:1-10

II Corinthians 7:1 Having therefore
these promises, dearly beloved, let us
cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of
the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness
in the fear of God.

II Corinthians 7:2 Receive us; we have
wronged no man, we have corrupted no
man, we have defrauded no man.

II Corinthians 7:3 I speak not [this] to
condemn [you]: for I have said before,
that ye are in our hearts to die and live
with [you].

II Corinthians 7:4 Great [is] my
boldness of speech toward you, great [is]
my glorying of you: I am filled with

comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our
tribulation.

II Corinthians 7:5 For, when we were
come into Macedonia, our flesh had no
rest, but we were troubled on every side;
without [were] fightings, within [were]
fears.

II Corinthians 7:6 Nevertheless God,
that comforteth those that are cast down,
comforted us by the coming of Titus;

II Corinthians 7:7 And not by his
coming only, but by the consolation
wherewith he was comforted in you,
when he told us your earnest desire, your
mourning, your fervent mind toward me;
so that I rejoiced the more.

II Corinthians 7:8 **For though I made
you sorry with a letter, I do not
repent, though I did repent: for I
perceive that the same epistle hath
made you sorry, though [it were] but
for a season.**

II Corinthians 7:9 **Now I rejoice, not
that ye were made sorry, but that ye
sorrowed to repentance: for ye were
made sorry after a godly manner, that
ye might receive damage by us in
nothing.**

II Corinthians 7:10 **For godly sorrow
worketh repentance to salvation not to
be repented of: but the sorrow of the
world worketh death.**

Where is God?

- ❑ **Spouse** Husbands love as . . . ,
Wives love as . . .
- ❑ **Family** **Acts 16:31** Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.
- ❑ **Activities** **Joshua 24:15** but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

John was the greatest prophet ever born to a woman

Disciple John was obviously not know for his dress or his diet (**Matt. 3:4**)

What was John's message?

In **Matt. 3:2** –, and his message was “**Repent**”

We need to quit putting the results before the contents. You can not bake the cake, and then mix the ingredients. We need repentance, then forgiveness. **Matt. 3:8** Bring forth fruits meet for repentance. We rejoice because individuals are attending church. The concern should be their repentance and then their attending church. Many people when asked if they are a Christian, they answer, yes, I attend the XYZ church.

We have all heard the following terms and phrases;

Guilty by association.

You are what you eat (you are what eats you)

Spare the rod, spoil the child.

Train up a child in the way he should go.

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Be in the world, but be not of it.

Things I should do, I do not do, and the things I should not do, those I do.

God requires we live a life worthy to be called his children;

How would you feel to say;

- ✓ I have a bad reputation from my youth
- ✓ My son or daughter is having sex out of marriage
- ✓ My son's girlfriend or my daughter is pregnant
- ✓ My daughter decided to abort her baby
- ✓ My son or daughter has a STD

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Matthew 5:48 *Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.*

Perfect! That is a heavy command.

How can we be perfect? If there have been any imperfections, are we perfect?

How do we cleanup the imperfections?

In the case of the clay, we mold it while it is wet. In the case of the statue and the diamond, we chip away what does not belong. Depending when we start on the “perfecting” determines what the process is. How many of you feel that you can form a pottery vase? How many of you think you can form a statue out of solid granite. I think we all would agree that it takes more skill to create a statue that it does to make a pottery vase. I think we would also agree that it takes more skill to facet a diamond than to form the statue. It is not a pleasurable thing to see people get to a hard place in life.

Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come (2 Cor. 5:17).

Romans 12:2 *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may*

prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. As a Christian, do we continue with the same activities? Old things are passed away, behold ALL things become new.

Innocent by Affiliation

Philippians 3:15 *Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.*

James 1:4 *But let patience have [her] perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.* “Wanting” is as used in Psalms 23 and means “needing.” (patience is a process)

There is fruit that we bear. And though this would probably be better presented in a women’s group, the Bible talks about the fruit of the womb, as our children. Even we as fathers are accountable for this fruit, after all, we helped with the planting.

Matthew 12:33 *Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by [his] fruit.* “Rule of 7” so we read Matt. 12:30-36 12:31 12:32 – never !

