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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 550. 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 (Resource List).

God’s Word says if a man stumbles, how can he continue lest there be another to help him up. **Ecc. 4:10** “For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him [that is] alone when he falleth; for [he hath] not another to help him up.” **Proverbs 24:17** “Rejoice not when thy enemy falleth, and let not thy heart be glad when he stumbleth.” **John 11:10** “But if a man walketh in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.”

Please help us with input for this newsletter as we strive to serve God. We appreciate any articles or input.

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Missing M.O.M. ?

We must constantly remind individuals that we need to be notified of changes of address or facilities. If we get returned mail (about 20 each month), we remove that individual from the files. If you have, or you are going to be moved, please drop us a note to keep your file active. We get mail returned for bad ID #'s, no cell #, and no bed #.

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."

Readily Available Printouts

For those of you that communicate with individuals that have computer access, we have added quite a bit to our web site. The "**Resource List**" (28 pages), the "**Pen Pal Friends**" (12 pages), ALL past newsletters ("**Letter From M.O.M.**"), inmate lookup links, and artwork are available to be viewed or downloaded.

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Ask for a copy of our **28 page**
"Resource Supplemental Letter"
or our **12 page** compiled
"Pen Pal List"

Postage is always appreciated but not required.

\$.44 for Pen pals and
\$.61 for Resources/
\$.44 for Newsletter

Psalms 1:8-9

Psalms 69

Psalms 116

Psalms 120-121

Job 38

Colossians 4:17

Perception; Getting your Vision (mind) Check

“I don’t see it that way.” “That is not what it says.” We get statements like this often. Usually these responses are from individuals that want to see things different that they appear. Sometimes it is for the good, sometimes for the “not-so-good.”

Seeing things the way we may want them to appear is a dangerous thing. Bad perception can cause us to ignore potentially dangerous things.

When things are new, we often do not recognize them. **Isa. 43:19** “See, I am doing a new thing!”

It is amazing that we cannot perceive something as it is, or can perceive something different that it is. The following examples demonstrate this.

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This is NOT a joke. If you were able to pass these 3 tests, you can cancel your annual visit to your neurologist. Your brain is great and you're far from having a close relationship with Mr. Alzheimer.

Congratulations!

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**To my 'selected' strange-minded friends:
If you can read the following paragraph, share it
with your friends**

**Only great minds can read this
This is weird, but interesting!**

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God's Perspective is "For I know the plans for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and future," **Jer. 29:11**

Note that God says "hope" and "future" and that needs to be remembered when the individual says "How come I am going through all this turmoil and trials.

What do we do with our past? If we let it, the past will control our lives. If we hide the past, it will appear at the most inopportune times. If we deny our past, it will raise up as truth and cause doubt of our integrity. We need to build on the past, not live in it. We can look at the point in life that we accept Christ. We can decide now that we have accepted Christ that we are finished. This would mean that all we have is "past." Or we can determine that accepting Christ, is a starting point and we "move on" and everything is future.

What can we expect in the present? What can we expect when we accept Christ as savior? Christian means to be "Christ like." How did people treat Christ? They tried to catch Him in something of disapproval. They questioned His actions. They denied Him. They beat Him. They spit on Him. They crucified Him. So how easy is it to be Christ like? The devil will make sure it is not an easy path. Life without "risk" does not

demonstrate faith. In **Matt. 7:14** Christ tells us, “Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth to life, and few there be that find it.”

2 Cor. 5:17 states, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away, behold all things become new.” We need to continually work on the things we say, do and even think. Staying out of trouble? Watch what you say.

James 3:10 says “Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be.” **Prov. 21:23** says “Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.”

Spend more time “perceiving” than time “projecting.” **James 1:19** states “Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.”

Hebrews 11:6 says “Without faith, it is impossible to please God.” Too many people are trying to get all the “facts” before accepting Christ as Savior. God’s Word requires we come with the faith of a child. Where there is no risk, there is no faith. Great risk takers fear the loss of God’s favor more than the risk of man’s favor.

What can we expect in the future?

