

“Letter From M.O.M.”

The **Monthly** newsletter of **Moving On Ministry**

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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.

Watch our website

www.MovingOnMinistry.com



Andrea Shannon – one of our great Penpal Writers

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and Good News Jail & Prison Ministry Volunteer

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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 2010, Bob is doing Bible study at BWDF on Mondays, and Thursdays.

The Sunday after the 2nd Saturday of each month is Chaplain Bob, Chaplain John and Linda’s assigned day for 3 to 5 chapel Services at Corcoran State Prison (“Old” Corcoran). Chaplain John has been cleared and did his first Corcoran services with M.O.M. on 12/13/2009, then on March 14, 2010, by himself on June 13, 2010, and again on Aug. 15, 2010.

Linda tries to go every other Monday to the ladies unit 12 at BWDF.

We are still looking at doing some services at C.M.C. San Luis Obispo, Avenal State Prison, and SATF, Corcoran, CA.

M.O.M. Needs

- Finishing tractor repairs
- Pen-pals to write inmates
- Finances & stability
- Testimonies
- Possible sale of Squaw Valley Property (Camp Clarius)
- Development of Tollhouse property (Camp Cripple Creek)
- Development of Nevada property
- Development of Arizona property
- Volunteers for ministry
- Drawings to publish and share

Prayer Praise

The **Mom of M.O.M. (Jeanne)** is slowly recovering from surgery on her rotator cup on April 14,2010. She asks for continued prayer for recovery.

At 79 years old, she is still serving our Lord with sharing the M.O.M. ministry with those she comes in contact with. She does not have full use of her left arm yet (left handed) and says she is sorry she cannot write to those that write her. She does wish to thank each one for letters and cards.

Our other grandmother, **Andrea Shannon**, sends her love and apologies for being so far behind in letter writing (about 50 behind). Andrea is on a very limited income and spends most all she has to do letter ministry. Those of you that write to her, know of her fun-loving nature.

Sister Denise is still very active in writing and also keeping up with the current laws of the correction system. Denise has been in the letter writing ministry for many years and has many success stories of individuals.

Bob & Linda try to keep up with birthday cards, newsletters and the MANY letters received.

How We Look at Things

Last month I wrote the following article. I mentioned that I was talking to an individual the other day and asked how they would feel if someone killed one of their children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren. She replied to me, "I would want to kill them." I said, "What about if they were not born yet?" She asked "What do you mean?" I said, "suppose that child was not born yet, but was aborted?" She just stood in silence. Now she had a different reality of what she had just said, and realized the one doing the killing would be one of her children or grandchildren.

Let me give you another example. In this case an individual is asked how many children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren they have. They mention the number of each, and you remark that they have a higher number of children than you have seen. They say that one of their children died at a younger age, yet they still count the child. Now when it comes to the

grandchildren or great-grandchildren, the aborted child is not counted. Is it amazing how we decide who counts and who does not count, rather than going by God's saying who counts. The preborn child is a '*who*' not a '*what*.' Remember the scripture says "Before you were conceived, He knew you."

Our church, '**Awaken**,' has started supporting M.O.M. with the providing of stamps for postage. Currently the church provides 200 stamps a month, and we were using about 500, so we are better able to write inmates and send out the newsletters. **PLEASE write a note to Awaken Church to express your thanks for them caring enough to get involved.**

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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 we try to keep up with and answer them.

Read the following letters and
“**See Why We Do What We Do.**”

Those of you who don’t know me, I’m Stephen W. and I don’t usually respond to letters written by others, but in this case I’m compelled to address the letter written by **Jerrey B.** (June 2010).

My fellow brother in Christ,
Jerrey B.;

Throughout the whole New Testament there are examples of Christians being wrongly accused and hardships in spreading God’s Word. This is something Satan has done for many years and will keep doing. We, as Christians, must be stronger and keep doing God’s work.

We as Christians are not a gang, checking paperwork, sending letters to other institutions to ensure that we are men of God. What are you saying?

