

“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 control of their lives.

Watch our website

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We have also become affiliated with International Prison Fellowship

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Fellowship

Our mailing list has cleared over 500. The time required for designing the newsletters, printing, folding, and stuffing the newsletters, applying postage, and printing the envelopes has become great. We get behind on letter replies, and may occasionally miss one. Please write back if we do not answer, and write clearly so we can get the information correct. **We would like to know of the impact we are having and also cherish letters from inmates or relatives to the churches to let us know how we are doing**

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"**

Letters that Express it All

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

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.

Battle of the Stamps

We get a lot of letters, and requests from inmates. Recently many individuals helped pick up the load to help M.O.M. with expenses and to continue to grow. We are expressing our thanks at this time to these individuals that are truly extension volunteers of M.O.M.

You may remember the letters that Aleisha (Alice) C. wrote and the challenge she put out for individuals to donate one book of stamps.

Then there was the counter challenge from Robb R. that he would match all the stamps that all the women in Aleisha's unit donated.

Aleisha wrote on 9/27/10;

Let me tell you how funny and great our God is. I'm so excited over this stamp thing that is going on. I love to see what great work God's people can do, or should I say 'will do.' I was doing my commissary order and the Holy Spirit put on my heart 5 more books of stamps. I was trying to act like I was hearing things cuz I wanted my bag of coffee. Again it comes to me, '5 BOOKS.' I said 'OK Lord, I'm not telling you NO.' I ordered 5 as He said. My sister in Christ 2 doors down yells out of noplac, "Alice, I'm giving you half of my coffee." I looked up and said "Thank you Father." You see all the time I was going through some ugly trials and tests. I made it. No matter what, always sit still long enough to listen and obey our loving Father. He will take care of our needs and wants clear down to a cup of coffee.

Walking in Another’s Shoes

I would like to share my testimony. You see, when I was a little girl, I was sexually abused by my biological father. My mother stayed with him and they packed up my three little sisters and left the state. I was left in the care of my aunt.

I met my husband in school, we were friends till my senior year. When I graduated, we got married. We were married two years before he decided to share me sexually with his best friend. After that, I felt his love disappearing. Feeling like he didn’t care who I was with, I cheated on him. It hurt me so bad to be with anyone else, I tried to kill myself. I felt as though I had lost him to work. He would always work. It was his way of providing me and our kids with love. He never had time to spend with me and the kids. I started cheating on him again and ended up in jail for the first time. I got bailed out. My husband took me back because God spoke to him through the book of Hosea. We were saved together September 2, 2007 at our home church. I felt the change. The only man I wanted to make happy was by my side again. God had showed me so much in three years. Then I fell and cheated again. Now I am sitting here in jail, while my husband is out there with our four boys and himself moved into his “Christian” girlfriends house. They met two weeks before he decided to move in with her.

I know how he felt now. God has showed me that He is here with me, holding me through this. There were times when the enemy had me thinking I would be better off dead. Then God showed me , that His glory will come so long as I just believe. John 11:40 “Jesus said to her; Did I not tell you that if you

would believe that you would see the glory of God?” My husband and I have been married fourteen very hard years, but I am believing in God for restoration because I now know the pain I caused through the years; I don’t ever want to be the cause of that kind of pain again. I believe God is using this situation to teach us both what its like to be in the others shoes. I sit here day in and day out singing praises to God knowing that through Him all things are possible. I thank God everyday I wake, knowing each day is in His hands. God bless you and thank you! **Melinda S.**

Our life should reflect what fills it – Jesus Christ

Notes from Bob;

Please pray for this family that the wife and husband are the best they can be in Christ Jesus.

I like to point out that Salvation is (1) a point in life of repentance and submission, followed by (2) a process that continues.

I Cor. 6:9-10 states the following;

I Corinthians 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

I Corinthians 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

If these individuals “shall not inherit the kingdom of God,” are Christians excluded from Heaven, or are those mentioned not saved? Repentance & Committed ?

Recommended Reading

For the new Christian, or the individual desiring to know God, we would like to recommend the following reading:

The Gospel of John – This is a great introduction of Christ’s walk on Earth.

The Book of Romans – This gives an introduction of many of the Bible stories shared and helps build familiarity of Christ’s plan for our lives.

Book of Proverbs – Read one chapter a day with the chapter read being the day of the month. This will allow the book to be read almost 12 times thru the year.