You know the ending, we have read it, we have seen it, and we know it is coming. Much as when we watch a movie, we anticipate the ending that will come. We say we “know” the ending. But, do we really “know” the ending. Not just a “knowing of,” but a practicing belief of knowing.

Jer. 29:11-14 shows God’s plan for His children’s lives.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Jeremiah 29:12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

Jeremiah 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find [me], when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

Many times before, God has delivered His children, and He is perfectly capable of doing it again.

There is ALWAYS an interval between “sowing” and “reaping.” We sowed in the past, we see nothing in the present, and a large crop comes in the future. Remember again, God’s Perspective is “*For I know the plans for you,*” declares the LORD, “*plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and future,*” **Jer. 29:11**

Anything the government gives to an individual; it had to take from another individual. Aren’t we glad that our God does not have to work that way?

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.

Letters Received

The letters received are a big part of the M.O.M. ministry. Every week we receive letters from individuals that gave up the old ways and affiliation, to receive a new way and affiliation that

works. We get responses from many inmates that say “We love reading the testimonies and letters from people that have made it.”

Swaziland Africa Ministry

Brother Bob and Linda

It is true that our God is a God of peace and love. By His blood we are made His children, and we will dwell in His house for ever and ever – A M E N

I am encouraged by the testimonies I read from the “MOM” newsletter you send me, especially those that say more about jail life. I truly pray that God continue to use both Bob and Linda to win more souls to the Lord.

God chose you to be fishers of men. Please don't give up. God has a plan that you have to fulfill. USA is a very big country, but your newsletter may have reached $\frac{3}{4}$ of your country. That means a lot of people have heard about Jesus through you and your newsletter. Please press on. We are also doing all we can to win more souls to Jesus. Brother, perhaps you have found a way of sending us the money. We have now started doing the building. I will send you a picture to see that we are “not” sitting down and folding our hands. So brother, continue to pray for this church to be built.

Thank you Jeffrey Khumalo (Pastor)
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Hi Sir,

Well, I'm sure you don't remember me. You talk to a lot of us. I want to just say thank you very much for everything you do. I'm sure it takes a special kind of person to come to the jails and prisons and preach and let us know about God still loves us.

On Dec. 25th, 2010, Chaplain John came with help from his church I believe. They brought us cookies and shampoo. It was very appreciated on my part, but for some reason I felt so guilty for receiving a gift, that I felt I didn't deserve, just because I've done some things real bad. I sinned and I'm in jail. I shouldn't be given gifts, but I just started to pray. Crying from the bottom of my heart, I wished I could go back and not have done all the things I've done bad in the past.

Then I felt a complete chill all over me, and I knew God heard me and I know He has forgiven me. Thank you Chaplain Bob for coming out here and reminding us that Jesus still loves us. I have a son now born Nov. 17, 2010. this was a great blessing. When I got locked up, I was looking at 25 w/L. Later, I went down to 17 w/L. then one day you gave me a gift, a gift of a Bible, a really nice white Bible with gold trim. I started reading it, praying every morning and night. Now I'm looking at doing 5 to 6 years in prison. It doesn't matter, 5 or 6 years, as long as I have the Lord. And I made a promise, the day I

get released I'll keep reading my Bible. I'll be looking for a church when I get out, that way I can introduce Jesus to my baby boy. My fiancée and I named our son "Elijah." Well, may God bless us all, and peace be with you. **Antonio H.**

p.s. This caught my eyes, "I, the Lord, have called you. . . to bring out prisoners from the prison, those who sit in darkness from the prison house." **Isaiah 42:6-7**

