

“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 **ownership** of their lives.

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Fellowship

With the crashing of the computer, we are building a new mail list. We got 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 mailing information correct.

April 2001 – April 2017
Happy 16th
Anniversary
M. O. M.

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 and programs 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.

Pray for volunteers with the same passion as Bob, Linda, Eric, Irie, Ray, Jacob, Savannah, Beatriz and other current volunteers have.

Heather Layne

(Song writer, Nashville and international recording artist)

Heather, Denny and family have moved to Kansas. Heather and Denny have offered to do some prison concerts on a quarterly basis.

Please have the **chaplain** or the **inmate Programs Director** contact us if interested in a chapel service, "Heather Layne concert", a "Take it to the Yard" event or any combination. We **MUST HAVE** the names and mailing address (or phone extension) of these individuals to make sure the proper paperwork gets completed.



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Addresses to contact the Ministry Volunteers

Keep Believing Ministries
P.O. Box 257
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Prison Pen Pal
P.O. Box 235
East Berlin, PA 17316

Calvary Chapel Prison Ministry
Attn: Carmine Aleprete
P.O. Box 1965
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

Little Lambs, Inc
John & Eileen Sala
P.O. Box 32
Sebring, FL 33871-0032

Otto & Jennie Ball
c/o Crossroads Ministry
P.O. Box 363
Hyde, PA 16843

3 G Company
Correspondence & Freebies
P.O. Box 1022
Canfield, OH 44406

LaVoz de La Esperanza
101 W. Cochran St.
Simi Valley, CA 93065

Iglesia Puerta de Salvacion
202 Lafayette Ave.
Lindsay, CA 93247

Set Free Prison Ministries
Bible Correspondence Course
P.O. Box 5540
Riverside, CA. 92517-9986

World Challenge
P.O. Box 260
Lindale, TX 75771-0260

Jesus People Info. Center
4338 Third Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95817

A Cup of Water Ministries
Pen Pals
P.O. Box 161759
Ft. Worth, TX 71611

Crossroad Bible Institute
P.O. Box 900
Grand Rapids, MI 49509-0900

International Prison Ministry
Bible, Dictionary, Concordance
P.O. Box 2868
Costa Mesa, CA 92628-2868

Ministero de Prison
P.O. Box 543
Live Oak, FL 32064

El Concilio Del Condado
301 So. C St.
Oxnard, CA 93030

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. Dec. 2016 we cut the list from 850 down to 235. 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."

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**" (48 pages), ALL past newsletters ("**Letter From M.O.M.**"), inmate lookup links, and artwork are available to be viewed or you may download.

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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. God's Word says in **Jeremiah 17:9** that "**the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?**"

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.

The importance is not what you have done, but what God is doing.

1. Your testimony Your life lessons
2. Your godly passions
3. The Good News

PLEASE Pray that the churches, friends and relatives of inmates would become supporters of this Jail/Prison ministry.

We have downsized the mailing list according to those responding with profile sheet updates (previous list was 750+). Previous mailings were approx. \$570.

This newsletter got mailed to about 340 individuals. We have also been getting 120 to 160 letters/requests per month. Let those on the outside know of how much good M.O.M. does.

Letters from the Bars

Thank you for your literature and everything. We appreciate y'all. We love it when you all come to the prison just for us. That is so awesome. We appreciate you coming to talk to us all about God and all you do for the prison. You all put so much of an impact on us. We love you. Mary Gaines

p.s. I had a life sentence but God let me out for a reason. The reason is unknown to me at this time. I get out XX/XX/XX. Man gave me 50 years to life. I thank God every day and I send praises to God.

Thank you for your quarterly newsletter of Moving On Ministry. I have read them and they bring a warm love to my heart in a time of need. They say wonderful things that hit the soul, and my heart. Keep up the good work in Christ Jesus. You are a blessing to us all. Michael Serrato

Dear Bob and Linda & M.O.M. Volunteers,
First and foremost I hope that this letter finds you and yours in great health and may all of your New Year 2017 be full of blessings.

I just want to let you know on my status. Yes, I was granted parole and now I owe my time until xx-xx-xx. It's not what I wanted but the hard work is over now.

I just have to continue to work on myself and thinking of how I will adjust to the street and being of services to my community. I believe things happen for a reason. I will never forget the past and I will learn and improve on it. Thanks again for being you.

