

## “Letter From M.O.M.”

Quarterly 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 **ownership** of their lives.

Watch our website  
[www.MovingOnMinistry.com](http://www.MovingOnMinistry.com)

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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.

### 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, George, Ramona, Eric, Irie, Ray, Jacob, Savannah, Beatriz, Bonnie, Gabe, Susan and others of our current volunteers have. (NOTE our new logo shirts)**



**Front Row: Linda, Chaplain Bob, Eric, Bonnie  
Back Row: Beatriz, Ray, Irie  
Missing: George, Ramona, Gabe, Susan**

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**To Bob and Linda;**

**I pray all is well with ya'll. Its been a long time since I seem ya'll . I was going through my things and came across ya'll info and I remembered when ya'll would come and sing and talk about God. Trust and believe me, it took some time for me to understand what joy and love that God would bring into life. I just want to take the time to tell you and yours that I thank ya'll for coming into a dark place and shining some light of truth about God. With that being said, much love and respect. Your brother in Christ, Tyrie Cyrus**

**NOTE from Bob; why we do what we do. To God be the Glory !!**

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**Need You Lord**  
**By John Fordley**

**Lord, what would I do without you?  
You're the one I turn to when blue.  
Even your comfort is more assuring than any other.  
Just for instance, all my sins that you cover.  
I desperately need your guidance Lord, so bad.  
Because if it were up to me, I'd just go mad.  
Even when I'm alone and need time to share  
Each and every time you are always there.  
I need you Lord, because I know You care.**

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**Judge Not**  
**By John Fordley**

Find no fault with the man who limps  
Or stumbles along the road.  
Unless you have worn the shoes he wears  
Or struggled beneath his load.

There may be tacks in his shoes that hurt  
Though hidden away from view.  
Or the burden he bears, placed on your back  
Might cause you to stumble too.

Don't sneer at the man who's down today  
Unless you have felt the blow  
That caused his fall or felt the shame  
That only the fallen know.

You may be strong, but still the blows  
That were his, if dealt to you  
In the selfsame way, at the selfsame time  
Might cause you to falter too!

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Many are familiar with the 56 page “**Resources From M.O.M.**” that has approximately 650 listings in various categories (downloadable online). We can mail with donated 6” X 9” S.A.S.E, and \$ .92 postage and \$1.96 copy fee.

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For individuals being released to one of California’s 58 counties, there are internet listings of services and programs available. **Have a loved one print them out.**

**<https://www.calpia.ca.gov/offender-development/resource-guide-directory/?CALPIAProviderMgraction=IEPProviders%3AProviders.list>**

[http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Community\\_Partnerships/Resource\\_Directory.aspx](http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Community_Partnerships/Resource_Directory.aspx)

**[http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Community\\_Partnerships/SearchByCounty.aspx?ct=?????](http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Community_Partnerships/SearchByCounty.aspx?ct=?????)**

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**The areas of Service listings are as follows;**

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| <b>Adult Services</b>                     | <b>Homeless Services</b>         |
| <b>AIDS/HIV Services</b>                  | <b>Housing Services</b>          |
| <b>CDCR Contracted Services</b>           | <b>Legal Services</b>            |
| <b>Child Care Services</b>                | <b>Mental Health Services</b>    |
| <b>Child Support Services</b>             | <b>Mentoring Services</b>        |
| <b>Clothing Services</b>                  | <b>Native American Services</b>  |
| <b>Counselling Services</b>               | <b>Physical Health Services</b>  |
| <b>Disability Services</b>                | <b>Police / Sheriff / Parole</b> |
| <b>Documentation &amp; Identification</b> | <b>Referral Services</b>         |
| <b>Domestic Violence Services</b>         | <b>Religious Services</b>        |
| <b>Education Services</b>                 | <b>Substance Abuse Treatment</b> |
| <b>Emergency Services</b>                 | <b>Tattoo Removal</b>            |
| <b>Family Services</b>                    | <b>Transportation Services</b>   |
| <b>Financial Services</b>                 | <b>Veterans Services</b>         |
| <b>Food Services</b>                      | <b>Vocational Services</b>       |
| <b>Gender Specific – Female</b>           | <b>Volunteer Services</b>        |
| <b>Gender Specific – Male</b>             |                                  |