Ephesians 4 – 6 – This gives the pattern for life that we should live. All 7 S’s are displayed in these 3 chapters. We are given the purpose of the gifts, changing our character, husband/wife/family relationships, and the type of life we are to live and display.

Men’s Relational Toolbox – Another fine work by Gary Smalley with both of his sons adding to this book. This book avoids “male bashing” but rather teaches men to use and modify the inner tools they have to improve their relationships.

Prayer of Jabez – A truly fine first book from Bruce Wilkerson. This short book will change your mind about being disobedient to God by not taking care of people in need

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

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. I think all will agree, that the testimonies that move people are not the ones written from great minds, but are actually the ones written from a great heart.

God’s Word says in **Jeremiah 17:9** that **“the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?”** When the heart is changed by Christ (salvation – separation – sanctification), it becomes the center of where God works from in our life. The testimony written from the heart is truly God inspired, as compared to the one that is a work of the mind. These are the ones that change others lives also, when shared.

“Christianity Lite”

As I was listening to numerous radio pastors the other day, the realization came to me that many church pastors tend to give a ‘softer’ message than the radio pastors do. I realized that the reason they are in ministry is what makes the difference. Many pastors are afraid of offending their ‘flock’ and thus will not say anything that can be possibly offensive. They do not want to loose the membership and attendance for fear of loosing the income. Their motive of the message can often be viewed as ‘*pleasing man*’ instead of ‘*pleasing God*.’ What God asks of us is seeking “*outreach instead of income*.”

I think of the scripture that states “*a good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit*.” How many ministries do we see (often the pastors children) that the children are in jail/prison, homosexual, living in sexual sin, drug/alcohol addiction or following the ways of the world? What happened to the scripture of “*Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it*.” What happened to the training? The scripture says “*will not depart*” not “*will come back*.”

The tree must first be identified as less than perfect. We must realize that there are flaws in even those individuals we regard with high esteem.

Then I think of the things available to correct the fruit production. There is care for the tree, as well to produce good fruit. We can use nurturing of the tree. There is pruning on the tree. And there is grafting new branches to the tree.

Nurturing of the tree is accomplished by putting in needed elements to keep the strength of the tree.

How many individuals put so much out in ministry and they are forgotten about being fed themselves. Remember that pastor or ministry leader, to give them the much needed feeding too.

Pruning on the tree, or sometimes thinning of the fruit, allows more of the elements to be provided to each individual fruit. The fruit bared is much nicer than the overloaded tree. How many of us expect too much out of those in ministry?

Grafting in a branch can be compared to adding a ministry into an individual’s life. The outcome of the ministry is dependent on how big the branch, and how big the trunk is to bear the weight of the branch. How many of us has God called to be a limb prop or trellis to hold up those branches that are much to bear for the tree (ministry individual)?

What does the “passing on of our values” truly show of our walk? What are our values? Who/what do we associate with? Who is the company we keep? Why do we do what we do? Pleasing man or pleasing God? What do we put above God? Relatives/friends? Habits? Religion?

Plagiarized Prayers

Prayer seems to have lost its intensity. Prayer is simply talking to God. Many individuals seem to fear talking to God. They do not know what to say. Many just want to ‘read’ to God with the form of a printed prayer. Talking to God is similar to talking to a new friend, you learn how. You slowly open up as the friendship becomes closer and more intimate of a relationship.

What Must I Do . . .

We are amazed with the number of individuals that are asking “*What must I do to be saved?*” Some are really seeking God. Others are looking at the minimum they must do to make it to Heaven. I think that if we examine the scriptures, we would be more likely to say, “*What can I do to accept salvation?*” The scripture has always expressed the idea of “*What are you*

willing to do?” Let us look at some of those scriptures.

I John 3:10 states;

In **Romans 10:9** it states “If you confess with your mouth

2 Cor. 5:17, “Old things are passed away, behold all things become new.”

We need to seek with ALL our heart, soul, and mind

Living Life in the Fullest



Sister Denise playing on the swing at “Cripple Creek.” Sometimes you just have to be a kid.



Sister Linda looking like a “Bag Lady” going through our letters thrown out and looking for one that contained a song for her.

Follow up on Folsom Prison

8/14/10; Bob and Linda were allowed on the yard of Folsom Prison with the Bill Glass Champions for Life ministry.