You're so great and generous. If I look in the dictionary for a hero, I would see your face on it next to those words. *I used to think Hero has a superpower or a cape. Now I see that it's people like you that want to make a difference. I'm inspired and I will see you and thank you in person soon.*

Until then remain blessed. Sincerely, Song T.

(As I type this letter, a big sigh and super thankfulness to God for touching this young man's life. "Thank you Lord for Song and may you use him in a mighty way to forward Your love and encouragement to others in his path. In Jesus Name, AMEN." I owe you my life too Lord, that is why I do this too. 😊 Linda)

TIME

My name is Time. I haven't always been and I won't always be, but right now I'm on the move, measuring out life. Men wait for me, submit to me, fear me, but no one can stop me....Except GOD. He is in control and He says I am running out.... Most men couldn't care less. They think I'm on the move forever, but, ..I'm not. When I stop, eternity will keep right on going.... And it will be too late....too late for repentance, too late for getting right with God through Jesus Christ, His Son, and too late for faith.... ...just "forever" left for tears and anguish and regrets... ☹️ "NOW" is the day of salvation. Will it be that day for you? My name is TIME and I'm on the move. I'm nearing the end and I'm taking you with me.....into eternity. By wsbt 08-04-2010 Submitted by Peter P.

Notes from Bob:

We are seeing a lot of ministries and churches fold up. Some of the churches have lost their “boldness” and thus have the members with non-committal attitudes. These individuals just think of the church as a place for social gatherings. Thus the church has folded up spiritually and just operates socially. Many of the churches and ministries are closing doors because of the increasing cost of operation and lack of income/donations to support them. A quick look at the Resources From M.O.M. list available shows the trend of closure (from 60 pages of listing, down to 52 pages). These are much needed outreaches. Pray for dedicated individuals that truly have a calling for the ministry. Too many individuals are in positions of “employment” for their “calling” and if money stops, so do they. M.O.M. has made itself available for nearly 16 years (April 2001 – April 2017) and God has seen fit for our volunteer services to continue.

Update From Leenda

02-14-2017

JUST A NOTE FOR YA’LL.

1. I read the letters that come in and have to say: **PEOPLE!!! PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY. “PRETTY PLEASE OR HANDSOME PLEASE “☺☺ I want to be sure that we respond as soon as possible but sometimes I am unable to read the letters or numbers resulting in mail being returned. So if you have written and not received an answer write again and please double check the writing. Some letters don’t even have a name only last name or name of facility. For sure those did not get a response☹☹**

2. **Moving On Ministry is not a pen pal program. Please understand that this is a ministry for encouragement and understanding God’s Plan for you in your spiritual walk.**

God is preparing our hearts for whatever is in this life’s path with guidance to share His love to understand the little things that teach us compassion, patience, faith and hope. We might not understand His ways at times yet He has the perfect timing for everyone and everything. The Lord sometimes keeps us surrounded by the things that we fear or are unwilling to sacrifice until we realize that we must give in and let Him live in us. Then and only then can we understand ways of a new spiritual awakening to become more like Him. Say this:

THANK YOU LORD FOR SENDING ME INTO THE UNKNOWN FOR I KNOW YOU GO BEFORE ME TO GUIDE ME. AMEN.

IN CHRIST JESUS, Leenda / www.movingonministry.com

Update on Chaplain Bob

The Parkinson's Disease continues to show its presence. Bob notices more shaking in his right hand (only area affected currently). Most of the time the shaking can be stopped by reaching for something or putting his hand in his pocket. Bob would really like to do chapel services in many facilities. We need the names of the warden, protestant chaplain and the director of inmate services name to pursue gate clearance and/or a brown card. We are working on getting a universal brown card that gives access to all 34 state prisons in California. Bob's neurologist is increasing the dose of medication to better treat the effects and slow the process. The plan is to get every drop of energy in this body to be consumed in the sharing of God's Word.

The other day Chaplain Bob was talking to a couple of individuals from a different doctrine. The discussion stayed calm and open. As the conversation came to an end, one of the individuals told Chaplain Bob "Have a blessed day." Chaplain Bob quoted Psalms 118:24, "This is the day that the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it." And then Chaplain Bob added "Blessed is the only way God makes them."

A response to a letter received: First of all thank you for your letter. This is in response to answer some of your questions.