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**Postage (up to # pages)**

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## Addresses to contact the Ministry Volunteers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(For the Ladies)  
Hookers For Jesus  
10120 W Flamingo Rd  
Ste-4-506  
Las Vegas, Nv 89147

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

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

The Felony Foundation (TFF)  
P.O. Box 190806  
Dallas, TX 75212-0806  
(Pen-pals)

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

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

World Challenge  
P.O. Box 8930  
Pueblo, CO 81008-8930

International Prison Ministry  
Bible, Dictionary, Concordance  
P.O. Box 1088  
Chula Vista, CA 91912-1088

**Marlene Henderson**  
**P.O. Box 1315**  
**Westville, OK 74965-1315**

**(NOT taking any new  
pen-pals till start of 2019.)**

## 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 #. Make sure that your return address is inside the envelope as well as on the envelope – we get many damaged envelopes that are unreadable.

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### Letters that Express it All

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

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

[www.MovingOnMinistry.com](http://www.MovingOnMinistry.com)

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?**"

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## Sharing Your Testimony

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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

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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

We have dropped to getting 60 to 100 letters/requests per month. Let those on the outside know of how much good M.O.M. does for inmates.

Listing of our staff and volunteers;

Chaplain Bob K - - - - - CEO
Sister Linda K- - - - - Volunteer / Letters
George C..- - - - - Co-Chair
Eric S.- - - - - Treasure
Sister Irie E - - - - - Secretary
Bonnie H - - - - - Volunteer
Ramona C - - - - - Volunteer
Beatriz S - - - - - Birthday Cards
Gabe J - - - - - Pending Director of Outreach ??
Susan J - - - - - Volunteer
Marlene H - - - - - Correspondence

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## Ministry vs. Job

**What determines if you have a ministry? What determines if you have a job? What do each of them provide?**

**Often, we are asked how much we charge or get paid for an appearance? We reply that we charge nothing. Their reply is “So you do it for free?” Our response is “Not free, we actually pay out of our pockets, as does our staff, as do our volunteers.” We then tell them that our “payment is paid forward” and we have a Large account that will be forfeited because of our love for our “Master.”**

**Imagine an organization that forms and decides to give the staff members a payroll. Picking a conservative number, let’s say that the four staff members get \$50,000 annually each. That starts off the organization with \$200,000 overhead without any production. I have yet to find where Jesus drew any type of annual salary. Realizing how much lower and less worthy we are than Christ, puts us in a lower income category. Since Christ had no income, we would be in negative income, or as is commonly referred to as “paying for it.”**

**Self-supporting volunteers for the last 18 years is what has allowed M.O.M. to continue. We at “*Moving On Ministry*” do believe in having expenses {travel, motel, meals, etc.) taken care of and appreciate the team-mates that are supportive of this ministry. Our staff for the most part pay their way.**

**In a ministry there is a commitment to the cause and money is not a negotiable item. The volunteer does it because of his/her love for the cause. With a job the amount received for a service/product provided is definitely a factor.**

**In talking with a dear friend, Jon, he feels it is bad (as do I) to have to take money out of the ministry. It is felt that the individual involved in the ministry should have a way of support other than pulling payroll out of the ministry. Look at Jesus and the disciples support. What were their “wages?” If there was anything received, it would have been in the form of a “Love Offering.”**

**To see if it is a ministry or a job, stop the money and see if the individual stops. The results are more like that of a job than a ministry.**