Linda on back of Erik's BMW



Linda – on the yard ! - Front row (4th from left) with bright pink sleeves. The amazing part of this event was that women were not allowed on the yard except the 2 platform speakers, 2 lady bikers, and Linda getting cleared as a biker.



Inmates and volunteers on the yard.



Volunteers sharing the Gospel with inmates on their yard. Pray for this facility.



Inmates praying with volunteers. One family with God.



The beautiful sight of group prayer. There was a joining, regardless of race, affiliation or religious background.

Cost of M.O.M. Ministry

We would like to let you know that we are going to change the newsletter from monthly to bi-monthly to save on the expense incurred by the large growth of recipients of the letter. Without having some donations or a grant come in, Bob can not put out any more of his personal money from his paycheck.

We receive from 7 to 12 letters every day (6 days a week). God has really opened our outreach and the territory has gone international, with a church group of 375 in Kenya Africa that want to be known as "**Moving On Ministry Kenya**" or "**M.O.M.K.**" There is also the international outreach from the web sites

www.MovingOnMinistry.com
and <http://PrisonMinistry.net/MovingOn>

Pray that God provides the people and finances for this ministry growth we are experiencing. The ministry is financed 95% out of Bob's paycheck, from the County of Tulare, where he works.

Just an update since I previously wrote you, our mailing list has grown from 355 to 486 (grows about 6 a week and now as of this writing over 514). We still send out newsletters, resource lists, and try to answer needed letters. Our church (Awaken Church) is now supplying 200 stamps a month but our monthly mailings are about 600-700 items (often requiring 2 or 3 stamps). October was our 7th anniversary issue of "**Letter From Mom**" and its size beat our previously largest issue (6th Anniversary issue in Sept. 2009 that was 32 pages) as it grew to a large 40 page issue. This now required a 2nd stamp

(\$.61) when mailing the 1/2 sheet (10 sheets/40 pages) size publication and \$1.39 when mailing the full (20 sheets/40 pages) printouts. If we were to mail all the full size printouts, the mailing cost would be \$1.39 postage, plus \$.11 for the large envelope, or \$1.50 each X 486, or **\$729.00** just for mailing. By going to the 1/2 page size, the mailing is \$.11 for envelope, and \$.61 postage, for a total of \$.72 X 486 = **\$349.92**, just for the newsletter mailings.

The printing cost adds way above that, with approximately 600 printings (including handout issues) with the following prices;

copy prices

B&W double sided - \$0.15
40 page = **\$3.00**
16 page = **\$1.20**

Color double sided - \$1.20
40 page = **\$24.00**
16 page = **\$9.60**

Anniv. Issue (B&W)

20 double sided sheet - - - - \$3.00 each
(600 X \$3 = **\$1800.00**)
10 double sided 1/2 page - - - \$1.50 each
(600 X \$1.50 = **\$900.00**)

Stand. Issue (B&W)

8 double sided sheet- - - - - \$1.20 each
(600 X \$1.20 = **\$720.00**)
4 double sided 1/2 page - - - - \$.60 each
(600 X \$0.60 = **\$360.00**)

Anniv. Issue (color)

20 double sided sheet - - - - \$24.00 each
(600 X \$24 = **\$14,400.00**)
10 double sided 1/2 page - - - \$12.00

(600 X \$12 = **\$7,200.00**)

Stand. Issue (color)

8 double sided sheet - - - - \$9.60

(600 X \$9.60 = **\$5760.00**)

4 double sided 1/2 page- - - \$4.80

(600 X \$4.80 = **\$2,880.00**)

If we rely on our **printers**, there is only the cost of the toner, paper, and wear on the printers (we have gone thru approximately 8 printers to date). We use approximately 1 case of paper (10 reams = if 1/2 page size) or 2 cases if full size, at \$36 to \$48 a case. B&W toner is **\$85 to \$400/month** and color toner is **\$240 to \$900/month**, depending if we buy new or refurbished cartridges.