1. Regarding our trips: Usually about once a year, we would go visit other areas during our visits to family, so I'll take advantage of the time while there to take photos so that inmates all over the U.S. and other countries could get an idea of other areas/states/sites that they probably might not ever be able to visit in person. This way they could see something different than bars and usual everyday sights. Actually, we get so many letters in regards to the pictures that brighten up their day. We are happy for that. Hopefully we can still do a trip a year or two since income is less now that Chaplain Bob has been retired his computer job for the last two years. Income for the ministry is from both or our own personal income but mostly from his own but now that he gets a minimal, lots of things have changed. The ministry has almost closed up but God had other plans. Praise the Lord!

2. Regarding Donations for newsletters or resources: I am not sure you get the full picture of the ministry and all that it entails. We do not live in a large community or large city like Los Angeles or San Francisco. You say that we call ourselves "a true friend of God and yet ask for donations". We do not request fees for postage nor deny any inmate that is "verified indigent". We do have thousands of requests, not only dozens or even a couple of hundred requests. I mean "thousands" of requests. So FYI on that, so you know. My husband is getting to the point where I believe that he should retire from all and enjoy the rest of his life in his hobbies especially since his Parkinson's has gotten a bit more noticeable. And...get this, the Parkinson's class that he attends once a month have given info on types of exercises that people can do and even

punching bag stuff of which he now has that would help him physically. So guess what?..... He now has a punching bag but he sits at the computer so much, due to him updating the daily mail for resources, addresses and such that he gets, which he says is more important. AND... I also Praise God that "HE" knows where my husband's heart is and what he does.

3. Regarding calling collect: "NO" I am not going to allow anyone to call our numbers and the "REASON" is that thousands of inmates would call because if "one" is allowed to have this open to them it would only be fair for all to have that option also. Not only that but if ANY inmate calls then it would be referred to as from the CDC that we would have a personal association therefore we would not be allowed in that certain facility or unit. Not sure if you are aware of that criteria. Just thought I'd to let you know.

4. Regarding color or race: Okay going further why or how in the world would you think that being "black, brown, white, red, yellow or whatever skin color" would make a difference??? I'm so sorry you would feel that way but that has nothing to do with nor has it ever made any difference as to who we or someone writes to, or who we would even consider sending any resource list to. Although the pen pal list has discontinued it has nothing to do with your "skin color" again....seriously please understand that we get "1000's" of letters requesting specifically "women of specific color/race/size/weight/skin color/eyes/age" **OMG!** Is my reaction daily when I read the letters that come in. I said "**no more**" as this is not what M.O.M. is about. It is about learning that there is an experience of true love that comes from knowing the Lord and the great adventures of life that HE has for us through encouraging each other with stories to enlighten the mind and heart and with sharing scriptures with knowledge that comes from reading the Bible.

5. Regarding not getting responses from the Resources: It is very heartbreaking and sad to know that inmates send their requests for these resources on the list and do not get any responses. Again we send our Resources to 1000's of requests. We get these list updates daily so my husband updates this list continuously. Just another "FYI" we do not have any "Ministry Volunteers" in M.O.M. that write due to we are just happy and blessed that they assist in folding, stuffing and sealing the hundreds of envelopes for the quarterly mailings as well as the daily resource mailings.

I hope that makes sense as it took me a while to put this together. We appreciate that you took the time to write and if at any time you have written and did not get a response? I am not sure on that because my husband and I reply to all mail? Unless it was lost during these last couple of months and holidays with so much mail being stolen and such. Who knows but let's look at the bright side of this. I got to write this so we can share so all know on these subjects in case this has crossed their mind too.

God Bless you all.

Linda @ M.O.M.

M.O.M. Ministry “Do’s and Don’ts”

What we don’t do:

- Send money to you or family
- Trade personal information
- Contact people for you
- Look up information on people
- Spend time doing research for you
- Set you up with individuals for romance

M.O.M. is NOT a dating service

- We Do NOT do legal work
- Will not give our phone numbers
- Will not accept collect phone calls
- Might not send pictures

What we will do:

- Chapel service at prison facilities
- Ministry program for churches
- Transitional Planning class
- Send newsletters with S.A.S.E. (\$.49)
- Send 52 page resources S.A.S.E (\$.90)
- Contact Heather Layne about concert

- Take it to the Yard event
 - Platform speakers
 - Motorcycles
 - Concerts
 - Magicians
- Print testimonies & artwork.

