

“Letter From M.O.M.”

The Bi-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 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

www.MovingOnMinistry.com

We have also become affiliated with International Prison Fellowship

www.PrisonMinistry.net/movingon

Fellowship

Our mailing list has cleared over 560. 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.

www.MovingOnMinistry.com

Ask for a copy of our **28 page "Resource List"**
or our **12 page** compiled "**Pen Pal List**"
Postage is always appreciated but never required for brochures.
\$.45 for Pen pals and
\$.65 for Resources
\$.45 for Newsletter
(We pay printing costs)

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.

God's Amazing Love

We are not perfect people. We are people who have made many mistakes in our lives. We are people who will probably make many more mistakes, but hopefully not the same as before. I have asked God for forgiveness of all my sin and my ways. I have surrendered all my wants and worries over to Jesus Christ, my Savior. I want to be the man that God called me to be. My purpose in life is to fulfill God's purpose for me.

We can never give up in life, no matter how hard it gets or no matter how many times you fall. God will never give up on us. Many will walk away from the hurt we have caused them, but through that hurt God will bring healing to our lives. So whether your whole family or husband or wife has let you down, because we let them down, Jesus loves you so much. He takes us just the way we are, right at this moment. He offers forgiveness for all who seek it. God will wipe your tears away that have fallen off your cheek.

Your moments of hard times, God will use to strengthen you and shape you into a God fearing man/woman. It won't always be easy, but it will always be worth it. God is calling you right now. He is knocking at your heart and let Him in. Just watch your loving and sovereign God change your life in ways you never thought possible!

By Nelson Purvis

To Each His Own By Carol Ann

God certainly has surprises for us in this life. I feel like the way God has worked in my life has given me such a time of genuine gratitude and peace in my life. It did not use to be this way, but as each new day goes by, I seem to understand things more and I'm able to draw closer and closer to my heavenly Daddy. I feel moved today to talk about how just how unique our walk is in this world and how safe we truly are as He cares for us.

Growing up in an abusive household where chaos reigned instead of peace, my thinking got all mixed up. It doesn't seem to matter the source of the abuse, the confusion that is caused on the mind of a child is real. Children grow up doubting themselves, not trusting others, feeling fearful, lost, alone and often having no safe place to turn. Having to cope with such things is often too hard for a child, so all the survival techniques start to play out in our lives. We have to cover up all the pain somehow, so often we turn to addictions. The addictions usually either point outward towards society or inward towards hate of self. An actual distortion takes place in our mind. It goes on to affect how we think about ourselves, the world around us and affects many pieces of the relationships that we will have. Often, our life and our very purpose have been messed with. It takes quite a lot of time and work with the Lord to sort out all the lies that we have been fed. That is the journey of recovery and the healing of our wounds. This path is such a uniquely personal one, to find the peace and wholeness within ourselves that God had planned for us. (Jeremiah 16:19) It's a hard journey, a long journey usually and often a painful journey; but yet today it feels like a glorious journey.

In the past week, God has been helping me to look at this area of my uniqueness on this earth. There has never been another Carol Ann and there never will be another Carol Ann. Someone else could have my name, but never has anyone else shared this soul. We are unique in Christ Jesus. There will never be another you and have the exact gifts that God has given you. (1 Corinthians 12:27) I've known in my head that I was unique, but the Lord God is helping me to move that thought from my head to my heart in a new way. I'm learning how to translate this new awareness into understanding my purpose and my living my life from day to day. Growing in Christ involves movement, developing and changing of our lives. I am beginning to feel more renewal and I live in the saving grace of our Lord. With God, we have all we need to make this journey. (Ephesians 1:3-14)

I was thinking this morning, it's not like I'll be headed to the throne of the Almighty with a group of saints and I say, "well alright, God, here we are and this person is why I did this and that person is why I did that." This is not a group journey when it comes to our meeting the Lord to discuss our lives. We each have our own path, our own choices and our own answers to the Lord. We definitely do affect one another, often through encouraging one another or sometimes the impact we have on another is the opposite of we want to do. In real family, there are some times of hurt, and pain. Hopefully as that occurs, we will talk to the other and seek understanding, forgiveness and peace. (Romans 12:18) But when the Lord comes again, we each will be talking to our Father as a unique individual.