Printing the newsletters ourselves from the computer to the printer, and spending the approximately 70 hours to print, stuff, and mail, results in the following 'approximate' prices (excluding envelopes, labeling, and postage);

Anniv. Issue color

Full page - - **\$996.00**

half page - - **\$498.00**

Anniv. Issue B&W

Full page - - - **\$392.50**

half page - - - **\$242.00**

Stand. Issue (color)

Full page - - - **\$598.00**

Half page - - - **\$299.00**

Stand. Issue (B&W)

Full page - - - **\$197.00**

Half page - - - **\$110.00**

*Truly the fields are ready for harvest,
but the laborers are few.*

Note: Mailing the bi-monthly newsletter is \$.44 (\$.61 for Anniversary issue) per volume. The much requested "**Resource List**" requires \$.61 to mail it in 1/2 page size. Then, there is again the cost of printing. Any and all donations are welcome. Ask a relative, a friend, a church.

If you have already received the "Letter From M.O.M." newsletters or the "Resource List," help to sponsor these materials to yourself or another individual.

Write to your home church and tell them what you think of the M.O.M. ministry. Write to Awaken Church, Visalia, CA. C/O Moving On Ministry and let them know what you think of the ministry, newsletters, resources, and outreach.

On top of the printing/ mailing expenses, there is the cost of Bibles when handed out directly, the cost of transportation when going to facilities to preach, and time (that is so short in supply) of doing what God has called us to do.

Chaplain Bob & Linda

AN ESSAY OF LIGHT

God's Word says "He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in the darkness until now."

He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. " (John 2:9-11)

This is directed at everyone who believes in our God and asks for his help in their prayers and the prayers of others; and is willing to hate a man because of the color of their skin, because of their affiliation, because he's a snitch, because of a charge on his jacket, and any reason that may cause a man to shed someone's blood, you were in the darkness "until now."

I encourage you all to acknowledge the truth and turn away from the lies you have adopted. Hate is something that is taught my brothers, and if God is love, then hate is from the devil. Jesus refers to the devil as a thief & a robber whose sole purpose in life is to steal, kill, and destroy. **(John 10:10)** Is it any big surprise then that when we choose to hate instead of love, that our freedom is stolen from us that our friends die in some wars and our lives are destroyed? We get locked up for shootings, stabbings & killings and our children are robbed of their fathers and we are robbed of our children, family, any women we love; we go to prison and we keep on hating, we attack others and we keep on losing; we catch more time, we lose what little privileges we have, get slammed down in the hole, The S.H.U., slowly but surely our loved ones stop writing, it gets too hard for your aging parents to visit you in the Pelican

Bay & one day you're okay because you have three square meals, a warm bed, books to read & maybe a small television set.

I grew up in a small Norteno barrio in Tulare County. It's sad when I think about all of us doing life in prison because we were taught to hate Raza from down south. You shoot someone for wearing the color blue, the cops catch you, you get sentenced to 25 to Life and you find out that it was all for nothing; in prison you're taught that we try to live at peace with the Raza from down South. You find out that the Nuestra Familia, who are the leaders of all Norteno's, was founded by the Raza from down South; in other words you find out that you're locked up because you believed in a lie. You never hated Mexicans from down South. You were taught to hate them. Look at how accurate God's Word describes the life of one who hates; "But he who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going because of the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes."

It's true, whether you're banging in the streets like a savage or holding it down behind the walls like a soldier, when you're a homeboy who is representing a hood or circle that is not Christ's. You're a man willing to shed the blood of a human being that is made in God's image. A human being who is a part of the brotherhood of humanity and when you live like this you never know where you are going; all your plans are made in vain. It's the truth think about it. If you go to the store and you're representing your hood and some rivals show up and start banging on you,

you might be dead or in prison by the end of the night. If rivals begin moving into your neighborhood, which is the case everywhere now, it's the same thing; the adopted mentality is kill or be killed and both will rob you of your life. How about in jail or prison? It's the same thing, all active group segments require a willingness to shed blood. If someone doesn't follow his group's rules then he has to go and you might be the one chosen to violently discipline him or violently expel him from your circle. If your celly decides that he doesn't believe in your group's cause anymore and attempts to roll it up in your presence and there's no officer to prevent you from getting to him. You're taught that he's committing an act of cowardice and desertion and you're obligated to shed his blood on the spot, and yeah sometimes nothing happens, sometimes you get a little slap on the wrist or get a time add, but sometimes it's a lot worse, sometimes you catch a case. Sometimes you have to do five more years and sometimes you catch your third strike and end up getting twenty five to life. You never know where you are going. How about those who hate someone because of the color of their skin or believe that they are better than others because of their race, are such beliefs justified? Do we choose the color of our skin before we are born? Does a black sky anger you? How about a white shirt, brown dirt or a yellow ribbon? Do they provoke you to violence? Is not the purpose of color to bring beauty to the world? Wouldn't it be silly to teach others to detest a pair of black boots, a black car or a black hat or a black shirt simply because they are black? It would, wouldn't it? Now consider the value of these things: the boots, the car, the hat & the shirt &

compare them to the value of a human being. If it's silly to teach others to hate possessions based on their color, how much more silly is it to hate a human being for the same reason?