For those wishing to get a mailed copy of current newsletters, please send donation (if able), stamps or S.A.S.E. and request the current newsletter. The newsletters (all 95 volumes) are available on the web site as well as the 52 page “Resources From M.O.M.”

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You can have a loved one or someone with internet access print the newsletters or Resources and mail them to you, or send a 6” X 9” S.A.S.E. with \$.90 postage and any donation for printing of Resources.*

Suggested donations for printouts.

Newsletters \$1.00 Resources List \$3.00 (or 6 stamps)

Please distribute this information to your visitors and inmate loved ones.

PLEASE also send us the names of your **Chaplain** and **Inmate Services Program Directors**. We need these to confirm and schedule events.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS SURVEY

DIRECTIONS

This is not a test, so there are no wrong answers.

The *Spiritual Gifts Survey* consists of 80 statements.

Some items reflect concrete actions; other items are descriptive traits; and still others are statements of belief.

- Select the one response you feel best characterizes yourself and place that number in the blank provided. Record your answer in the blank beside each item.
- Do not spend too much time on any one item. Remember, it is not a test. Usually your immediate response is best.
- Please give an answer for each item. Do not skip any items.
- Do not ask others how they are answering or how they think you should answer.
- Work at your own pace.

Number a paper from 1-80

Your response choices are:

5—Highly characteristic of me/definitely true for me

4—Most of the time this would describe me/be true for me

3—Frequently characteristic of me/true for me—about 50 percent of the time

2—Occasionally characteristic of me/true for me—about 25 percent of the time

1—Not at all characteristic of me/definitely untrue for me

- _____ 1. I have the ability to organize ideas, resources, time, and people effectively.
- _____ 2. I am willing to study and prepare for the task of teaching.
- _____ 3. I am able to relate the truths of God to specific situations.
- _____ 4. I have a God-given ability to help others grow in their faith.
- _____ 5. I possess a special ability to communicate the truth of salvation.
- _____ 6. I have the ability to make critical decisions when needed.
- _____ 7. I am sensitive to the hurts of people.
- _____ 8. I experience joy in meeting needs through sharing possessions.
- _____ 9. I enjoy studying.
- _____ 10. I have delivered God's message of warning and judgment.
- _____ 11. I am able to sense the true motivation of persons and movements.
- _____ 12. I have a special ability to trust God in difficult situations.
- _____ 13. I have a strong desire to contribute to the establishment of new churches.
- _____ 14. I take action to meet physical and practical needs rather than merely talking about or planning to help.
- _____ 15. I enjoy entertaining guests in my home.
- _____ 16. I can adapt my guidance to fit the maturity of those working with me.
- _____ 17. I can delegate and assign meaningful work.
- _____ 18. I have an ability and desire to teach.
- _____ 19. I am usually able to analyze a situation correctly.
- _____ 20. I have a natural tendency to encourage others.
- _____ 21. I am willing to take the initiative in helping other Christians grow in their faith.
- _____ 22. I have an acute awareness of the emotions of other people, such as loneliness, pain, fear, and anger.
- _____ 23. I am a cheerful giver.
- _____ 24. I spend time digging into facts.
- _____ 25. I feel that I have a message from God to deliver to others.

- _____ 26. I can recognize when a person is genuine/honest.
- _____ 27. I am a person of vision (a clear mental portrait of a preferable future given by God). I am able to communicate vision in such a way that others commit to making the vision a reality.
- _____ 28. I am willing to yield to God's will rather than question and waver.
- _____ 29. I would like to be more active in getting the gospel to people in other lands.
- _____ 30. It makes me happy to do things for people in need.
- _____ 31. I am successful in getting a group to do its work joyfully.
- _____ 32. I am able to make strangers feel at ease.
- _____ 33. I have the ability to plan learning approaches.
- _____ 34. I can identify those who need encouragement.
- _____ 35. I have trained Christians to be more obedient disciples of Christ.
- _____ 36. I am willing to do whatever it takes to see others come to Christ.
- _____ 37. I am attracted to people who are hurting.
- _____ 38. I am a generous giver.
- _____ 39. I am able to discover new truths.
- _____ 40. I have spiritual insights from Scripture concerning issues and people that compel me to speak out.
- _____ 41. I can sense when a person is acting in accord with God's will.
- _____ 42. I can trust in God even when things look dark.
- _____ 43. I can determine where God wants a group to go and help it get there.
- _____ 44. I have a strong desire to take the gospel to places where it has never been heard.
- _____ 45. I enjoy reaching out to new people in my church and community.
- _____ 46. I am sensitive to the needs of people.
- _____ 47. I have been able to make effective and efficient plans for accomplishing the goals of a group.
- _____ 48. I often am consulted when fellow Christians are struggling to make difficult decisions.
- _____ 49. I think about how I can comfort and encourage others in my congregation.