At times, we might feel alone, like no one understands why we do and what we do, but Our Heavenly Daddy gets us. (Psalm 139:13-16) If we've messed up and we

don't even know why we do what we do, he'll help us to figure out, take what we can learn from it all, He'll forgive us and help us to stand back up again to start fresh. I love how precious we have been made and how much God loves us! I love that even though this is a unique journey for each one, our lives are definitely interwoven with those around us on this earth and we can encourage one another. But in the end, we will be talking over things with our Lord on a one to one basis. In chapter 15 of John, Jesus calls us his friends! The relationship that we have with our God is a very personal one.

When I look back over the period of my life while I've been really focused on my healing and recovery, I've realized this is a very important place to be in today and this is an understanding that I've needed to have. I am unique in this world and if I stay close to Him, keep God at the center and always look to Him for my help, it will all be alright! Sometimes I've made others concerned for me out of love and it's just how love works. I am just fine being all of who I am in the arms of the Lord. I am precious and I am guided by my Father. (Ephesians 3: 14-21) His spirit lives in me and it's a beautiful journey and a process that has taken many, many years. Today I feel safe and it's a very deep and personal relationship that God and I have built. (Ephesians 2:1-10)

As I was looking at the lives of others from the Word of God, I've always loved to look at the life of David. His writings are so full of his own very passionate relationship with God. (Psalm 31) Also, the life of Paul is inspirational and how he devoted his life to ministry. (2 Timothy 2, the whole chapter) When Abraham took Isaac up the mountain to sacrifice him, no human being would have understood what Abraham was doing or the level of faith he was showing. (Genesis 22:1-15) Job stands out as a man who was taken fully to the bottom of the pit of life and yet stay faithful to God and is an example of standing strong even when his friends had no idea what he was doing. Job was suffering, and yet He and God talked it over and Job remained faithful to His Lord. (Job 42:1-6 & verses 10-11) We could find other examples of some very unique and personal journeys from both men and women that we were told about in the scriptures. How faithful Moses was to take God's children into the Promised Land and yet he didn't even get to go in. But he got to see it. I can just see Moses looking onto the valley with his heart just filled with joy and beauty for having made it to the end of his journey. Look at Mark 5, the demon possessed man and he was the messiest of the messy and the man fell at the feet of Jesus. Jesus healed him and sent him back to his family to tell them all that Jesus Christ did for him. Each story, each person is a special reminder to me of just how unique each one of us is.

I feel pretty grateful today for God taking me to this next level of knowing Him and trusting Him. I'm feeling really thankful for the patience of my heavenly Father in teaching me to rely on Him more fully and not be afraid. The peace of God is extremely sweet to my soul. I have stillness and a quiet inside of me that is often beyond what words can express. The closest I can come to finding the words some days is to share with you the 23rd Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The following is an example of the dedication of our lady writers, such as Aleshia, Amanda, Andrea, Autumn, Carol, Denise, Linda, and Sara. Many have large lists that they write to.

Bob, Greetings in JESUS Name!

I'm doing the same thing.as I go thru the Christmas Cards...and Birthday Cards for Dec, I'm removing all that have not responded since 12-2010. So far it's only 5, They are still in my prayers. It's gotten over ..620 names and though I say "A letter is like a Visit and There's always room for one more"...The Post Office doesn't pass out stamps on my desire to keep on keeping on (smile). For Some reason I did not get the Memo that I have to always give cash in exchange for stamps....(Geesh ...Ha ha) But I'll continue as long as the Lord allows and the men & women continue to write. These individuals just need to be patient,"the mail is coming to them" Most want faster contact, I understand that very much.

Eventually I'll get the Update picture to you..

Oh by the way...I'll be living here.at this address ...so in your next News Letter can you please, if it is not too much trouble, change my contact to here in Norfolk, Va?.I still have no other picture I can send, at this time other than the one I already sent you..

Andrea Shannon
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Mail only gets forwarded for one year...it's up in Feb 2012

Thanks alot ..