How about the title of "snitch" that gets attached to those who choose to cooperate with authorities? If cooperating with authorities to maintain safety & security, law & order is wrong why do active group segments in prison adopt the same system of government?.....Isn't this hypocrisy at it's worse? Why is it okay for Nortenos, Surenos, Skin heads, etc..... to police themselves & not those in the free world? As a Norteno, I used to conduct investigations all the time, looking into matters when those of the circle were accused of wrong doing and our people were never given the choice. They were obligated to cooperate & answer all our questions. We functioned just like detectives, judges, law enforcement and we never called it "snitching" when our troops filed reports/turned in evidence against each other. So how does honesty get turned into something disgraceful? How can the truth get a bad name? The devil is the father of lies, the source of confusion & evil. People use the word "snitch" to teach others that being a good citizen is wrong. But it's wrong to punish those who rob, steal & kill. We know this. Everyone would be angry if someone killed our child or robbed our mother, but may of us as well as our friends kill men that are someone's son, rob people that are somebody's mother & father and they think this is okay..... you cannot lie to yourself any longer. Your eyes are opened.

And there's the touchy issue of proclaiming that child molesters and rapists deserve to be forgiven just like

anyone else....having a mother & two daughters I love, it's tough for me also to extend a helping hand to those who victimize the children but the love of Christ compels me to be a light to all not just those I choose. God's word teaches us that sin is sin & since we all have fallen short, no one is worthy to point the finger at the next man. We all need forgiveness, yet, many play God. Killers try and judge child molesters, men who steal from their own mothers & children try and judge rapists. It's like a man covered in shit trying to tell the next man that he stinks. In addition we must remember that we don't wrestle against "flesh and blood". (Read **Ephesians 6:12-13**)

We must understand that the devil's power & influence is great here on earth. His spirits work on people's minds. He makes them believe lies, blinds them to the truth and encourages them to do things that will hurt themselves, others and the people they love. These spirits do not discriminate. They lead you away from God. However, we could only be thankful that some of the spirits that got into these rapists & child molesters, didn't get into us. We should pray for these people not hate them from the love and power of

God. It's a known fact that the majority of sex offenders were sexually abused themselves as children. This could easily have happened to us. It's a spiritual battle, my brothers, and we must fight the devil with our prayers, the Word of God & by engaging the minds of others which is the biggest battle ground on earth. There have been inmates who have beat up and stabbed sex offenders who were convicted by a justice system that they profess not to trust to make these types of decisions righteously in the first place. That's pretty stupid right? It is....and what's good is that dudes catch lengthy sentences & the sex offenders go home and the ones who truly suffer are them and their families.....

Know where you are going my brothers. Don't let the devil blind you and take away more of your life than he already has. Your mothers need you, your children need you and you need God in order not to live this life in vain. Your eyes have been opened. Don't let the devil close them.

Be blessed and walk in the light.
The end is near. I remain

Your humble servant and brother
in Christ, **Paul**

Seeking a Family and Finding God's Family

God had put it on my heart to write you since we met (at BWDF). But I waited until I got here because I didn't want your letter to get returned because I had left to prison already (from BWDF).

I'm interested in sharing my testimony with everyone in your newsletters, Linda. I have been blessed in so many ways and lived a very hard life, from watching my mother get 'beat' every weekend, to watching her finally leave my dad to save her life, only to meet my ex-step-dad and get her introduced to heroin. For 12 years (thank God she has been clean for 11 years now – "Thank You Jesus") I lived a life full of chaos, bouncing from house to house alone and lost (forgot to mention I am a middle child of 3). My brother and sister went with my dad. I stayed with my mom (hoping she would stop using drugs because I loved her so much).

