

“Letter From M.O.M.”

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“I Can Only Imagine”

It is hard to imagine that this ministry has been developing for over four years. New facilities have opened up to us, as well as getting correspondence from many states and foreign countries.

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Intentions & Wishes

The intentions of this newsletter are to allow an understanding of jail & prison ministries. It is our intentions to get input from those incarcerated as well as those “free” to visit. Life experiences of the faith and fellowship from those locked up in the facilities are always desired to let others know of the value of “visitation”. I am certain that each of us have many stories of the miracles God has done in our lives.

Our wishes are that we would have a list of supportive churches that individuals might look forward to attending once released.

A list of services, such as housing, employment, and counseling services, as well as some individuals available for friendly fellowship are also much needed items.

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

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

Fellowship

We would like to keep a listing of locations for fellowship that welcomes previous incarcerated individuals. We previously listed 51 churches that are supportive. We would like follow up on these churches to see if they are supportive, as well as letting us know of others available. **We also cherish letters from inmates or relatives to the churches to let us know how we are doing**

Be **Super** in something;
Something that counts.

It is not how big the dog is in the fight;
It is how big the fight is in the dog!
Remember; “He that is within us is greater than he that is in the world.”

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT) – “God has given gifts to each of you from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God’s generosity can flow through you.”

Your spiritual gift is what you would do for “free” if you did not have to work.

Letters that Express it All

These are actual quotes from some of the different incarcerated individuals. The names have been removed.

Refuse to Surrender to the Devil

I look forward to the day when I get released and I can continue to live & serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I want to do positive work for the Lord and I would like to focus my attention working with young children on a volunteer basis. As for work, I will have to seek somewhat light duty work due to my hernia surgery I had. I just don't know what type of job that will consist of. Maybe janitor work, framer, or factory work. And getting someone to hire an ex-con over 50 years of age with no on-the-job experience in over 14 years is a real head turner, but I will scrub toilets if it'll make me some honest money! I refuse to surrender to the hopelessness (Failure). I am too angry with the devil to let myself be run over & over until I'm back in prison, or dead laying in the ditch, gutter, street or whatever. I'm done living like a fool! I just wish I had felt like this before I ever came to jail. Many years wasted because of my bad habits (sinful nature). I am a new creature in Christ.

RDB

True Affiliation

Just sending you these few lines to let you know what change I have made in my life. I'm no longer an "active gang member." I tried to do both; be a man of God and a Northerner, but this will not work. I will only have time for the Lord Jesus Christ. And this is what I want for myself. Back at home they say that I'm

"weak" and "soft." I will be writing to you more and more to help build my integrity.

Bob, I need some positive insight from you. I hope to be a positive man of God. I do this for myself. And I have to start by finding myself. I'd like to thank you for my new life. **AB**

Brother Steve



September 10, 2007, 11:10 PM, after coming home from ministering at BWDF, I was given a death notification that my brother was killed on his motorcycle at Shaver Lake. We had his funeral the next Monday September 17, 2007. My brother often asked for copies of **Letter From M.O.M. and would share copies with his friends. He will be deeply missed, but always remembered and loved.**

NOTES and COMMENTS

When Satan reminds you of your past, remind him of his future.

God accepts you where you are, but loves you too much to leave you there.

Need for Change

. . . Keep doing what you have been doing, and you will keep getting what you have been getting.

Conversion

Conversion is the wiping of the slate clean so a new process can “start.”

Replenishing

God’s Word promises to restore the years of the locust, or more simply the years previously lost.

Joel 2:25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

Salvation

It is a “point” followed by a “process.”

The Fight

It is not how big the dog in the fight;
It is how big the fight in the dog!

Believe in Election
Share like Freewill
Stop before Persuasion

God, be Lord of what is left of my life

Recommended Reading

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

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

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

The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren – 40 chapters will change your life in 40 days

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

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

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

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

Needs after Release

Individuals being released from incarceration have the same common needs of all individuals. There is a need of self-respect and self esteem. Many have a need of housing. Most are coming back looking for employment. Some are facing classes for AA, NA, or Domestic Violence. Some need to enroll in educational or vocational programs. Most would appreciate someone to just talk to or have a mentor. Fellowship with the right people is ALWAYS needed. For many these are totally new expectations and experiences.