## **“The Fish That Almost Got Away”**

**Who am I? My name is George Castro, I’m a sinner and I was born in 1953. I may have never been arrested by the local police, but I have been arrested by the Holy Spirit. I’m the fish that almost got away. I grew up in a home with only a mother. My father had abandoned us when I was around 6 years of age. I had no fatherly figure or direction of life. I grew up in the dark world and learned to survive as a young man on my own. I was forced to defend myself, which I learned quickly and was good at. I had no idea what I wanted to be when I grew up. Life was kind of depressing, so I started drinking and smoking marijuana at 12 years old. I really liked the high and pleasure it gave me. It was all fun and games. Nobody was getting hurt and nobody cared.**

**By the time I was in High School I was selling marijuana, working part time after school and during the summer. I had always maintained a B+ grade average and made the Dean’s List. I was living in a dark fallen world and never knew it. I was blinded by Satan and was living a satanic life.**

**By the time I was in my early twenties I had a hobby as a mechanic. I was still using all kinds of drugs but I was always working. I was a functioning addict. It was my passion to repair what was broken. Too bad I didn’t know that I was the one who was broken. I thought I was too smart to get hooked on drugs and was in complete denial. At the young age of 35, I made a covenant with God. I stopped drinking and smoking marijuana and using drugs. Without the help from God, I couldn’t have beaten the addictions I had. The actual recovery was not difficult when you make a covenant with God. I allowed the Holy Spirit to guide me in the right direction without even knowing that my life was about to change into something I never dreamed of. I believe that God’s hand was on me all the time but I never knew it. Prayers from my mother for over 20 years were finally answered.**

**After all these years of drinking, smoking marijuana and trying every other drug, I was very fortunate and was never arrested. The day I stopped drinking at the age of 35, I was tired and couldn’t go no more. My body actually ran out of gas and I asked God to take me home. I spoke to God and took complete responsibility for my actions. I did ask God one last question; If He would allow me to live, I would run the straight line. I couldn’t have done it without God’s help.**

**My recovery from drugs and alcohol was not complete until I received Jesus Christ as my Savior. I learned to lean on Jesus in my recovery. This recovery process is a lifetime. Every day we are in recovery.**

**I thought life was good and I had beaten the game of drugs. I thought I had the “*Bull by the Horns*”. In reality now that I look back, “*The Bull had me by the Horns*”. My heart was not right and I didn’t know how to fix it.**

From here on is where the game of life changed and life got better. In May 1998, I attended church for the first time as an adult at the age of 44 years old. I hadn't attended a church since I was 10 years old. After the church service I was asked to join hands and pray. I didn't know how to pray and I felt really weird holding hands. Being a wise guy, I was going to hold their hands, just in case I wanted to break loose from the prayer circle and run away. I was very nervous and uncomfortable as the praying started. As they were praying, I had an encounter with the Holy Spirit like never before. I starting crying uncontrollably like a little baby and had clear mucus running down my shirt. I felt like electricity was going through my entire body. I wanted to break loose, but I couldn't. I don't know how long the prayer went on, but when the praying stopped, I knew something was different. The demons had left my soul. It was such an indescribable awesome feeling like I had never felt before. It was a Holy Ghost experience that I would never forget. I have never been the same since, thanks to God.

Church became an essential part of my life and I was plugged in and became a Holy Roller. Something I had always made fun of. Now I was one. God has a sense of humor.

During 2010, I started as a volunteer at the local jail. I was sharing the Word of God with inmates who needed God in their lives. The strangest part of this ministry is that I had never been incarcerated and now I was in jail, preaching the Word and bringing men to Salvation. I would explain to the men that the only difference between them and I, is that I never got caught. I'm the fish that almost got away. Now I knew that God had been watching over me all those years while I was in the World. God had plans for my life. God knew George Castro when I was in my mother's womb. **Jeremiah 29:11** says it clearly, *'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.*

In 2012, I enrolled in a Bible School and in 2014 I graduated and became a Chaplain. I continued to volunteer at the local jail until the Lord moved me out into a different arena.

In 2013, I attended the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International (FGBMFI). Two years later I was put in the position of Chapter President of the Tulare/Visalia CA area. I have been on missionary trips to Nicaragua and Costa Rica. The Lord took me out of my comfort zone.