I'll still send a Post Card Birthday or letter.from time to time. Same with all the others...they all are so special to me. and to our Lord!

Postage went up Jan 2012.. Pharaoh is passing out straw (raises) for Senior Citizens and any one else who gets to work in his slime pits (smile) ...so we have another thing to Praise our Lord Jesus for...we get a raise, a few dollars but it's better than less. Ya reckon Pharaoh and his leaders think our Lord is returning soon? (smile) Be very careful watch yourselves....laws are changing with no prior notice..(nothing new) yet many are not good for Christians, but rather deceptive to/for them.

Your Sister in Christ

Andrea

For those living in one of the 58 counties of California, the following web link has resource listings with from 40 to 500 pages per county. The lists can also be printed out by subject, i.e. housing, training, employment, recovery programs, etc.

http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Community_Partnerships/SearchBy.aspx

Backing out of Writing

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wanted to take a few minutes to write and share that I will be fading from the Pen Pal list and the writing ministry. So much has been going on in my own life, my own health, my own family and God has been moving in me that it's a time for me to pull in a little, rest a bit more and pull in my life inward. This kind of self-care is what my personal recovery is centered around. I always have felt a bit guilty for taking care of myself, when in fact I have learned that God cares about me and I matter. I am physically hurting so even hand writing the letters has been hard. Now it's time to put what the Lord's been teaching me, into practice. I have thoroughly enjoyed developing a relationship with all of you that have written to me. I will forever be grateful for the ways that you have blessed my life, encouraged and shared your lives with me. It has been an honor to know each of you that I've gotten to know and my prayer is you'll go on from this place in your lives and put all your focus on God, learn more and more about Him, keep Him #1 in your journey, your path and allow God to heal all areas of your life in which you need healing. That's what I've been spending the last nine years doing, working my own recovery, allowing God to guide me, being sensitive to the Spirit who lives within me and letting God love me fully, accepting that He is my Lord. God is the true healer and Great Physician. Life is a complex road of learning and growing and I praise the Lord for sharing your lives with me and being a part of my journey.

In His love and His peace, I pray for His covering in all of your lives. **Sister Carol Ann**

p.s. Carol Ann will be coming to do live services with us at Corcoran State Prison.

Amazing God

Bob and Linda;

God is becoming bigger than life itself in my eyes. When my world came crashing down in 2010, He was a huge part of my life. Now He is all I live for. I wake up with His peace in my heart knowing I am His and He will provide for me. I have such an amazing joy in me, it's hard to explain. The only explanation I have is it's from God. To walk thru being incarcerated, loosing my family in divorce, having my parental rights stripped from me. Everything as I knew it was no longer. The one I thought would stand by my side through thick and thin, walked away, but God has been faithful. He stood by my side and even carried me when the enemy would whisper lies into my ear, I know without a shadow of a doubt God is faithful, He will never leave me. I thank you both for your ministry because when I was down, God placed you in my life to help me rise up again. You are very important to the growth of God's kingdom! Thank you again for your obedience to God. Please share this with Alice and Chaplain John, and whoever you feel might be blessed.

In Christ's Love

Melinda S.

What or Who is M.O.M.?

Many previous issues have had the testimonies of Bob and/or Linda. Volume 68 of “**Letter From M.O.M.**” had the article of “**Who are Chaplain Bob and Sister Linda?**” We would like to do a follow-up with exactly what is the M.O.M. ministry.

Moving On Ministry was formed by Bob (under the direction of Linda’s prayers) in April 2002 with the visitation of the local facility, Bob Wiley Detention Facility (B.W.D.F.). Starting out with one weekly visit, Bob soon was authorized to two visiting evenings to provide two chapel services on each evening. There were weeks that Bob also went to the facilities of Men’s Correction Facility (M.C.F.) or Tulare County Pre-Trial. He managed to get a couple of weeks in with three evening visits, and one week even went into the main jail to get 4 visits that week. Approximately two years later in 2004, Bob and Linda were invited to start doing one Sunday monthly to provide 3 to 5 chapel services at Corcoran State Prison in Corcoran, California.