Then I had my 1st daughter, my beautiful Denise, who is now 18 and a mother herself. Then there was my 2nd daughter, my beautiful Samantha, now 15. That relationship was full of kid games, cheating and coming back and forth. Finally, after 6 years it ended.

My next relationship (of 6 years also) gave me my next two beauties back to back. Rayna now 12, and KayAnn now 11 (whom I haven't seen for almost 4 years now due to my using drugs and coming back and forth to prison). Their father and I got together while I was still young. I wanted to settle down. I loved him with all my heart. He abused me, some physically, but mostly emotionally and mentally. That breakup ruined my whole life. My mom helped me get out of that one, only to give me the opportunity to ruin all of our lives. I

thank God and I love my mother for helping get out when I did. It was so ugly the way we lived, my kids watching it all.

Oops, sorry. How can I forget my precious baby boy, Ray Ray, now 8. He was 7 months old when we left my ex.

Now back to what I was saying . . . oh yeah. I knew all my kids were fine because my mother was watching them all and they were all together. So I took them all for granted and ran amuck. That has just recently ended.

This trip I found the Lord. Linda, I've always known I was blessed, but not like I know now. The Lord has been using me as a vessel behind these walls. I would hold prayer circles in BWDF and lay my hands on the women as I prayed and something amazing happened, Linda.

One day I held a prayer circle outside all the top tier. Well, this is how it all happened.

The lady "in the bubble" was going around all the speaker boxes asking 'who wanted to be outside?' I was being lazy that day. I replied, "No, just my cellie." Then I heard this voice telling me "get up Verronica, go do what you're supposed to do for me." I said "Alright God." Well, I got back on the box and said, "Make that 2, we both wanna go out." Well, the doors started popping, except ours. So I asked why aren't we going? She said, "You said no, Verronica." I said "No, I said we both wanted to go." She said, "Nope, just one cuz I can only let so many out." So I got so hurt, my eyes got watery. I let my cellie go and I shut my door. I said "that's alright Lord. It's just the Devil trying to stop me. But he ain't

stoppin' nothing!! I prayed in here. Right after I said that, my door popped and she said, "Go ahead Verronica, a girl got sent back to her cell" and that made room for me. I was so happy. We all went to yard and I told all the girls what had just happened. I know there were 3 girls in that prayer circle I needed to pray for. Little did I know I was blessing them all. If I remember correctly, there were 13-14 girls in the circle. One had cervical cancer. Another looking at 18 years. Another facing county and state time. Most of them still going to court. We all joined hands, and I prayed out loud. The words were flowing out of my mouth, but mostly my heart. I claimed divine healing. I claimed freedom, and I claimed lowest indicated sentences. I laid my hands, while my friend Lil sang the most beautiful Christian song. Linda, we all cried while the wind blew against our faces and our Lord touched our souls, our lives, our health.

Well, the next week came and one of the girls from the circle came back yelling my name, crying. I said "What's wrong?" She said, "Nothing, I just came back from the doctor and my cancer is gone!" The cancer she had since 2006 was gone. Thank you Jesus. 2 days after that, the friend that sang the song was looking at county and state time went to court, case dismissed. AMEN! The 3rd girl was facing 18 years in prison, went to court the next day, came back from court with 4 years, at ½ time. The whole top tier either got out or got the lowest indicated sentence.

I believe today, I believe with all my heart & soul, I'm in here/there for a reason. I have a calling to work for the Lord.

I'm here for my 12th petty theft with priors. I was so scared I would

have got a strike along with 6 years. The 2nd day from when I was arrested, I dropped to my knees, like I still do to this day, and gave my life to Him and I meant it with everything I've got. I was arrested on the 25th and on the 30th I was sentenced to 16 months with ½ time. Thank you Jesus.

I was blessed with a good man, the kindest man I've ever known, who loves me and my kids and wants to marry me and help restore my family, who knows God, and get this, raises lambs for a hobby. LOL Was he God sent or what? He got caught up with me, I'm sure God made this happen the way it did. He caught us before it was too late and our relationship failed. We were starting to use drugs and drink a lot. He wanted to stop. We had stopped for 3 days. The day we got busted, we were gonna score dope. Well, we were waiting for it, I went into the store to use the restroom, and stole some things I didn't even need, and got caught. He is a 2 striker on parole. The lord blessed him with 3 months violation only! Whew! Thank you again Jesus! He will be released on Christmas eve to his mom whom he cares for with Alzheimer's disease. I feel so bad for getting him caught up. Linda. But he ain't even trippin'. He said it's all the works of God. I love him so much. Can't wait to go home to him.