Today I am volunteering and visiting prisons throughout California with the Bill Glass Ministry, Behind The Walls. Currently I am the Co-Chair Director as part of an awesome local Prison Ministry Group called *Moving On Ministry* (MOM). My friends Bob and Linda Kaiser are the founders of this awesome Prison ministry. We send and receive correspondence newsletters to and from inmates.

I may have never been arrested by the local police, but I have been arrested by the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit has a warrant for your arrest, you're done. You

can't run or hide any more. I'm the fish that almost got away. I have been rescued, reborn, redeemed and accepted Jesus Christ into my life 21 years ago. I was born on the battlefield and will die on the battlefield. I have 30 years sobriety thanks to God. I am a soldier and warrior in God's Army. I am a sinner and repent of my sins daily. I keep the Full Armor of God on and never to take it off. I'm ready for battle every day. I am not afraid of the Devil. He is afraid of me. When I wake up in the morning, an alarm clock goes off in Hell, and Satan says "Oh no, He's up again" and the battle starts all over. Sound familiar? The Lord has changed my life totally and my way of thinking. I don't forget where I came from. If I can change, you can too. ***"I am not where I want to be, but I am not where I used to be"***. If you have Jesus Christ in your heart today, you have HOPE. We all have tried to live without Jesus and have all failed. **Romans 6:23**, says; ***"We all have sinned and fall short of the glory"***. We can't do it on our own so let's stop trying. If anyone needs to make a spiritual U-turn, then do it. Don't wait any longer. Time is running out. Give God a chance to come into your life for a few months, if it doesn't work out, the Devil will take you back. God wants the rest of your life to be the best of your life.

The next 24 hours is the most important time we have. It may be our last. What are you doing to please God? This is who I am. I'm the fish that almost got away, but the most important thing is that I'm a Child of God and Heaven bound.

Amen 🙏

**Chaplain George Castro**

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### **Christian Baptism of a Jewish Child**

When we locate it, we will reprint the miracle healing of Ryan Marshall's feet when as a Jew he had a baptism and prayer by Christian church women, while in his sick bed.

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### **NEVER FAR AWAY**

Hate me if you need to... Love me if you can....  
But I hope you don't expect too much, after all I'm just a man.  
I used to know just what to say, or even what to do...  
But I know I'm not forgotten because I remember you.  
Time can play some evil tricks and make things hard to find.  
Am I really going crazy or did I just lose my mind?  
I never meant to hurt you and I did not want to go....  
So no matter how I say it I think you already know.  
Hope tells me there will come a day when I see you again.  
For now I just don't have a clue about how, or where or when.  
Within the moon come find me. It's in your dreams I stay.  
It doesn't matter what you think, I'm never far away.

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Original Poem by Brian Fuller ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ December 2018

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## **Miracles Still Happen (Even on Death Row)**

Dear Bob and Linda;

Greetings to you. I hope this letter finds you both well and happy. It was so nice to finally meet you both today (10/27/18 at Chino), after so many years of waiting for the opportunity. And, Bob, especially to you, thanks for just letting me hear about home. It's been so long and I just almost never get to talk to someone from home like that. I am grateful, thank you! So, as I promised, here is my story.

I was arrested on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1985 and was tried and convicted of 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder, with "special circumstances" (Burglary & Robbery) and sentenced to death. I arrived at San Quentin's Death Row on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1986.

While on Death Row I took advantage of every opportunity to better educate myself, including enrollment in the Patton College program. I wasn't able to quite complete my degree, but I got close. I read a lot, I studied a lot, even took up learning Hebrew. I cleaned up, got sober and stayed that way. Got the help I needed from Mental Health Services so that I could cope with the past traumas and slowly learned how to be a better man.

Heres the thing. I did all of this on Death Row. I fully expected to die with a state needle in my arm. The choices I made, were not meant to impress anyone, it was entirely about learning to be the best possible version of me I could be, nothing more. I expected to be executed. At one point I got within 2 weeks of an active execution. They literally read me my death warrant!