Many look at **Moving On Ministry** (M.O.M.) as a major size ministry with a lot of impact. M.O.M. has left a large “footprint” in the world of jail, prison, elderly and homeless ministry, but ALL CREDIT goes to God. God has blessed the resources provided through Bob and Linda, and used them to HIS glory.

The first publication of “**Letter From M.O.M.**” actually came out in October 2003. The first newsletter was under the name “**Free In Deed**” and kept that name for the first 9 volumes. Volume 1 (Oct. 2003) had 7 pages. Volumes 1 through 4 were being published on a quarterly basis. With volume 5 (Sept. 2004), we went to bi-monthly. Volume 10 had the name change to “Letter From M.O.M.” With volume 18 (Nov. 2006), **Letter From M.O.M.** went monthly in publishing. The number of mailings continued to grow rapidly. Volume 48 (May 2009) found us going back to bi-monthly publications. The need to get more mileage out of the money invested also caused us to go to B & W printing instead of color. In the nearly 10 years, we have gone thru 6 color printers and 4 B & W printers due to the high volume of printing. The latest 2 printers for the B & W printing are HP LJ9000dn printers with everything you can imagine on a commercial printer. These would have a new price of approximately \$5000 each. Bob was blessed with the opportunity of buying them used at \$50 each from an agency that believed in what M.O.M. does. The current HP LJ8550 color printer would also have the same price range of \$5000 new, but was purchased from the same agency used for \$35. God has been a good provider, and we have to trust on Him completely.

Many individuals have thought we were complaining in the past about the expense of the ministry. In reality what Bob and Linda were doing is apologizing for the fact that they cannot do more. The ministry is predominately supported out of Chaplain Bob’s pocket from his paycheck he receives working full time for the County of Tulare. Linda also puts in money from her paycheck where she also works full time for the County of Tulare. The expenses reached as high as \$800 to \$1000 a month in 2007 and we had to make some decisions that hurt us,

realizing we were extended in money and time as far as we could go. Bob normally puts in about 32+ hours a week in volunteer ministry. Bob and Linda are part of Good News Jail & Prison Ministry, volunteers for Bill Glass Champions for Life, and active with International Prison Fellowship.

We are a very open ministry because it all belongs to God. Our 2011 donations and income consisted of the following;

Donations from Bob's Mom - - - - -	\$100.00
Wedding performed - - - - -	\$100.00
3 Inmates donations - - - - -	\$ 95.00
501(c)3 filing donation (\$1050 expense)- - - - -	\$100.00
Cash donations - - - - -	\$332.06
Received for 2011 giving - - - - -	\$727.06

We also have had “designated donations” for sponsoring individuals to the Good News Jail & Prison Ministry banquet, but those went directly to the other ministry for the individuals. We are also grateful for our church, Awaken, for starting by sponsoring 200, to now 400 stamps each month to assist with the 600 to 700 mailings we do each month. Most correspondence requires \$.65 to \$.85 for the Resources List, Pen Pals List, and past newsletters and update letters. While trying to keep the newsletters to maximum of 5 sheets of paper, which gives 20 pages printing ½ sheets on front and back, we are keeping mailings at the \$.45 postage each.

Aleshia (Alice) has been a great help and motivation since her release from the detention facility, and has organized many events such as the Rock-A-Thon, Occupy Hunger, and community outreach for the homeless.

Our recent collection of volunteers consists of up to 26 volunteer individuals gathering each month to do monthly birthday cards, and every other month to fold newsletters and stuff and postage envelopes. Those providing pen pal correspondence have been Aleshia, Amanda, Andrea, Autumn, Bob, Bryon, Carol, Denise, Jan, Jessica, Linda, and Sara. Many articles have been written by these same individuals, as well as by Art, and Isaac.