God does not “check paperwork,” He sees what is in the heart, for He does not judge as man judges. Being Christians, we choose to stop sinning (repent), ask God for forgiveness, have faith, and believe in His son.

Jesus came into the world to save all sinners, regardless of what they were,

so if God forgives us of our sins, shouldn’t man also forgive?

There are many verses that shows God’s forgiveness (Matt. 6:14,15; Luke 6:37; Luke 23:34; Col. 3:13; Acts 10:43, 13:38, 16:18; Daniel 9:9; Eph. 4:32) but I believe Luke 6:37 says it best – “Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned, forgive and you will be forgiven.”

I understand your concern but you must understand that we are in Satan’s playground and he will use any means possible to keep us from spreading God’s Word.

It is my opinion, formed through your letter, that you are doing Satan’s job for him by suggesting such a thing as “checking paperwork.” God checks the heart.

As Christians we grew from earthly things to spiritual things and remember growth means change, and change involves risk, stepping from the known to the unknown.

In Mathew 18:1-11 the question asked is who is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven and Jesus answered “whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven.” Yes Jesus expresses His dislike for making a child who believes upon Jesus sin, doesn’t suggest “checking paperwork.” You are bending God’s Word to fit your needs! Be careful!

Being a Christian of a strong foundation, this will not stop my belief that my Lord and Savior, who I confess with my mouth and believe in my heart, forgave me for my sins, died the same for all who asked and believed, gave us all salvation! **Stephen W.**

Less Room to Run From God

I just felt the need to say thank you so very much for all that you do. You both are such a blessing to people like me that are living behind brick walls. I don't see myself as being any kind of prisoner. I no longer live in prison. I am living so free for the first time in my whole life. It did take these walls to make me set still long enough for God to show me what he has in store for my life. You know, before this change started taking place, I would hear my family say, "I asked God to show you how special you are." Well, how funny it I was, or should I say 'sad' it was, when God did just what they said they had been praying for. They wanted to go hide their face. Oh the shame that I brought to light. As time goes by, some are getting over it. Some are over it and very supportive. Others, well they just don't know what to feel. maybe people need to watch what they pray for, cuz it just might happen. Praise God!

Chaplain Bob, not like you don't already know this, but your wife has helped me in so many ways to get to my place with the Lord today. When I felt like I had nobody, Linda would show up by my cell door and always know just what to say to me. The beauty that shines inside as well as outside of your wife has captured my heart. That is God giving beauty that shines all through her. When I was handed her testimony, I cried. It was a part of my life being told by another woman, a very strong woman, Godly woman. I thought to myself, when I grow up, I want to be like Linda.

I'm 42 years old now. LOL Well, you see, I had plans for myself at the Dream Center in L.A. But God has bigger ones for me right here at B.W.B.F. (Bob Wiley Detention Facility). God is moving in unit 12. Thanks for all that you do. God bless you both. **Aleisha C.**

Drawing for God

Sister Linda,
Greetings in the powerful name of Jesus Christ ! Please, allow me to introduce myself in the name of Jesus. My name is Erasmo C. I am 35 years old Hispanic former gang member. I am from a small town in the southern district of Texas called Rio Grande City, TX. I am doing Federal prison time in Forrest City, AR, for trafficking Marijuana. I was sentenced to 206 months (17 years) in the Federal system. On Nov. 18, 2007, I finally realized I was lost and gave my

life to our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. Amen ! Now I serve a living God, one of my Christian Friends here at prison gave me your address. I want to tell you that I want to participate in your ministries. I love to draw, and here is a picture I drew of praying hands with a pencil. I hope and pray it helps others I would like to see my art in "Resources From M.O.M." Thank you, and may God bless you and staff.

Erasmo C.

Does Salvation require Restitution or Repentance?