But, it all changed on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014, when I was removed from Death Row, with a sentence of Life Without Possibility of Parole (LWOP). I was sent to the reception facility at Tracy (DVI) and for the first time in 28 years I got to sit down at an actual table with other people to eat my meals, I was informed at Tracy that even though I had level 3 points because I had just gotten off of Death Row, that I had to do a year clean on a level 4 before they could drop me to a level 3. I was sent to B-yard at Salinas Valley State Prison, where after a year I was taken to committee and approved for a transfer to a level 3 yard. However, because they didn't get the paperwork right, it was another 7 months for that transfer down to a level 3.

At the end of 2015 I was transferred to B-yard at Solano State Prison. At first things were great there but then I was told to do something or else I'd be stabbed. So rather than do the requested deed, I went to a guard and was taken to the "hole" for my own protection. I spent four and a half months in the "hole" for N.D.S. (non-Disciplinary Segregation) Finally, in 2016, I was transferred to the level 3 yard at Tehachapi.

In February 2017 new laws went into effect removing the mandatory minimum point of 36 points dropped to 19 points, my new mandatory minimum score. In May 2017 I went

up for committee and was put up for a transfer to the level 2 yard at Chino (Calif. Institute of Men). I was endorsed for Chino in June, and got on the bus on December 28th 2017. I arrived on “C” yard here at Chino on January 2, 2018.

Now, if that were it, it would be enough proof that miracles really do happen. In spite of the difficulties of my journey, as I made the right choices in my life, things have improved. In November 2018, a ballot measure will come up for vote, SB708, which if it passes, , will re-define L.W.O.P. for people whose commitment offense happened before their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. As 25 years! If it passes, I fit the criteria. It means I’ll go to board next year. Maybe even parole, maybe not, but it is a chance. A chance I never imagined that I would have. I might be free again someday.

You need not tell me miracles are real. I’m living proof they are, more and more each day.

On the wall of my cell on Death Row I had a little poster, it said:

**Never Give Up**  
**Never Give In**  
**Never Surrender**

If Bob and Linda publish this, you, whoever you are, no matter how dark your situation may seem, understand that just because you can’t see the light, doesn’t mean it isn’t there. Have faith, because even if you cannot see it, it’s still there, and miracles still happen,

I will leave you with this, open your Bible to the book of Romans, chapter 5, and read the first four verses, . . . “and not only that, but we glory in tribulations, knowing tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.”

As my aunt once told me, I now share with you, . . . there is no darkness that light cannot find its way in. There is no door locked so tight, it cannot be opened. In faith there is freedom, and the knowledge that the only thing that can defeat you, is you.

Fight the good fight, keep the faith, my friend, and everything else will work itself out according to whatever plan the maker and ruler of all things has for you. But first, you must believe, you must trust, you must walk the narrow path. It’s worth it brother, it leads to something truly wonderful.

Well that’s it Chaplain Bob. Hope that carries some value for someone, and, oh maybe someday I’ll get to go fishing again, and have homemade tamales again, it’s only been 34 years, I can wait. I’ve learned patience. **Ryan Marshall**

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Dear Friends,

A good Supreme Court victory is a gift that keeps on giving—or, sometimes, a bulwark that keeps on repelling government’s creeping tentacles. Earlier this month, Becket won a [3-0 victory](#) at the Third Circuit for Sixth Mount Zion, a historic black congregation known for providing faith, fellowship and crucial resources to its community in one of the poorest areas of Pittsburgh. The court confirmed that churches are free to make their own hiring decisions and choose their religious leaders without government interference. They based their ruling on—you guessed it—Becket's 2012 victory at the Supreme Court in [Hosanna-Tabor](#).