M.O.M. STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. There is one God, who is infinite and perfect. The eternal God has revealed Himself in three persons; as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
2. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is true God and man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He died on the cross, the just for the unjust, as a substitutionary sacrifice, and all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood. He arose from the dead and ascended to heaven. He is now at the right hand side of the majesty on High as our great High Priest. He will come again to rapture His Church
3. The Holy Spirit is a Divine Person, sent to indwell, guide, teach and empower the believer, and convict the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment

4. The Bible, consisting of the Old and the New Testament was verbally inspired by God and is the complete revelation of His will and love for all men. It constitutes the divine and only rules of Christian Faith.
5. Man was created in the image and likeness of God; he fell through Disobedience incurring, thereby both physical and spiritual death. All men are born with a sinful nature, are separated from the life of God, and can be saved only through the personal acceptance of the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ.
6. It is the will of God that each believer should be filled with the Holy Spirit and be sanctified wholly, get separated from sin, the worldly system and be fully dedicated to the will of God. This is a progressive experience wrought in the life of the believer subsequent to conversion. The Holy Spirit equips the believer with supernatural power to witness and live holy and effectively for God. The baptism of the Holy Spirit can be manifested through many different spiritual gifts.
7. Provision is made in the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ for the healing of the whole person; body, soul and spirit. Anointing the sick with oil can be done according to scriptures
8. The Church consists of all those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed through His blood and are born-again of the Holy Spirit. Christ is the Head of the body, the Church, which has been commissioned by Him to go into all the world as a witness, preaching the gospel to all nations.
9. The local Church meets to worship God, to be edified through the Word of God, for prayer, for fellowship, for the proclamation of the ordinances of baptism and for the Lord's Supper.
10. There shall be a bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, for the former, a resurrection unto eternal life (some after death and some during the rapture) and for the latter, a resurrection unto judgment (Great White Throne Judgement).
11. The Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is a reality and will be personal, visible, and will take place before the thousand year rule of Christ on earth.
12. God's love for mankind is uncompromising, unconditional and fathomless. For this reason He sacrificed His only begotten Son Jesus Christ, in order to save those who believe in Him. The true believer enters a covenant relationship with Christ. Jesus paid the penalty for sin in mankind's place, in order to fulfill the righteous demands of a just God.

Volume 70 - JAILHOUSE RELIGION article

Somehow in the typing, the Jailhouse Religion article was credited to Stephen Wallace and we were informed that Donald Domelle is the author of the article. Many times we at M.O.M. get things confused and thank you for your help in keeping things straight.
Bob & Linda

What Happens in Heaven When We Pray?

I dreamt that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels. My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, "This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received."

I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world.

Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section.

The angel then said to me, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them." I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.

Finally at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. "This is the Acknowledgment Section, my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed."

"How is it that there is no work going on here?" I asked.

"So sad," the angel sighed. "After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments."

"How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" I asked.

"Simple," the angel answered. Just say, "Thank you, Lord."

"What blessings should they acknowledge?" I asked.

"If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy, and if you get this on your own computer, you are part of the 1% in the world who has that opportunity."

"If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day."

"If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 700 million people in the world."

"If you can attend a church without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death you are envied by, and more blessed than, three billion people in the world."

"If your parents are still alive and still married.... you are very rare."

"If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm, you're unique to all those in doubt and despair....."

"Ok," I said. "What now? How can I start?"

The Angel said, "If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you as very special and you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all."

CONTACT - PrisonWorldProductions.com - Looking for inmates who are about to be released but CANNOT go home -for reasons of family conflict with parents, children, spouses, etc. Can be male or female. Story must be true and serious.

This is for TV. Inmates can write us his/her story to:

Prisonworld,
PO Box 380
Powder Springs, GA, 30127.

Friends and family can send us an email with the story (either side of the story) to dawahinternationallc@gmail.com

Many of you remember that Bob and Linda had prayer for each of them in December. Linda was undergoing a gallbladder surgery and Bob was being checked for skin cancer. Many of our chapel groups in Corcoran gathered together to pray over Bob and Linda.

Now for the results of the prayer – Bob was checked and given a complete clean bill of health. Linda was taken from pre-op at 11:30 AM and surgery was complete at 12:05 PM. Yes, 35 minutes in surgery and done! Linda has recovered greatly in the 5 weeks since surgery and is back to work.



We have also added Carol Ann and Jessica to our volunteers of going into Corcoran Prison to share the gospel.

Praise God for His glory and thanks to all that pray for this ministry and its volunteers.