One inmate expressed wonderfully the problem of being released. He stated that everything is slow to happen while incarcerated. It seems like an eternity as you wait for your next transfer or assignment. You feel like you are running at 5 miles per hour. Then, when released to the world, you are put into an environment that is running at 200 miles per hour. This drastic change of environments tends to overcome individuals and they have a hard time adapting. We hear of transitions from one area to another in each of our lives. Someone to just talk with about the feelings and changes the individuals are going thru is a great healer. The Bible says that each of us should be a "brother" to help the other one up when he falls. Other scripture talks about "sticking closer than a brother" we can often help with sharing life experiences or just listening to someone in need. We don't always have to solve the problems, but many times need to just "lend an ear" so that someone might share their needs or hurts with us. Many men have heard from their wives "I don't want you to fix it, just listen". We need to just listen.

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

God will make all things new
What are some things I should finish once I start?

**"For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ."
Hebrews 3:14**

New life in Christ. We must maintain the confident faith we had when we first believed.

Scripture is from the New Living Translation (Tyndale House Publishers, 1996).

Our testimony is to give hope to others; our fruit is to give proof to God.

Repentance means you change your mind so deeply that it changes you. It's not just that I changed how I thought—I am now changed.

Inmate - Prayer / Ministries / Resources

There have been so many requests for Volume 19 of Letter From M.O.M., that we decided to reprint the Resource list (with some corrections)

Newsletters

Letter From M.O.M.
Moving On Ministry
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World Challenge
David Wilkerson
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The Banner of Truth
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Carlisle, PA. 17013

Crossroads Prison Min.
Nick & Gretchen
P.O. Box 1000
Bristol, PA 19007

Coalition for Prisoners
Rights
P.O. Box 1911
Santa Fe, NM 87504

J.A.R. Ministry
7080 Webster St. Bay
St. Louis, MS 39520-
8000

Inside Out Prison
Ministry
Nick the Greek
P.O. Box 29040
Cleveland, OH
44129-0040

Inheritance Publishers
P.O. Box 1334
Grand Rapids, MI 49501

Lifers for Christ
P.O. Box 2530
Escondido, CA 92033-
2530

Bill of Rights for
Prisoners ACLU
125 Broad St. 18 Floor
NY, NY 10004-2402

Herald of his Coming
Gospel Revivals
P.O. Box 279
Seelyville, IN 47878

Intercessors of America
P.O. Box 4477
Leesburg, VA. 20177-
8551

Freedom Press
P.O. Box 4458
Leesburg, VA 22075

Christian Motorcyclist
Assoc.
P.O. Box 9
Hatfield, Ark. 71945

Abounding Love Ministry
P.O. Box 425
Jackson, CA 95642

Joe Donato Ministry
P.O. Box 16373
Fresno, CA 93755

In His Grip Ministry
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Crescent City, FL 32112

Brother's Keeper Ministries
P.O. Box 302014
Escondido, CA 92030

Jews for Jesus
60 Haight St.
San Francisco, CA 94102

Lifeline Prison Ministry
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Taylor, MI 48180

Save Jerusalem
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Thornburg, VA 22565-
0827

Kenyon's Gospel Publishing
P.O. Box 973
Linwood, WA. 98046-0973

International Cure
P.O. Box 2310
Washington, DC 20013

Paraklesis
International Ministry
P.O. Box 90388
Houston, TX 77290

Nat'l Legal Aid &
Defender Assoc.
1625 K St NW #800
Washington, DC 20006

American Resources
Network
P.O. Box 1417
Castle Rock, CO. 80104

Sword of the Lord Pub.
P.O. Box 1099
Murfreesboro, TN 371

Hundredfold Prayer
Circle
P.O. Box 553
Ramona, CA 92065-
0553

Free-God Bless You
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Boston, MA 02134

Glory to God Ministry
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Hope Aglow Ministries
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War Cry Ministries
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Pocatello, ID 83202