This is not some stroke of luck. At Becket, we defend religious liberty through setting lasting precedent at the highest courts. In 2012, we won *Hosanna-Tabor* with a 9-0 landmark decision that protected churches’ ability to choose their own ministers and religious teachers. And now we’re bringing more cases that will strengthen that precedent in the lower courts—and we’re winning. First it was the [Fratello](#) case in New York in 2017 protecting a Catholic archdiocese, and now it’s the *Sixth Mount Zion* case in Pittsburgh protecting a historic black congregation. Each victory makes a stronger case for the next. And each win strengthens other areas of religious liberty and protects more and more people. All of which shows why ours is a winning strategy. And we expect rulings in at least *five more related cases* in upcoming months, where protection for religious liberty will continue to grow.

***What’s happening at Becket:***

**Becket to Supreme Court: Fix this “hot mess” in Pensacola.** Becket is defending the City of Pensacola and its historic Bayview cross, a memorial erected in a public park in 1941 as a symbol of unity as the U.S. prepared to enter WWII. An atheist group sued to force the city to remove the cross, and the Eleventh Circuit ruled against the city—but only because its “hands [were] tied” by bad previous rulings, which the court said are [“a hot mess.”](#) Now Becket has [appealed](#) to the U.S. Supreme Court to fix the mess.

**State of California v. The Little Sisters of the Poor.** On October 19, the Ninth Circuit will hear oral arguments in our [California Little Sisters of the Poor case](#). After the Little Sisters won their case against the contraceptive mandate at the U.S. Supreme Court, the State Attorneys General of Pennsylvania and California sued to take that hard-earned victory away. They’re hoping the Third and Ninth Circuit courts will rule their way, but Becket is working to make sure that doesn’t happen. If it does, we may end up with the Little Sisters at the Supreme Court—again—in 2019.

**Becket asks Supreme Court to hear historic preservation case.** Unlike vampires, historic structures age. But like vampires, the Freedom From Religion Foundation is trying to suck the life source out of important historic buildings—just because they are churches. Becket is representing Morris County, NJ in its [appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court](#) to protect its neutral preservation grant program, which allows historic buildings—secular and religious alike—to apply for funds to repair damaged structures and mechanical systems.

**#StreamofConscience.** If you haven't listened to Becket's podcast, Stream of Conscience, now's your chance. We just dropped [two new episodes](#), one about a Sikh woman who fought for the right to wear her articles of faith while working for the federal government, and one about a successful homeless shelter and addiction rehabilitation center whose ability to serve was challenged because of its Christian mission.

***Becket in the news:***

**"I'm melting, I'm melting..."** Becket is defending Lehigh County, Pennsylvania as the Freedom From Religion Foundation takes them to court to scrub an image of a cross from their county seal. Becket's Eric Baxter likens FFRF to the Wicked Witch of the West, and this Washington Examiner journalist [agrees](#), calling them out on their "bigoted zeal."

**Making history in Pittsburgh.** The Pittsburgh Tribune [writes up](#) our Sixth Mount Zion win—the first time the Third Circuit has applied the ruling from *Hosanna-Tabor*.

**Allowing religious groups to remain religious.** The Iowa Gazette [gives an account](#) of our case defending InterVarsity, a Christian student group at University of Iowa. The university has a history of unevenly applying their "human rights" policy, giving religious groups the short end of the stick.

**Seamus Hasson's name in lights!** Becket founder Seamus Hasson is featured in [MSN slideshow highlighting 14 exceptional lawyers](#), along with Supreme Court Justices John Marshall, Thurgood Marshall, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., Sandra Day O'Connor, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

***What Becket is reading:***

**Fostering love.** Kathryn Jean Lopez [paints a beautiful picture](#) of the difficult and rewarding call of foster parents working with St. Vincent Catholic Charities. Becket is representing St. Vincent and foster families to defend faith-based foster agencies in Michigan.

**The Atlantic: "Is democracy dying?"** The Atlantic is running a series that

explores the current state of American democracy. Amy Chua and Jed Rubenfeld [write](#) that our nation was founded on ideals that transcended human beings' natural tendency toward tribalism—using the founding principle of religious liberty as a starting point.

**Why an “obsession with safety” is dangerous.** The New York Times [reviews](#) “The Coddling of the American Mind” by Greg Lukianoff and Jonathan Haidt. NYT says they present a “disturbing and comprehensive analysis of recent campus trends” and show how a generation is leaving itself vulnerable to authoritarianism by refusing to engage with “uncomfortable” ideas.