Homeless outreach ministry

Many of you have asked about our outreach to the homeless. We do feeding once a month (or more) and have included pictures of one of the better equipped "Dwelling places" for a couple.



Just looks like a pile of tumbleweeds under a tree





Tent hidden inside of tumbleweed walls. B-B-Q in foreground.



Waterproofing with tarps and even a nice yard chair.



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Sunday, February 12th, 2012

8:30 - 10:00 Facility 3C
10:15 - 11:45 Facility 3B
12:15 - 1:45 Level 1 facility
2:00 - 3:45 Facility 3A

This was GREAT !

Corcoran State

Prison

Corcoran, CA

**Her life hit bottom
over a decade ago...
she felt lost, confused,
and wondered why
she was even
breathing... Her lowest
point became a
turning point...**

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He Cares About You

When you are down, and things go wrong,
And your saddened heart has lost its song.
While tears flow all the whole night through.
God wants to give His peace to you.

Sometimes you think He hasn't heard,
And you begin to doubt His word,
But though His ways aren't understood,
He's working all things for your good.

There's not a sickness He can't heal,
And not a pain that He can't feel.
Your problems, whether great or small~
He wants to help you with them all.

So talk to Him throughout each day.
And seek His counsel as you pray.
each whispered prayer He loves to hear
And He can cast out every fear.

Author Is **Betty Jo Mings**

DELIVER ME

Deliver me, oh Lord, deliver me, oh Father,
I really don't mean to be a bother,
But I have lost my way
And I feel my heart going astray.

Tears fall like the winter rain;
My body is in two with so much pain.
Do you have the answer to my lonely strife
Cause, Lord.....I need you back in my life.

Sin has broken through my wall
And no longer am I standing tall.
The pleasures of this world have caught my eye
And the freedom I once had has passed me by.

By **Bobby Rodriguez**

THE OLD ME

I stare through my prison window into the night,
Wondering why my life never got right.
Struggle after struggle and I was never the same,
Moment after moment it was a survival game.
I hit rock bottom and that's where I stood
And even found myself back in the hood.
Hangin' with the Homeboys as in the past-
Not realizing life's passing by all so fast.
Slingin' that dope as before-
Up till all hours asking the connection for more.
It's a cold life full of madness-
That's only ended with prison and sadness.

By **Bobby Rodriguez**

Following two poems were forwarded By Kaimel Glenn

I CAN'T BUT JESUS CAN

The life of an addict is beaten, battered and torn.
Our lives are broken and our bodies are worn.
The ways of the world grab us with vices and sin.
The devil's band of demons is fighting a war they can't win.
They're on a seek and destroy mission to steal lives and capture souls.
They're shape shifters that will lie, cheat and steal just to reach their goals.
They will use our addictions to control us, to guide us like puppets on strings.
Our minds want to break free, but our flesh still craves these things.
We've tried and still crave these things of our minds,
failing time and time again facing consequences of our crimes.
There's only one way to overcome satan and his scheme.
Ask Jesus to come and save you and join the winning team.

God loves you a lot!
Written by **Robert Gaffney**, GA

THE WAY IS CLEAR

As our journey becomes clear,
Like the banks of the Jordan River,
We celebrate this brand New Year,
As His message we now deliver.

As He shines His heavenly light
That lights our earthy paths
We recognize our Savior Christ
In His blood we take a bath.

We make our way at any cost
To the Promised Land,
While given strength to bear our cross,
We share our Father's plan.

Now as we come face to face
We begin brand new story
As he sends His love and grace
We become our Father's glory.

Taking one step at a time we claim the
victory,
As we are given peace of mind,
Our Savior has put our mind at ease,
Letting us know we won't be harmed.