Please pray for us all. My mom has had my son, raising him since my breakup almost 9 years ago. I haven't heard from her this trip. I think she is mad at me. I don't blame her. I'm just wanting to know she is okay. She also is very sick. I think she has cancer and a spine disease. She won't tell us. I'm not claiming it, I'm coming home to put hands on her for the Lord. Please pray.

Verronica M.

Starr Pass Resort

Bob and Linda returned to a previous resort for a much needed vacation.



Lacy (right) again made our stay GREAT
Jackie (not pictured) also made us welcome.



Same type of lovely room (castle like)



VERY comfortable setting



Bob again did all the cooking



Olympic pool



Relaxing SPA

Pima Air Museum

There were over 300 Aircraft



"Flying Crane"



F-107



Three deck high cargo plane



Low altitude radar surveillance



MIG 21



MIG 29



NASA design for Shuttle practice



Small kit planes



Osprey 2 kit plane



Linda viewing SR-71 Spy Plane

Nights of the Javalina (Wild Pigs)



Imagine this at your door



I believe she was saying "Feed Me"



Feeding may have been a mistake



A couple nights there were 2



Then there were 3



Then, the babies showed up



We had as many as 10 adults and 2 babies show up at one time. Maybe feeding them the first time was not such a good idea.

Hello, how are you all? Hey, this is Sister Denise of Jesus' Prayer Ministry. I just wanted to say thank you for all of you who have been praying for me to go to Corcoran prison. Due to some changes we didn't go in. But Chaplain Bob and Linda came by my house and picked me up and now I am staying with them up here in Visalia having an awesome time. But I am so happy to have met and hanging with one of my guys David Marsh who got out of Quentin in June. Wow! our God is so awesome; God is providing David with a jeep jobs and connections with people. Isn't that great. Thank you God for what you are doing for David.

The Daddy God wants me to share something with you all. He wants to share His heart with you. Are you ready to receive His heart totally and surrender all to Him?

The first step is to surrender your all in all, your heart, your will, your control, your life, and your spirit. Ask God to forgive you of doing it your own way and not His way.

Then say God I want Your heart, Your will, Your Spirit, Your control and Your life. Second you must receive Jesus Christ totally in your heart as your Lord and Savior, this is rededication asking Jesus truly to be Lord and Savior of your whole life.

Close your eyes and imagine this. You are on the road and you see Jesus walking towards you and you towards Him, you are both getting closer and closer WOW!! face to face then all of a sudden He's no where around you look behind you and He isn't there. He stepped into you and you stepped into Him. Now you both are one in one. A cord that can never be broken. That is for life.

Then Daddy God will show you greater things in the spirit and His love, grace, mercy and His glory will flow through your heart and spirit like never before. He will use you in greater ways than ever before. It's an honor to be used and also have God's favor in your life. You are not your own, you were bought with a price. Here is something Daddy God wants me to share with you all

Open your Heart in full Surrender

My child, do you feel the burning within your heart? That is the stirring of your Holy Spirit in response to My love for you. Oh, Child how far, how wide, how deep and how long will you search for a love that cannot be compared with My love for you? Greater love is none other than this- that I should become flesh to stand in your place on Calvary. My child, I took on full humanity to free you from the bondage of sin. I chose death so you may have life. I choose condemnation so you may experience forgiveness. I chose the nails so you may taste reconciliation.

Here I am, Beloved: will you allow yourself to receive My full embrace? Will you, My child, allow Me to fill your every need? My word is true and it is everlasting. I will fill you in emptiness and I will cause you to overflow in abundance... your cup runneth over, My child, listen to my voice as I whisper My heart to you. I will love what I have redeemed. I will refine what I have purchased. I will fill what has been poured out for Me.

My Beloved, here I am, I call out to you, will you open up your heart in full surrender? Your lover awaits to fulfill your every desire. Give me your full surrender. Give me your whole heart and I will show you true freedom and everlasting Love, My Love.

Psalms 23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemy, You anoint my head with oil, My cup runs over.

Sister Denise C.

More Drawings by Richard Sanchez