Indian Life Publishing
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Magazines

The Word of Faith
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Tulsa, OK 74150

Life in the Word
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Fenton, MO 63026-0655

Victory Believers
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Ft. Worth, TX 76192-0001

Creflo Dollar
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College Park, GA
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Cornerstone
Publishing
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Graham, WA 98338

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Free Books

Purpose Driven Life
Rick Warren
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20 Empire Dr.
Lake Forrest, CA
92630

Good News Publications
1300 Crescent St.
Wheaton, IL 60187

Books to Prisoners
Left Bank Bookstore
92 Pike St.
Seattle, WA 98101

United Prison
Ministries
International
P.O. Box 8
Verbena, AL 36091

James Gills – Love
Press
P.O. Box 5000
Tarpoon Springs, FL
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Bible Studies

World Christianship Prison
& Outreach Ministries
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Ansonia, Connecticut 06401

Rhema Bible Studies
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Back to the Bible
P.O. Box 82808
Lincoln, NE 68051

Exodus Prison
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6363

The Prison Web
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Middlesex, NJ
08840

Ten Mile Bible
School
P.O. Box 85
Burlington, KY
41005

Source of Light
Ministry
1011 Mission Rd.
Madison, GA 30650

Elect Bible Ministry
P.O. Box 462131
Escondido, CA
92046-2131

Set Free Prison
Ministry
P.O. Box 5440
Riverside, CA

American Rehab
Minist.
Joe Garman
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Joplin, MO 64802

Bearen Publications
P.O. Box 38
Elk Park, NC 28622-

Stonecroft Ministry
P.O. Box 9609
Kansas City, MO
64134-0609

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

Steinkamp Prison Ministry
P.O. Box 2132
Palos Verdes Peninsula,
CA 90274

Marilyn Hickey
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Free Bibles

Christ to Inmates
Rev Perry Davis
P.O. Box 3922
Deland, FL 32721

Heart of America Prison
Ministries
P.O. Box 1685
Independence. MO 64055

Gospel Express
P.O. Box 131
Gordanville, PA 17529

Jewish Voice
Broadcast
P.O. Box 6
Phoenix, AZ 85001

Tracts

Pilgrim Tract Society
Randleman, NC 27317

Gospel Tract Society
P.O. Box 1118
Independence, MO
64041

Fellowship Tract League
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Lubbock, TX 79493

Apostolic Faith Church
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Portland, OR 97206

Gospel Tracts
711 A Wampler Rd.
Baltimore, ND 21220

Gideon's International
2900
Lebanon, TN 37214

Foursquare Mission
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7015 Jackson St.
Paramount, CA 90723

Int'l Prison Ministry
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Bible League
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Bible Truth Publishers
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Kingdom Harvest
Ministries
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Escondido, CA 92046

Banner of Truth Trust
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Carlisle, PA 17013

Tract League
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Grand Rapids, MI
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Bible Helps
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Hanover, PA 17331

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Mission Possible
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Final Cry Ministries
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The Lighter Side

Hippopotamus and the Tortoise

"Much of life can never be explained but only witnessed."

- Rachel Naomi Remen, MD



NAIROBI (AFP) - A baby hippopotamus that survived the tsunami waves on the Kenyan coast has formed a strong bond with a giant male century-old tortoise in an animal facility in the port city of Mombassa, officials said.

The hippopotamus, nicknamed Owen and weighing about 300 kilograms (650 pounds), was swept down Sabaki River into the Indian Ocean, then forced back to shore when tsunami waves struck the Kenyan coast on December 26, before wildlife rangers rescued him.



"It is incredible. A-less-than-a-year-old hippo has adopted a male tortoise, about a century old, and the tortoise seems to be very happy with being a 'mother'," ecologist Paula Kahumbu, who is in charge of Lafarge Park, told AFP.



"After it was swept away and lost its mother, the hippo was traumatized. It had to look for something to be a surrogate mother.

Fortunately, it landed on the tortoise and established a strong bond.

They swim, eat and sleep together," the ecologist added.

"The hippo follows the tortoise exactly the way it followed its mother.