My Letter to Our Lord

Lord,

Hi, this is Anthony H., your fellow servant. I've done many things in my life that I'm not really proud of, but there are many things I'm sure You would be pleased with. Lord, if You follow me all the rest of my life, I would be forever grateful. All my life I've been lost. At this moment, as you know, I am locked up. I wanna thank You for letting my spirit & mind to be free. My flesh is the one locked up. God, I want to ask You for many things that I need. I've been thinking about a lot of things wrong in my life. The only thing I would consider worthy to really ask, is for You to follow me throughout my life. I would also love to follow You all my life. I accept Jesus Christ as my Savior. I believe He died on the cross for my sins. And conquered death. Lord, I also ask from the bottom of my heart to please forgive me in my life of sin. To please bless and heal mentally and physically, all the people I hurt in the days of the past and now. I hope and pray, You give these people many years of life and happiness, Lord. Please bless me, my family, and friends. To guide them to find You Lord, and be saved, Lord. Look at my loyalty, the love that I have for my family. If anybody could, I know You would understand me. So when You call my number, and I take my final breath and die, please forgive me for my sins, and let my soul rise to the sky.

When I needed someone, no one but God was there.

When I needed to break down, no one but God was there.

When I needed someone to talk to, no one but God was there.

When I was lost in sin, no one but God was there.

When you asked me, who do I give my unconditional love to?

"No one else but God" I would say!

Antonio H.

I cannot, God can. I think I'll let Him.

TV Followup Story

Many of you may have seen the television story of **Michael Hess** on “**I Almost Got Away With It.**” Chaplain Bob was so amazed with the story, and the fact that Michael had lived a reformed life for 28 years after his escape from the Florida prison. Bob had to watch the entire program, as he saw

Michael become Charles E. Swiger in the story, and remain out for 28 years. Bob had to look Michael up on the internet and write him.

Michael wrote Chaplain Bob back almost immediately, and the letter was a REAL BLESSING. The following is Michael’s letter.

Greetings,
I received your letter today and must admit that I was surprised to hear from someone as far as California in reference to the TV program. But I am also encouraged, as my sole purpose of doing the interview was that I hoped that someone of authority here in Florida would see it and perhaps think that perhaps I was rehabilitated and be put out on parole.

I have to say that while I was on escape, I tried to live a decent life, as far as society’s values. I was asked how hard it was to stay on escape. It wasn’t hard after the first couple of years. I did what you were supposed to do, **(1) work a full time job.** I held one job for 16 years. When I was arrested, I had been the kitchen manager of the largest sports bar in Tampa, Florida. **(2) Mind your own business.** Make it a fulltime job to keep up with yourself. **(3) Don’t go to clubs where trouble could start,** and get yourself caught up in something out of your control. **(4) Leave other peoples stuff alone.** I kinda followed those rules and was successful. I know escaping was wrong, but after that, I am proud of my record. I have tried to tell people in charge that I didn’t like prison and would do my darn best to stay out.

I have read your bi-monthly newsletter and I want to thank you for it. I found it interesting and enlightening.

I consider myself a Christian. I was baptized at an early age. As there has only been one perfect person, I have sinned and am constantly asking for God’s forgiveness and understanding. When asked – I admit to being a Christian, and that I do believe in God. But one of my shortcomings is not being vocal about it. I have strayed and in all likelihood, will stray again. But I will constantly ask for forgiveness. Luckily, there is not a set number that you can be forgiven. If that were so, I’m sure I would have used my share long ago.

The release date is a presumptive parole date. I had an interview n December and the interviewer recommended that a 2 year reduction be granted. It’s not much, but I am thankful for any blessing. I would really like to think that I’ll be paroled before then even. I know, given the chance, that I can be a productive member of society. There will be no return trip for me. I’m hoping that I get released early enough to be able to go back to work. I have been in food service most of my life. I decided at an early age that a good cook will always be able to work.

I hope that you will be able to send me the newsletter regularly. I don't get mail and would have something to look forward to.

My message to other convicts is to use all the gifts God has given us. He has made us in His own image so we have the inherent ability to be successful and good. Too many of us want the "Quick Fix." And that is usually the wrong road. We need to do our best and soar like eagles. We have the ability.

To all my fellow convicts, male & female, I pray that you will find the way to prosperity. It would be much easier if you have faith in God and let Him lead you in whatever venture.

As I stated earlier, I have seen the light. I believe that God will help me if asked! This is a new year and a chance to start anew.