We always preach of the need of salvation, but today's society and religions seem to try to offer the finished product without giving the recipe. The proper pattern should be "*sorrow, repentance, forgiveness, and growth.*" Many individuals tend to skip sorrow and repentance, to try to enter into the forgiveness. Others tend to get hung up in the sorrow stage and do not go thru the repentance. Yet others never seem to enter the growth phase.

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.

The scripture points out repentance many times over.

Ezekiel 14:6 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn [yourselves] from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

Ezekiel 18:30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn [yourselves] from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

Matthew 3:2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. (*Repent is prerequisite of belief*)

Mark 6:12 And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

Luke 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Luke 13:5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Luke 17:3 Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. (*Repent is predecessor of forgiving*)

Luke 17:4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (*Repent is prerequisite of baptism, babies have not repented*)

Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Acts 26:20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and [then] to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

Revelation 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

Revelation 2:21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

Revelation 2:22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

Revelation 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Revelation 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

God's original intent was for an individual to make restitution with his victim. There are many examples in the Bible of restitution being 4 fold or 7 fold for replacement of the crime.

Exodus 22:3 If the sun be risen upon him, [there shall be] blood [shed] for him; [for] he should make full restitution; if he have nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.

Exodus 22:5 If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall put in his beast, and shall feed in another man's field; of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard, shall he make restitution.

Exodus 22:6 If fire break out, and catch in thorns, so that the stacks of corn, or the standing corn, or the field, be consumed [therewith]; he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution.

Exodus 22:12 And if it be stolen from him, he shall make restitution unto the owner thereof.

Job 20:18 That which he laboured for shall he restore, and shall not swallow [it] down: according to [his] substance [shall] the restitution [be], and he shall not rejoice [therein].

Acts 3:21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

When we talk of believing in Christ for Salvation, it is the type of belief, that when a tightrope walker says he is going to push a wheelbarrow on the wire, across Niagara Falls, we are willing to get in the wheelbarrow.

The belief unto salvation is total commitment to God's will and turning away from all else.

The attitude we should have is worrying about "outreach" more than "income."

We should want to make all things right, not just expect God to overlook. God forgives all things, except rejection of Him.

Notes on Newsletter Publication

We are printing in black and white to save on cost. 7th Anniversary issue should be color in Oct. 2010

Printing color requires at least 4 color cartridges for the month. The cartridges list at \$149.99, and results in an additional cost of \$600 for the month.

We print approx. 550-750 newsletters each month.

Active mailing list is 420+ and grows approx. 6 per week.

We pass out 150-350 newsletters every month.

We receive an average of 5 to 9 letters a day. Peak day is 14.

Postage averages about \$237.00 a month.

Resource Supplemental List is the hottest item requested.

We have burned out 5 color printers and 6 black and white laser printers.

Ministry is mainly financed thru Bob's paycheck.

When referring to 'staff' that would have to be the dogs, because Bob and some of Linda are the people doing (actually God) the ministry.

We do approximately 500-550 mailings a month – newsletters, resource lists, letters, and research documents.

Updates, Past events/projects of Bob & Linda of M.O.M.

Tractors at Camp Clarius



5 acres with lots of work. Going for sale
These 2 are fixed, 3rd one is in repair.

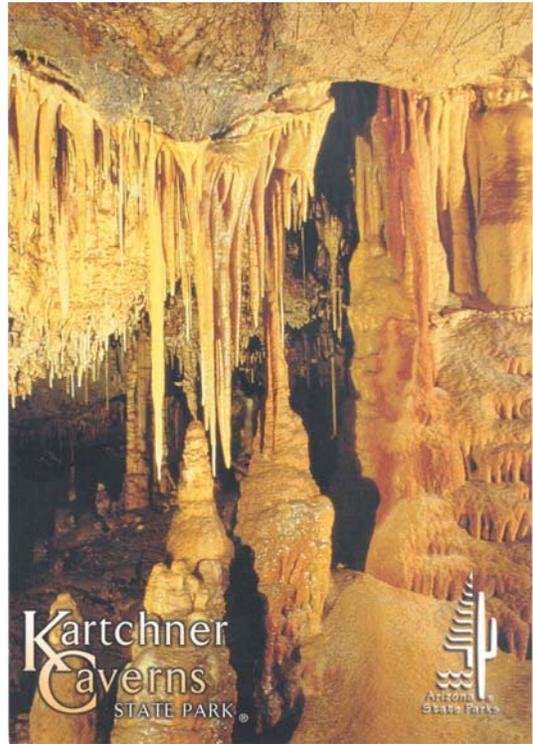
Starr Pass Resort



Great & comfortable living room
Truly one of the better places we have
stayed March 2010



Bob did all the cooking on this trip.