If somebody approaches the tortoise, the hippo becomes aggressive, as if protecting its biological mother," Kahumbu added.



"The hippo is a young baby, he was left at a very tender age and by nature, hippos are social animals that like to stay with their mothers for four years," he explained.

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."



This is a real story that shows that our differences don't matter much when we need the comfort of another.

We could all learn a lesson from these two creatures of God,

"Look beyond the differences and find a way to walk the path together."



How great are our own differences? Our differences in race? Our differences in religious upbringing? Our differences of affiliation? Our differences of color – Black vs. white, as well as blue vs. red? The only thing common of those in Heaven will be the term "Forgiven." There are no "differences" when it comes to entering Heaven.

God's Word says "*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*" Acts 4:12

What is really important in life, and what impact will it have on eternity, for ourselves, and our loved ones? Love is the only thing you can invest in that has the greatest return. God invested ALL HE HAD and gave His son in death so that we might have all that God has promised his followers. And just as a seed put into the ground, it must die to spring forth, Christ died and then rose again so that we might have a way of eternity in Heaven.

Poetry Section

"In Memory"

By Chaplain Bob

Take care of yourself,
I know that's how it has to be.
You feel you're under control,
And you need to be free.

You feel you are confined,
And have nowhere to grow.
Of you I tend to be protective,
But you call it control.

You feel you are limited,
In the things you can do.
But I think you are capable,
Of anything your heart is set to.

You talk of your education,
Or lack thereof.
But wisdom is not from books,
But it comes from above.

When talking of subjection,
The subject is a hard one.
But subjection wins the husband,
As shown in Peter 3:1.

We look at the woman
Of Proverbs 31,
And realize that His work
With you has just begun.

He is not through yet,
With what He plans for you.
But perhaps I am not the one
Referred to in Ephesians 5:22.

You often display
Your signs of remorse.
You are dissatisfied with me
And your #1 conquest is divorce.

Do what you must,
I'll never express or explain.
I always have felt.
You prefer your maiden name.

Although that I love you,
You probably will never know.
I keep telling you,
It is hard for me to show.

The things I do,
Like popcorn, flowers, and coffee,
Are a sign of my love,
Though you probably can't see.

Again, do what you must,
It's out of my control.
I've been here before,
It's a felling I well know.

The song says it all,
As you probably know.
I'm a man holding on,
To a woman letting go.

Inmate Art

We are proud to display the following drawing that was done by inmate Jeff Manor



To My Dream Seeker!



The following article is another of “**Message in a Bottle**” from **NW**,

I am guessing you have been wondering what happened to the Mermaid. Well, I’m here today with you. I have been really falling short with my faith. However, I have come to realize that, who am I to fall short on someone who has never turned His back on me. Yep! Jesus Christ . . .

I want to say that I am sitting here struggling with my evil flesh, but my faith is in the good Lord, has me back on track to realize that I have no control of anything in my life. But what I do know is a true fact, I do have control over my faith in him.

I turned my head to the sky, to the sun, to the stars, and put a little piece of my love in every star, in the moon, in the sun, and they loved me back. And I became one with the moon and the sun and the stars, and my love kept growing and growing. And I put a little piece of my love in every human, and I became one with the whole of humanity. Wherever I go, whomever I meet, I see myself in their eyes, because I am a part of everything, because I am love.

known to us as the **Mermaid**. Those of you that have followed her articles on “**My Dream Seeker**,” (starting with **volume 17, July/Aug. 2006**) know of the love and expression displayed by the writer, and felt by the reader of the article. This month, the **mermaid**, starts her resident program after being released. Now we honor the graduation of **The Mermaid** and the Love Christ gives us.

Thank you for living inside me with all your love, with your pure and boundless spirit, with your warm and radiant light. Thank you for using my words, for using my eyes, for using my heart to share your love wherever I go. I love you just the way you are, and because I am your creation, I love myself just the way I am. Help me to keep the love and the peace in my heart and to make that love a new way of life, that I may live in love the rest of my life. Thank you for the gift of life that you have given me. Thank you for giving me everything that I ever truly needed. Thank you for the opportunity to experience this wonderful mind.