I hope to hear from any interested person in search of communication, who will write me, and together we use all our strengths to live that Christian life.

God Bless **Michael J. Hess**

p.s. Michael has had the Indigo Films Co. that did the video, send us his DVD of the TV program. Please all Christians pray for Michael's soon release.

Woman Arrested After 31 Years On the Lam

Escaped in 1979 While Serving Two-Year Sentence for Credit Card Fraud

By **Chris Meagher**

A woman who had escaped the grasp of authorities for more than three decades after escaping from the California Institution for Women was arrested after Santa Barbara police were tipped off Tuesday.

Nancy Garces, now 56, was booked at C.I.W., the women-only state facility in San Bernardino County on February 16, 1979, for a two-year sentence for forging a credit card, and escaped a few months later. An evening count at the facility showed a discrepancy, and authorities eventually determined Garces was not accounted for. She had been seen in the visiting room, but had not returned to her housing unit. "It was determined that she went directly to her escape point and was able to scale a fence in the maintenance compound," according to a release from the California Department of Corrections. Search teams were deployed, but Garces was never tracked down.

Officials say Garces, who will head back to a state facility this week, may face additional charges. "We would like to commend the Santa Barbara Police Department for its prompt and efficient action in apprehending the escaped felon Nancy Garces," said Michael Ruff, special agent in charge for CDCR's Office of Correctional Safety, Special Service Unit.

According to officials, more than 99 percent of escapees from California state prisons have been subsequently arrested since 1977. "This is a message to all at-large felons that California law enforcement agents never give up when searching for fugitives," Ruff said.

Are we Calling Evil Good, Or Moving from Being Evil, to Being Good?

The perfect standard of the most high God which is given to us to drink with overflowing cups, through His river that is the Bible says: Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil, who put darkness for light, and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! (Isaiah 5:20). It says: “Nevertheless, the solid foundation of God stands having this seal; ‘The Lord knows these who are His;’ and in everyone who names the name of Jesus Christ depart from iniquity.” (2 Timothy 2:19)

As we know, this is not always easy, as one of the great warriors of our faith said himself; “for the good that I will to do, I do not do, but the evil I will not to do, that I practice.” (Romans 7:19). We’re so used to calling evil good, that it’s hard to imagine ourselves saying “I don’t want to have sex with a woman unless we’re married” . . . especially if we get out and come across an old girlfriend, one you know that all you have to do is ask, and a minute later you’ll be . . . well, you know.

Yesterday we were watching a movie in the prison day room and a Christian brother of mine commented on a particular scene, saying “this is the best part of the movie.” In the scene there were scantily clad women dancing inside a strip club. It was the worst part of the movie, and I am not condemning the brother, but this is that calling evil good that we need to move away from.

1 Timothy chapter 5, verses 1 & 2 say: “Do not rebuke an elder man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with all purity . . . “ this is great insight as to how God wants us to view women. I had a struggling brother, totally blind to his struggle, try to justify his interest in sexually provocative magazines that prisons still allow, saying: “Women are God’s beautiful creation. And God wouldn’t have given me two eyes and made them so beautiful, if He didn’t want me to see them.” He was totally unaware that he was “putting darkness for light.” The Bible does teach us how women should dress (1 Timothy 2:9-10) and it teaches us that lusting for a woman with our eyes is as bad as adultery (Matt. 5:27-29). Furthermore, all people are commanded to honor their fathers and mothers (Exodus 20:12 – 5th of 10 commandments). So a woman should not be posing in sexually provocative photos with a bikini, because a good father would never approve of that. Scripture firmly opposes the ‘struggling’ brother’s reasoning, but as we know: “There is a way that seems right to a man, but it’s end is the way of death” (Proverbs 14:12). I know it’s easier said than done, to refuse to look at those improper magazines when they’re offered to you, or to refrain from looking at the back side of a beautifully figured woman, as she saunters away from you with swaying hips. But we must be like Job who is noted to have said in the book that bares his name; “I made an agreement with my eyes. I promised not to look at another woman with sexual longing (NIV Job 31:1). “The Message” translation says it this way; “I made a solemn pact with myself never to undress a girl with my eyes.” We must make this same pact and honor women with this same respectful consideration, looking at older women as if they were our mothers, and younger women as if they were our sisters and trust that God understands and forgives our limitations. No one is perfect and this is why we need good