Kartchner Caverns – Benton Arizona

Catalina/Mexico Cruises



Elation Cruise Ship – Oct. 2009



Catalina

Linda's Birthday Present



March 2010



Doing another cruise with Bob's Mom
Jan. 2010

Heather Layne Concerts



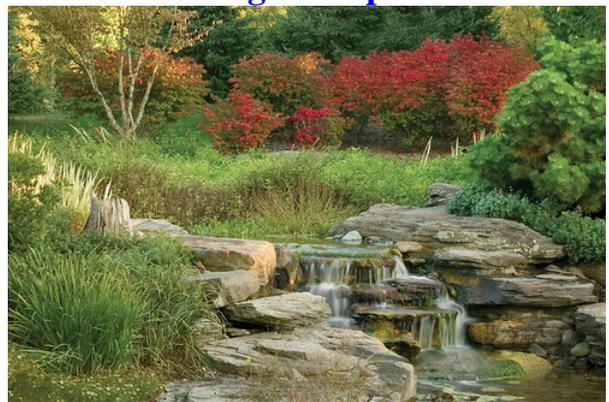
Corcoran – April 2010

Linda's Valentines Day Present



Feb. 2010
Linda passed her test for her permit on
8/3/10.

Michigan Trip



May 2010



2 BR/2BA home – Cripple Creek



Large shop building (kit cars)



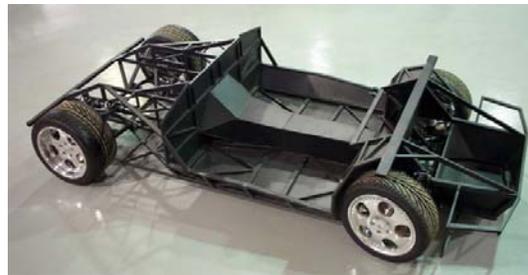
Saloon (to become chapel) that is on pier over creek. Below – Model of (3) cabins



Kit Car Status



Tubular Frame



Fame and wheels



Receiving the body mounted on chassis.



Rear engine cover and wing mounted.

Fierro 600



Daily driver, but getting mileage and needing some upkeep. This is a spinoff of the Dino Ferrari 246.

Ferrari F-355 Replica



With spoke rims and Ferrari hardtop design.

A PAROLE PERSPECTIVE

By DAVID MARSH

Parole is in transition and the folks in Sacramento would be the first ones to tell you in case you didn't read it in the newspapers. But you'll experience the confusion firsthand with your first visit or two to the local parole office.

Me, I paroled on June 11 and I'm currently working with my third agent. Yes, three in two months! I haven't moved or changed my address once, still in the same place. Although I can't be certain about each of them, numbers one and two, where they're at now. And number three tells me don't get too comfortable because I'll quite soon be meeting number four! Honest!

When you hit the streets upon paroling, a job is gonna be primary on your radar, just as it was and still is for me. You're going to need both an official state identification card or driver's license, and a Social Security card. You can't get a job without 'em these days.

No longer can an employer hire you with just a printout from the Social Security office as in years past. The rules have changed, and you now must have the actual card in hand.

You can't get the Social Security card without first having a driver's license or I.D. card. Those are the rules!

A driver's license these days will set you back \$31.00, which you'll have to pay in full yourself.