Gratefully,

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Today we had a great Bible study at SATF, 52 people attended. It's getting bigger. I'm happy that people want to hear about God. . . .

The battle has continued with the veteran's group, as a never ending fight but God is working. Some people have donated a total of \$165.00 to our UnionSupply.com account under my name, so that's such a blessing. People still have a heart. Well hopefully one day I'll hear from you. I pray you're all happy. Monday, 8/13 is my birthday. I can't believe a year flew by. Well, enjoy life, always in my prayers, thoughts and heart. John Fordley

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### Previous Health Updates

Bob & Linda have been active with “**Bill Glass Behind the Walls Ministry**” for the past 18 years. The last 2 years, Bob has been going in as one of the bikers with his 2005 Titan Sidewinder. In 2017 he did **SATF Corcoran Prison** on May 5, **Soledad Prison** on Sept. 23 and **CRC Prison** on Oct. 28, 2017. For 2018. Bob had to cancel Lancaster prison on March 10 and Santa Rita, CA area facilities on March 24 due to weather. Bob will also be participating in the Fresno, Kings and Tulare, CA area on May 4-5, 2018.

The Parkinson's has become slightly more noticeable and the doctors are surprised how slowly it has gained any ground. (Could it be that your inmate's prayers for Bob are being heard?) Bob can still predominately stop the shaking in the right hand (only affected area to date).

For the past couple months, Bob's legs have been swollen and retaining fluid. Aug, 26th Bob finally went to the doctor after his wife, Linda, and mother, Jeanne, were trying to get him to see a doctor. The doctor had some lab tests run and some chest x-rays taken. He then explained that the common cause of the symptoms was congenital heart disease. The doctor scheduled Bob for Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> for follow-up, The lab tests came



back good – Praise The Lord. Bob was then referred to a cardiologist, where he had an EKG, PET Scan and ultrasound. Bob was scheduled for Sept 26<sup>th</sup> for follow-up results of these tests.

The results were no heart problems and in fact Bob had a very good heart.

I need to mention that Linda and I have received the BEST MEDICAL CARE I could ask for since we were able to get the military medical coverage since I was in the California Air National Guard for 21 years (Aircraft electrician) and California Army National Guard (Core of engineers and Military academy) for 2 years. Having worked in the medical field for over 20 years, I have seen good care and I have seen bad care. I have been in hospitals that I would not send my dog to. I have seen veterinary facilities that I would rather go to instead of some hospitals, currently we use the *Naval Air Station, Lemoore Hospital* as our primary provider. They are GREAT!!

A quick story of medical service. I had hernia surgery at NASL and took in a large cake for the Doctor and staff. The doctor asked me what it was for? I answered that is was for what he did for me. He replied “*I only did what I was supposed to do.*” I said “*”most doctors don’t.*” At a later date my wife, Linda, had a colonoscopy. I brought in another cake. The doctor asked what this cake was for. I replied that any man that was getting that close to my wife either deserved a drink or a cake. The doctor stated “I wish I had more husbands with your attitude.”

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### **Current Health Updates**

Before we get further in current health diagnosis, we have to again give praise to the medical staff at Lemoore Naval Hospital in Lemoore, CA. As some of you may remember, Bob served 21 years in the California Air National Guard in Fresno, CA. as an Aircraft Electrician and 2 years with the Army Corp. of Engineers in Eureka, CA. During this time he advanced to E-7, Master Sergeant.

Many of you remember the praise we gave the medical team for Bob’s hernia surgery and Linda’s colonoscopy in the past. This letter goes out to a very talented phlebotomist enlisted in the Navy, **Ron Pascual**, that said he was going to straighten out the angle of the needle before drawing blood, and Bob never knew when Ron had done the draw with the needle (total painless). Later Linda had to have blood drawn and she experienced the same expertise from Ron.