friends/brothers to help us when we stumble in our spiritual walk (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10). This is why one of the greatest Christian warriors once said; “Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me (Philippians 3:12). The apostle Paul knew that at best he could only continue to grow spiritually. This is why King David used the analogy of a tree being planted next to a river, to depict us growing as we stay planted next to the river of God’s Word (Psalms 1:3).

We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13). We must say this and believe as Jesus once said; “with men this is impossible but with God, all things are possible” (Matt. 19:26). It could be done by brothers, all things are possible with God.

Anyone who calls himself a Christian must remember that he is a soldier, thus he’s going to receive orders he must acknowledge and respect, and he’s going to have battles to fight. Our orders are clearly defined throughout the New Testament gospels and epistles, and the war we wage is a spiritual one with eternal consequences. The outcome is decided on the choices we make. “I call Heaven and Earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing, therefore choose life, that both you and your descendents may live, that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days (Deut. 30:19-20).

It’s easy to deceive ourselves my brothers, especially right now in the end days. In the midst of such a perverse and faithless generation, so be careful about what you say & believe. If you’re drinking pruno, saying Jesus turned water into wine, woe to you. If you’re smoking weed, saying it’s not wrong because it’s natural and it’s God’s creation, woe to you. If you think it’s okay to lust over women God says are your sisters & mothers, woe to you. If you’re bumping Lil Wayne on your stereo or any music that promotes; fornication, adultery, drinking parties, and rivalries, and you think this is good music, woe to you. You’re calling evil good . . . Let us not deceive ourselves brethren, but remain grounded in truth, planted next to the stream of God’s Word so you may grow & prosper. I choose life and pick blessings over curses. I leave you as Paul once wrote; “Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you, will continue it until the day of Jesus Christ (Phil. 1:6)

Paul, a Servant of God.

Challenge to Churches and Ministries

1/27/11

Hello again. I’m writing this second letter to thank you for the newsletter – I received it last night – and to ask a couple of questions and speak on a few things.

First off, the newsletter was awesome, and I will be sure to pass it on for someone else to enjoy, and it was

great to hear that Alice, Marisol, and Ashley are “beyond the walls of captivity,” and are doing well, serving our Lord Jesus Christ. Well Bob, I guess that harvest we spoke about that you wanted to see, is becoming more evident. My hope and prayer is that these sisters of ours, and those (others) who have been released from prison and

have been blessed by your ministry, will remember your labor of love, and acts of kindness, and work with you to help others "Move On."

On that note, I wanted to ask a few questions. As of right now, is it only you two (Bob & Linda) putting things together for the M.O.M. newsletter to be sent out? The church that you attend, are there only 8 or 10 people that attend the church, or are there more? If there is more, are the Christians there volunteering at least an hour or two of their time to help you with the newsletter? Help to staple, help you put stamps on the envelopes, help put the letters in the envelopes, etc. I will leave it at that for the time being, and let you get back to me.

I told you before about a newsletter being in color, and that word I spoke to you, I still stand by. And I realize that some time after that, the newsletter briefly went color, then back to black & white. Yes, it's true, that whether the newsletter is in color or B&W, the Word of God is still going forward, touching and changing lives. Praise God! It's just that I believe God. I believe what God has shown me concerning you two.

Things may appear grim. And the newsletter in color right now may not be the wisest choice, but that doesn't mean it is not going to happen. Why, or how do I know? Because I walk by faith and not by sight; cause God told me so.