- _____ 50. I am able to give spiritual direction to others.
- _____ 51. I am able to present the gospel to lost persons in such a way that they accept the Lord and His salvation.
- _____ 52. I possess an unusual capacity to understand the feelings of those in distress.
- _____ 53. I have a strong sense of stewardship based on the recognition that God owns all things.
- _____ 54. I have delivered to other persons messages that have come directly from God.
- _____ 55. I can sense when a person is acting under God's leadership.
- _____ 56. I try to be in God's will continually and be available for His use.
- _____ 57. I feel that I should take the gospel to people who have different beliefs from me.
- _____ 58. I have an acute awareness of the physical needs of others.
- _____ 59. I am skilled in setting forth positive and precise steps of action.
- _____ 60. I like to meet visitors at church and make them feel welcome.
- _____ 61. I explain Scripture in such a way that others understand it.
- _____ 62. I can usually see spiritual solutions to problems.
- _____ 63. I welcome opportunities to help people who need comfort, consolation, encouragement, and counseling.
- _____ 64. I feel at ease in sharing Christ with nonbelievers.
- _____ 65. I can influence others to perform to their highest God-given potential.
- _____ 66. I recognize the signs of stress and distress in others.
- _____ 67. I desire to give generously and unpretentiously to worthwhile projects and ministries.
- _____ 68. I can organize facts into meaningful relationships.
- _____ 69. God gives me messages to deliver to His people.
- _____ 70. I am able to sense whether people are being honest when they tell of their religious experiences.
- _____ 71. I enjoy presenting the gospel to persons of other cultures and backgrounds.
- _____ 72. I enjoy doing little things that help people.
- _____ 73. I can give a clear, uncomplicated presentation.

- _____ 74. I have been able to apply biblical truth to the specific needs of my church.
- _____ 75. God has used me to encourage others to live Christlike lives.
- _____ 76. I have sensed the need to help other people become more effective in their ministries.
- _____ 77. I like to talk about Jesus to those who do not know Him.
- _____ 78. I have the ability to make strangers feel comfortable in my home.
- _____ 79. I have a wide range of study resources and know how to secure information.
- _____ 80. I feel assured that a situation will change for the glory of God even when the situation seem impossible.

SCORING YOUR SURVEY

Follow these directions to figure your score for each *spiritual gift*.

1. Place under each item your numerical response (1-5) to the item number which is indicated below the box.
2. For each gift, add the numbers in the boxes and put the total in the TOTAL box.

LEADERSHIP Item 6 + Item 16 + Item 27 + item 43 + Item 65 = TOTAL

ADMINISTRATION Item 1+ Item 17+Item 31 + Item 47+ Item 59 = TOTAL

TEACHING Item 2+Item 18 + Item 33+Item 61 +Item 73 = TOTAL _____

KNOWLEDGE Item 9+ Item 24 + Item 39+ Item68+ Item 79 = TOTAL

WISDOM Item 3+ Item 19 + Item 48+ Item 62+ Item 74 = TOTAL _____

PROPHECY Item 10+ Item 25+ Item 40+ Item 54+ Item 69 = TOTAL _____

DISCERNMENT Item 11 + Item 26 + Item 41+ Item 55+ Item 70= TOTAL

EXHORTATION Item 20+ Item 34+ Item 49+ Item 63+ Item 75= TOTAL _____

SHEPHERDING Item 4 + Item 21+ Item 35 + Item 50 + Item 76 =TOTAL _____

FAITH Item 12+ Item 28 + Item 42+ Item 56+ Item 80 = TOTAL _____

EVANGELISM Item 5 + Item 36+ Item 51+ Item 64+ Item 77= TOTAL _____

APOSTLESHIP Item 13 + Item 29 + Item 44 + Item 57+ Item 71 = TOTAL _____

SERVICE/HELPS Item 14 + Item 30 + Item 46 + Item 58 + Item 72 = TOTAL _____

MERCY Item 7+ Item 22 + Item 37 + Item 52 + Item 66 = TOTAL _____

GIVING Item 8 + Item 23 + Item 38 + Item 53 + Item 67 =TOTAL _____

HOSPITALITY Item 15+ Item 32 + Item 45+ Item 60+ Item 78 =TOTAL _____

GRAPHING YOUR PROFILE

NOW WHICH 3 CATAGORIES RATED THE HIGHEST SCORES ?