Written by **Anthony L.**, LA

How great is our God? How great is His name? God showed me just how great He is on 5/13/10. That was the day He (God) checked me into “Bible Boot Camp” at B.W.D.F. (Bob Wiley Detention Facility) unit 12. A lot of people looked at it as if life was over for me because I had lost pretty much everything. For some odd reason I never felt that way about it. Ya see, God made me some promises that I held on to and I would not let go of them for nobody or anything. Some thought I was crazy for not letting go. Well here I am 21 months later. I’m still clean and sober after being a drug addict for 35 years. I am now a sponsor. I go out and feed the homeless, the addicts, the ones that people look at as nobodies. I’m on the Board with **Moving On Ministry**. God has restored my family. I now have everything back that the enemy took from me, plus more. God even threw in a great big bonus. He blessed me with a great “Dad” and “mom” (Bob and Linda). I know that we are not supposed to brag on ourselves and I’m not. I am bragging on just how great our loving God is. I could have never done this on my own. This is because I held on to God’s promises. In case you didn’t know, God’s promises are for you too. Grab a hold of them and don’t let go. Let’s see what He has in store for you.

God bless you all

Aleisha Campos (Alice)

Note from Linda: Howdy folks, (I am just an ole country girl) ☺

Just thought I would mention a few things that have been on my mind.

1. Thank you all who were praying for us for my surgery; went very well!
2. Bob’s test results: Clean - Doctor made an appointment next year for checkup!
3. The church we attend is now having Alpha groups right after each service. Thank You Lord for opening that up. This is my third time at an Alpha Group ☺ I see the growth in all no matter what level they are in.
4. Moving On Ministry in collaboration with Awaken Church goes out for Feed the Homeless at parks or where ever there are people in need.(once a month for now)
5. There was a young lady who was in a coma after a horrible accident in December. She woke from a Coma in January and did not remember what had happened. Good thing was that she did not have any of her children including her newborn child at the time, broke both legs, massive trauma, broke her fingers and ruptured spleen, etc and more. She now has to learn to walk all over again. Please pray for Melissa & family.
6. Ya’ll know bout’ the Pen Pal list. I just want to make things clear, we still receive many letters asking to be placed on a pen pal list. BUT we do not post, we are not a program, all we do is give you the list that was forwarded to us. I pray that this is clearly understood cuz’ we would not want any1 to feel let down or left wondering why they r not receiving letters.(oops, my text messaging lingo has taken over my letter) ☺
7. Comment on our vacation trip: I was told by someone that instead of going on trips we should feed or clothe the needy. Believe me we needed that trip so bad and yes, we do use the funds wisely. We do have a few people who tithe and every penny goes to ministry. Awaken Church donates stamps and most funds are from my husband’s

paycheck from his employment. He does not get paid for doing God's work. We are just plain simple folk, simple living, I buy things from yard sales and thrift shops and I don't care who knows it. God has given me a second chance to live and I do not waste anything. My daddy showed me to work hard and my mama taught me to use whatever was in the cupboard for meals. I always look to make things stretch for the dollar.

8. **NOTE from Volunteer Jessica:** I recently went to Corcoran Prison for chapel services and was very blessed as brothers shared about the hope and renewing of their mind through Jesus Christ. Looking forward to next month. ☺ :)

Last but not least: Thank ya'll, happy reading, be blessed by sharing the Word.

Read the Book of James all of it: "Be doers of the Word and not just hearers" Linda

TOMORROW

Sometimes people come into our life and you know right away that they were meant to be there to serve some sort of purpose, to teach you to become. You never know who these people may be. Possibly your roommate, long lost friend, lover or even a complete stranger. But when you lock eyes on them, you knew at that very moment they will affect your life in some profound way.

Sometimes things happen to you that may seem horrible, painful and unfair at first, but in reflection you find that without overcoming those obstacles you would have never realized your potential, strength, willpower or heart. Everything happens for a reason. Nothing happens by chance or by the means of good luck. Illness, injury, love, lost moments of true greatness and sheer stupidity all occur to test the limits of your soul. Without those small tests, whatever they may be, life would be like a smoothly paved, straight, flat road to nowhere. It would be safe and comfortable, but dull and utterly pointless.

The people you meet who affect your life and the success and downfalls you experience help to create who you are and what you become. Even the bad experiences can be learned from. In fact, they are probably the most poignant and important ones. If someone hurts you, betrays you or breaks your heart, forgive them for they have helped you learn about trust and the importance of being cautious. When you open your heart, if someone loves you, love them back unconditionally, not only because they love you, but because in a way they are teaching you to love. They are teaching you to open your heart and eyes to things.