Deuteronomy 7:13 *And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he swore unto thy fathers to give thee.*

Psalms 127:3 *Lo, children [are] an heritage of the LORD: [and] the fruit of the womb [is his] reward.*

Isaiah 13:18 *[Their] bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.* “Rule of 7” Matt. 13:15-21

Can we be joined with the lost? Could Lot have lived in (or even just outside of) the cities of Sodom and Gamorrah.

Isaiah 13:15 *Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined [unto them] shall fall by the sword.* “And EVERYONE joined to them”

Isaiah 13:16 *Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished.* Their children shall be dashed!!

Isaiah 13:17 *Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and [as for] gold, they shall not delight in it.*

Isaiah 13:18 *[Their] bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.*

Isaiah 13:19 *And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.*

Isaiah 13:20 *It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither*

shall the shepherds make their fold there.

Isaiah 13:21 *But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.*

Hosea 9:16 *Ephraim is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit: yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay [even] the **beloved** [fruit] of their womb.*

NOTE: mentioned as “beloved” and not as blessed, chosen, or sanctified. Imagine loosing a child to drugs, alcohol, gang violence, drunk driving, etc.

Luke 1:42 *And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed [art] thou among women, and **blessed** [is] the fruit of thy womb.
(Elizabeth talking to Mary)*

John 15:4 *Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot **bear fruit** of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.*

Any branch that is bearing fruit, is grafted into “some” vine – Christ or Satan. Check the fruit to see the source !!

A good plant can only bring forth good fruit and a bad plant can only bring forth bad fruit.

Luke 6:43 *For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.*

Matthew 7:17 *Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.*

Matthew 7:18 *A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither [can] a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.*

Pruning is required. Multiple grafts are possible, but each graft must be of good stock.

Matthew 3:10 *And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. We are required to bring forth good fruit, not as a condition of salvation, but rather as a product of salvation, this will show.*

Matthew 7:19 *Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.*

Matthew 12:33 *Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by [his] fruit.*

Nobody looks at the tree’s struggles as it grows, but rather at the fruit it produces. We NEED to work on our fruit production. Putting the roots in the “good soil,” and drawing from the “good water,” (Matt. 3:11 – water to repentance) and having the “proper pruning.”

Matthew 13:8 *But other fell into **good ground**, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.*

30X, 60X, 100X return if on good ground.

Matthew 13:23 *But he that received seed into the **good ground** is he that heareth the word, and understandeth [it]; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.*

Mark 4:8 *And other fell on **good ground**, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.*

Mark 4:20 *And these are they which are sown on **good ground**; such as hear the word, and receive [it], and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.*

Luke 3:9 *And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth **good fruit** is hewn down, and cast into the fire.*

AGAIN: We are required to bring forth good fruit, not as a condition of salvation, but rather as a product of salvation, this will show.

Luke 6:43 *For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth **good fruit**.*

Luke 8:8 *And other fell on **good ground**, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

Luke 8:15 *But that on the **good ground** are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep [it], and bring forth fruit with patience.*

Make the stand !!

Story on stand with own daughters

Many would say that as I raised my daughters. I was tough love. Others, (including myself) might say I was at the level of tyrant love. I relate this to the following story I often use in the prisons.

For those of you that have children, or have taken care of children, you can imagine the following situation.

You are traveling and stop at a rest stop along the way. Your child gets out and is playing and having a great time. You notice that the child has gotten extremely close to the freeway and the traffic is very heavy and flowing fast. I doubt that you would politely, in a low whisper voice, call out to the child to “*come here.*” More than likely, you would **SCREAM, YELL**, run out and grab the child, and drag him back thru the gravel.

To the person viewing these actions, they might see you as a violent individual that yells out of lose of control and temper, and is abusive to the child. In reality, you are doing everything in your power to save that child.

We often worry about what man thinks too much and put what God thinks on the “back burner.” I often say things to people and I express that “*I am not here to please man, but rather I am here to please God.*”

Chaplain Bob – Sharing God’s Word with BOLDNESS, and NO Apology.

**Inmate Envelope Art by
Richard Sanchez**