**Chaplain Bob:** Continuing with the fight against Parkinson’s Disease. Four years since diagnosis and only problem is an occasional shaking in the right hand, that is usually controllable at present. Biggest fight is just against “old age” as Bob turned 70 years old last September. He notices his vision fading, his hearing going bad and his body asking him “What were you thinking about when you made all the commitments?” Bob, as are all the staff at Moving On Ministry, is dedicated to getting the Gospel out to the Lost and training up disciples to to the same.

After being run over with his tractor and later having a riding mower pin his legs under its wheels, Bob has become more cautious. He is still developing the retreat in the Tollhouse, CA area. The property contains a 2 BR / 2 BA home (sleeps 9) and a 2 BR / 1 BA triple expando 42' park trailer. There is a private mini motorcycle track, a gazebo, a 'saloon' over the creek (now used as a chapel), an archery/crossbow range, (2) 16' trampolines, a 24' X 36' warehouse for the vehicle projects, and 8 acres of beautiful Godly land.

**Sister Linda:** As we watch Linda continue in her beauty, we want to make a sign to post; ***Linda has found the fountain of youth. It was in the Bible all the time.*** Linda has early development of arthritis and scoliosis. Currently there is concern for a spot showing up on Linda's right kidney. It may be a cyst or just a common density change in tissue with no worries. Her Naval Hospital doctor is on top of testing. Please keep Linda in prayer.

#### UPDATE PER LINDA REGARDING THE LEMOORE NAVAL BASE MEDICAL CLINIC AND URGENT CARE.

All of the Staff at the Lab, Radiology, Pharmacy and Doctors at the clinic are amazing. They show wholeheartedly their respect, dedication and caring of patients, and of course my assigned Dr. Wackowski, DO, LT MC USN Family Medicine.....whoaaaahhh she has a long title... She is fantastic as well as are the receptionist and assistants 😊 😊.

On Dec. 9th, Sunday, Linda went to the base to go to Urgent care..... and the Soldier at the entrance asked how she was doing and she told him that she wished she was better but her eye was swollen and had to be seen at clinic. Immediately the Guard/Soldier asked her if she needed assistance to drive her to Urgent Care.....WOW..... She commented that it was okay and she drove to clinic..... and once again as usual.....Great Service. 😊 😊 😊 😊

Charity Berg-Maggard, F.N.P., as well as all Personnel/Assistants immediately showed 100% dedication. God Bless you Servicemen and Servicewomen at Lemoore Naval Base at Lemoore California and all United States Military Bases all over the world



**Mother Jeanne:** (Bob's Mother and "Mom of M.O.M"). Chaplain Bob's mom, Jeanne, has 2 arteries blocked and another one 85% blocked. Recently Jeanne had 2 heart attacks and was checked into the hospital. In the hospital she had 3 more heart attacks during her little over a week stay. She was transferred to a rehabilitation home to regain her strength before release back to home. The doctors have told her that at 87 years old, she would not survive open heart surgery. Please keep Jeanne in prayer for God's comfort.

Chaplain Bob gets many phone calls wanting him to purchase some product, invest in some cause or financially support an outreach. M.O.M. does not have the financial ability to take on these projects so Bob has designed the following phone techniques;

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Bob Hello

Caller Hello, I am looking for Bob

Bob You found him

Caller How are you doing today?

Bob I am saved by Jesus Christ and blessed by God the Father

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Bob Hello

Caller Hello, I am looking for Bob

Bob You found him

Caller Would you be interested in investing in Gold?

Bob Where I am going, that is used as road pavement,

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Bob Hello

Caller Hello, I am looking for Bob

Bob You found him. Are you a Christian? Do you want to be?  
(This usually causes them to hang up rather than confront)

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Caller Have a blessed day.

Bob This is the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. Blessed is the only way they come. It is what you do with them that matters.

Caller What a marvelous way of looking at it.

Elvis Pencil Drawing by Rob Ruiz



Linda found this drawing at a yard sale of possibly an estate and bought it for a quarter (sad when realizing the time and talent that went into it.)