___ LEADERSHIP

___ ADMINISTRATION

___ TEACHING

___ KNOWLEDGE

___ WISDOM

___ PROPHECY

___ DISCERNMENT

___ EXHORTATION

___ SHEPHERDING

___ FAITH

___EVANGELISM

___APOSTLESHIP

___ SERVICE/HELPS

___MERCY

___GIVING

___HOSPITALITY

Gifts for which the scores are **highest** are the ones in which you appear to be **strongest**. Gifts which are the **lowest** are your **weakest** Spiritual Gifts.

- **Leadership**—Leadership aids the body by leading and directing members to accomplish the goals and purposes of the church. Leadership motivates people to work together in unity toward common goals (Rom. 12:8).

- **Administration**—Persons with the gift of administration lead the body by steering others to remain on task. Administration enables the body to organize according to God-given purposes and long-term goals (1 Cor. 12:28).

- **Teaching**—Teaching is instructing members in the truths and doctrines of God's Word for the purposes of building up, unifying, and maturing the body (1 Cor. 12:28; Rom. 12:7; Eph. 4:11).

· **Knowledge**—The gift of knowledge manifests itself in teaching and training in discipleship. It is the God-given ability to learn, know, and explain the precious truths of God's Word. A word of knowledge is a Spirit-revealed truth (1 Cor. 12:28).

· **Wisdom**—Wisdom is the gift that discerns the work of the Holy Spirit in the body and applies His teachings and actions to the needs of the body (1 Cor. 12:28).

· **Prophecy**—The gift of prophecy is proclaiming the Word of God boldly. This builds up the body and leads to conviction of sin. Prophecy manifests itself in preaching and teaching (1 Cor. 12:10; Rom. 12:6).

· **Discernment**—Discernment aids the body by recognizing the true intentions of those within or related to the body. Discernment tests the message and actions of others for the protection and well-being of the body (1 Cor. 12:10).

· **Exhortation**—Possessors of this gift encourage members to be involved in and enthusiastic

about the work of the Lord. Members with this gift are good counselors and motivate others to service. Exhortation exhibits itself in preaching, teaching, and ministry (Rom. 12:8).

· **Shepherding**—The gift of shepherding is manifested in persons who look out for the spiritual welfare of others. Although pastors, like shepherds, do care for members of the church, this gift is not limited to a pastor or staff member (Eph. 4:11).

· **Faith**—Faith trusts God to work beyond the human capabilities of the people. Believers with this gift encourage others to trust in God in the face of apparently insurmountable odds (1 Cor. 12:9).

· **Evangelism** —God gifts his church with evangelists to lead others to Christ effectively and enthusiastically. This gift builds up the body by adding new members to its fellowship (Eph. 4:11).

Now that you have completed the survey, thoughtfully answer the following questions.

The gifts I have begun to discover in my life are:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

• After prayer and worship, I am beginning to sense that God wants me to use my spiritual gifts to serve Christ's body by _____.

• I am not sure yet how God wants me to use my gifts to serve others. But I am committed to prayer and worship, seeking wisdom and opportunities to use the gifts I have received from God.

Ask God to help you know how He has gifted you for service and how you can begin to use this gift in ministry to others.

FAITH

This dog was born on Christmas Eve in the year 2002. He was born with 2 legs - He of course could not walk when he was born. Even his mother did not want him.

His first owner also did not think that he could survive and he was thinking of 'putting him to sleep'. But then, his present owner, Jude Stringfellow, met him and wanted to take care of him. She became determined to teach and train this little dog to walk by himself. She named him 'Faith'.



In the beginning, she put Faith on a surfboard to let him feel the movement. Later she used peanut butter on a spoon as a lure and reward for him for standing up and jumping around. Even the other dog at home encouraged him to walk.