An identification card, on the other hand, will run you \$25.00 and there a number of ways you can get help in paying for it. Your parole agent will give you a voucher for \$19.00 simply for the asking, making your out-of-pocket cost \$6.00. You can also get the very same voucher from the local office of Health and Human Services (welfare office) or at one of several non-profit organizations such as Proteus or C-SET.

It takes on the average of seven to ten days to get your I.D. card, and another three to six days for the Social Security card. The Social Security card is free of cost.

Again, the days when the handy computer printout would get you by are long in the past. A printout from the DMV will not get you a card at the Social Security office. Gotta have the actual I.D. card, with picture, in hand in order to apply for your social security card. Those, too, are the rules!

Next month: job hunters resources.

Poetry Section

This Man

Who is this man that entered a world
So malicious, so heartless, so cold?
A man who's coming ancient prophets
Even the very stars hath long foretold.

Who is this man of lowly meager birth
Even distant kings would come to see?
Telling of future events by humble gifts
Worth symbolizing both His mission
& royal legacy.

Who is this man of perfect peace
That once walked the Galilean shore
By gentle touch erased disease
And made pure the leprous sore.

Who is this man with simple mud
Did cure the blinded eye
Made demons flee with just one word
And turned water into the finest wine.

Who is this man in authority fulfilled
Given Him by Heavenly hand.
By the powerful words "Peace be still"
Bring the very elements under His
command.

This man is the chosen ordered by God

To institute salvations sacred plan.
Free humanity of sin's vile bond
Restore mankind's priestly & righteous
stand.

This man is the pure and holy sacrifice
An offering without blemish profane
To cover my iniquity with His sinless
life
So my celestial reward I'd obtain.

This man is the omnipotent Lord of all
Victorious ruler over everything above
and below
His kingdom & reign never shall fall
Blessings to His obedient forever to
bestow.

This man is my kind & loving friend
Faithful in the face of every trial
His love & grace truly hath no end
And His mercy is most tender and mild.

Who is this man one might say?
Oh, the answer is obvious to see.
He is the truth, the life, the only way
He is much more than a man to me.

StacyR. - 2009

Folsom Cell Poem

Here I sit in my prison cell
Condemned to time
In this man made hell
As I look thru the bars,
Cement, steel, and stone all around me
I know for certain this is my new home.
As I'm looking through the bars, metal,
Screens, security all around
A little bird lands on my bars,
And looks at me, tears fill its eyes

He then jumps from my bars,
Flutters his wings and away he flies
I then fold my hands and pray to God.
Dear Lord, when my day comes
And I do die, I ask you dear Lord
Please give me wings so that I can fly
Over any wall, man made pen or cage
That was primarily built to keep
The once free, locked within.

Danny Boy 1977

A Sinners Walk

I went for a walk with Jesus
No sandy beach or review of my life
Just Him and I alone for a stroll
Together in the dead of the night.
Though no words we said
Questions pressed heavily on my heart
For our distance was but inches
Yet felt millions of worlds apart.
He smiled sadly as we continued on
A tear streaming down his cheek
And as a rescue from our drawn out
silence
He turned and began to speak.
“My child” He said “When shall you
realize
That always, always am I there.
It is you who hides your face from me

Convinced I do not care.”
All these years you’ve walked this earth,
Obsessed with being alone.
You have ignored my presence here
beside you
Begging for you to come home.
Well, needless to say, our walk has
ended
For I fell down to my knees
Knowing the amount of love for my soul
I was not worthy to receive.
“My child,” He said “be not ashamed
For all of mine have sinned
Rise to your feet, I shall wipe you clean
And we can start our walk again.

Richard J.

Teach Me

You can teach me to read
You can teach me to write
You can teach me math
And you can teach me science

You can teach me to laugh
You can teach me to cry
You can teach me happiness
And you can teach me disappointment

You can teach me to love
You can teach me to hate
You can teach me to have hope
And you can teach me about having faith

But if I’m not willing to learn
Then in Hell I will burn

Stephen W.

**Inmate Art
by Erasmo Castillo Jr.**