There's another reason, and it's because of your obedience to the will of God. After reading the newsletter and meditating on it, this is the word that came into my spirit concerning the turn around and growth of the ministry, "Give, and it shall be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together,

and running over will be put in your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you. Luke 6:38

Chaplain Bob & Sis Linda, you guys have given us so much, especially me, with your lives and the sacrifices that you made, that there is no way in "tarnation" that God could look over you and not be faithful to His Word. And I thank you, we all do. You both have set an example of how to reach and save the lost, even if they are in prison, through the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. It's just sad that nobody wants to follow it.

With that said, expect great things to happen by God's mighty and gracious hand. As I wrote in my other letter, (1/17/11) enclosed, should be my tithe (4 months worth). It may not be much (\$8.13), but it truly is from the heart. I'm sowing this seed not to receive something in return, but to be a blessing to you, and because I believe in you and your ministry.

And even as you guys tithe (outside of your own ministry of course), this month or next, believe God and take Him at His Word. He says in Malachi 3:10-12, "*Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and try Me now in this,*" Says the Lord of Hosts. "*If I will not open for you the windows of Heaven and pour out for you such blessings that there will not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,*" says the Lord of Hosts; "*And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land,*" says the Lord of Hosts. (Remember to sow the good seed)

Tremayne

Lighter Side

Lunch Line

The Children were lined up in the cafeteria of an elementary school. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The teacher had posted on the apple tray, "Take only one, God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want, God is watching the apples."

School Photo

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, "There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer, or that's Michael, he's a doctor." A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher, she's dead.""

Four Letter Words

As soon as the newlyweds returned from their honeymoon, the young bride called her mother, who lived a couple of hours away. "How did everything go?" her mom asked.

Oh, mother," she began, "The honeymoon was wonderful! So romantic, we had a terrific time. But, mother, on our way back, Andy started using really horrible language. Stuff I'd never heard before. Really terrible four-letter words. You've got to come get me

and take me home. Please, Mother!" the new bride sobbed over the telephone.

But, honey," the mother countered, "What four-letter words?"

I can't tell you, mother, they're too awful! Come get me, please!"

Darling, you must tell me what has gotten you so upset.... Tell mother what four-letter words he used."

Still sobbing, the bride said, "Mother, words like **dust, wash, iron, cook.**"

Strong Woman vs. A Woman of Strength

A strong woman works out every day to keep her body in shape, but a woman of strength kneels in prayer to keep her soul in shape. A strong woman isn't afraid of anything, but a woman of strength shows courage in the midst of her fear. A strong woman makes mistakes and avoids the same in the future, but a woman of strength realizes life's mistakes can also be God's blessings,

and capitalizes on them. A strong woman wears the look of confidence on her face, but a woman of strength gives the best of herself to the man she loves. A strong woman walks surefooted, but a woman of strength knows God will catch her when she falls. So much love, and always forever my beloved friends in Jesus Christ.

Poetry

I am a Soldier

Cindy Coates

I am a soldier, a prayer warrior, of the army of my God.
The Lord Jesus Christ is my Commanding Officer.
The Holy Bible is my code of conduct.
Faith, Prayer and the Word are my weapons of warfare.

I have been taught by the Holy Spirit, trained by experience,
tried by adversity, and tested by fire.

I am a volunteer in this army, and I am enlisted for eternity.
I will either retire in this army at the Rapture or die in this Army;
but I will not get out, sell out, be talked out.
I am faithful, capable, and dependable.

If my God needs me, I am there.

I am a soldier, a prayer warrior. I am not a baby.
I do not need to be pampered, petted, primed up, pumped up, picked up, or
pepped up.

I am a soldier, a prayer warrior.
No one has to call me, remind me, write me, visit me, entice me, or lure me.

I am a soldier, a prayer warrior. I am not a wimp.
I am in place, saluting my King, obeying His orders, praising His name
and building His Kingdom!

I am a soldier, a prayer warrior.
No one has to send me flowers, gifts, food, cards, candy, or give me handouts.
I do not need to be cuddled, cradled, cared for, or catered to.

I am committed.
I cannot have my feelings hurt bad enough to turn me around.
I cannot be discouraged enough to turn me aside.
I cannot lose enough to cause me to quit.

More Drawings by Richard Sanchez