Amazingly, only after 6 months, like a miracle, Faith learned to balance on his hind legs and to jump to move forward. After further training in the snow, he could now walk like a human being.



Faith loves to walk around now. No matter where he goes, he attracts people to him.

He is fast becoming famous on the international scene and has appeared on various newspapers and TV shows. There is now a book entitled 'With a Little Faith' being published about him. He was even considered to appear in one of Harry Potter movies.



His present owner Jude Stringfellow has given up her teaching post and plans to take him around the world to preach that even without a perfect body, one can have a perfect soul'.









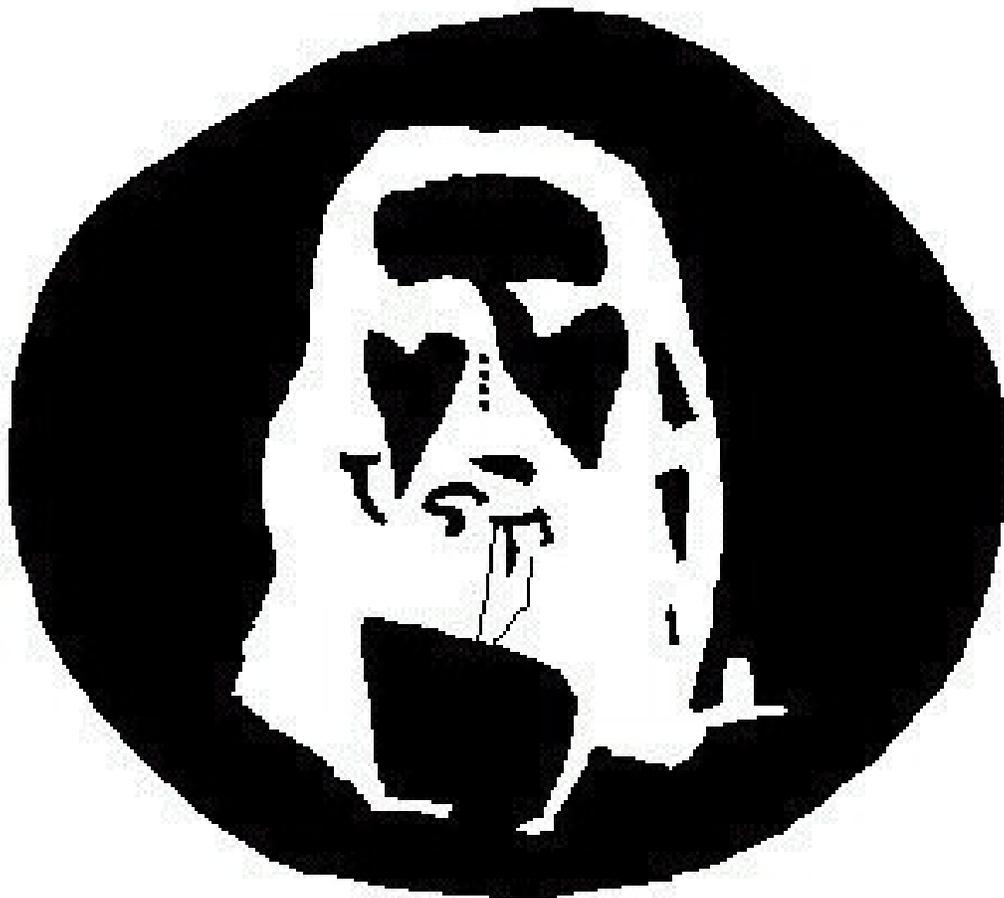
In life there are always undesirable things, so in order to feel better you just need to look at life from another direction. I hope this message will bring fresh new ways of thinking to everyone and that everyone will appreciate and be thankful for each beautiful day. Faith is the continual demonstration of the strength and wonder of life.

[James 2:26](#) - For as the body **without** the spirit is dead, so **faith without works** is dead also.

[Hebrews 11:1](#) - Now **faith is** the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

[Matthew 6:30](#) - Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today **is**, and to morrow **is** cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little **faith**?

[Luke 12:28](#) - If then God so clothe the grass, which **is** to day in the field, and to morrow **is** cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little **faith**?



*Concentrate on the 4 dots in the middle
of the picture for about 30 secs.*

*Then, take a look at the wall and
start blinking your eye.*

*You will see a circle of light....
continue looking at that circle.....*

what do you see?

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