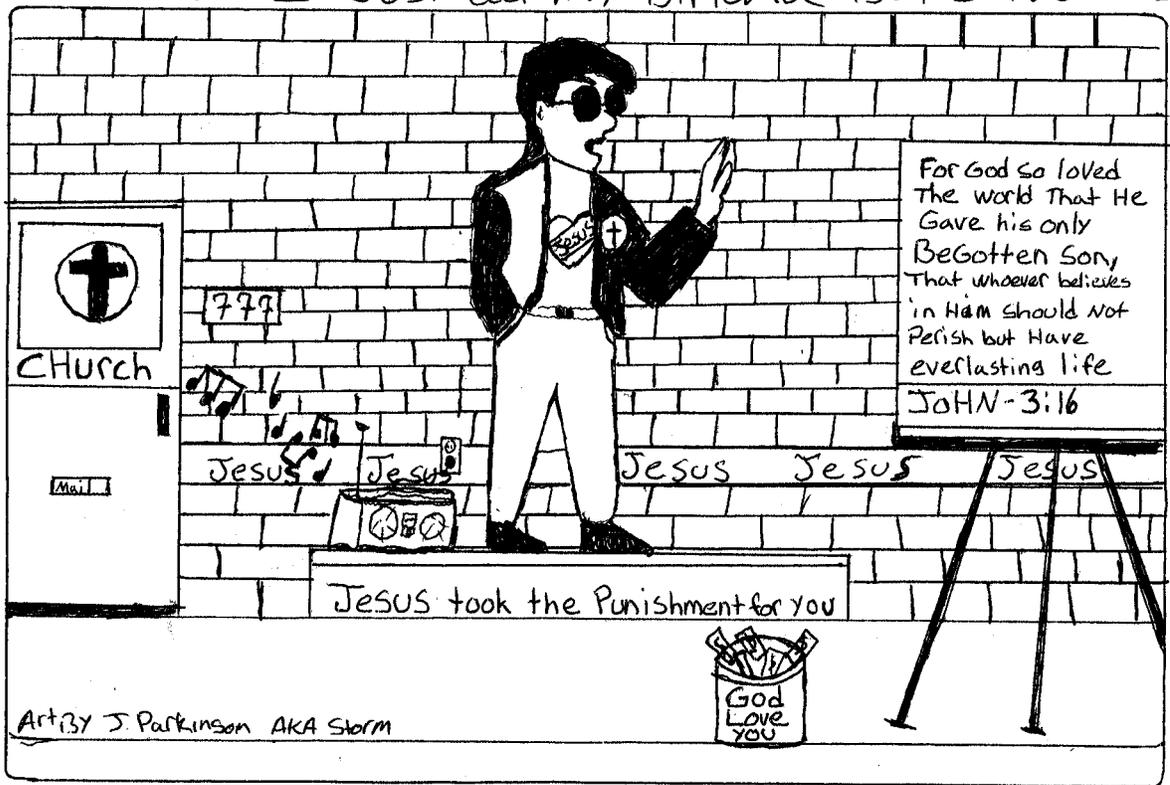
Make every day count. Appreciate every moment and take from those moments everything that you possibly can for you may never be able to experience it again. Talk to people that you have never talked to before and actually listen. Let yourself fall in love. Break free and set your sights high. Hold your head up because you have every right to tell yourself you are a great individual and believe in yourself, for if you don't believe in yourself, it will be hard for others to believe in you.

You can make your life anything you wish. Create your own life and then go out and live it with absolutely no regrets. Most importantly, if you love someone tell them for you never know what tomorrow may have in store. Learn a lesson in life each day you live. Today is the tomorrow you were worried about yesterday. Was it worth it?

"The only preparation for tomorrow is the right use of today."

By Gaspar Drake

Drawing by
J. Parkinson



"Dear God, I confess that I AM a sinner. Please forgive me of all my sins - Thank you Jesus that you went to the Cross for me and took the Punishment for my sins. Come into my Heart right now I want to live for you. I now surrender my life This Day to your Will Amen. 3-5-11