

# “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. Many of those incarcerated have the talent of writing articles. Send us an article for our approval

## 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 in Tulare and Kings Counties of California. 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**

If you would like a church added, or have concern on one that is not supportive, please contact us.

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*Dreams are real, as long as you have faith in Jesus Christ.*

*The Mermaid*

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## Letters that Express it All

**These are actual quotes from letters of some of the different incarcerated individuals. The names have been removed. We have published many of these letters since our first newsletter went out October 2003 (over 4 years ago). We receive many of these letters, and wished we could print them all. We also would like more individuals to write back to these inmates.**

**If you have had one of these letters published in the past, we ask that you keep in touch and let us know how you are doing now.**

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### **Boldness is Appreciated and a comfort**

Hi Chaplain Bob and Linda

First thing I would like to say, thank you for coming to Corcoran State Prison and sharing about our Lord and our Savior Jesus Christ. And being Bold about it, or as you say, "Sharing God's Word with Boldness and no apology." We here at Corcoran prison love and are grateful that you chaplain Bob and your wife Linda come and see us as "children of God," not just as inmates or somebody that is locked up in prison. . . . I'm the guy that checks all the I.D. for my brothers in Christ and make sure that they sign in for the English service and the Spanish service. Just as you and your wife are servants of the lord, as I am, I love working in chapel, because I love working for my Lord and Savior. Here are my duties, I make the lists for the Protestant chapel services, or that have to do with the Protestant chapel

services as Bible studies on Tuesday afternoon or Thursday mornings, and as you know the weekend services for the Protestant services Saturday and Sunday. I hope and pray Chaplain Bob that one day that God will have you be a Chaplain for Corcoran State Prison. God willing, that will happen.

Here is a little about me. I have been in prison for about 7 years now, but I have been serving the Lord for about 4 years now. Thank God he changed me. I thank Him every day for that. I love reading your letters Chaplain Bob that my brothers in Christ share with you and their testimonies. Chaplain Bob, could you pray for my family please. I have lost family members. And please pray for the chapel and chaplain here at Corcoran State Prison that we would be able to get more services here in the chapel, especially in "C-yard." . . . I thank God my Father in Heaven for my salvation every day and thank Him for what Jesus did on the cross for his sinners – that only if you "Repent and Believe." That is what I love about you and your wife Linda, you guys don't preach and water down the Gospel, you teach out of the scripture of God's Word. I'm very grateful to know the truth about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Chaplain Bob, you guys really make a difference to the people in here. Maybe God will let you guys someday be able to come on Tuesday or Thursday Bible Study. Could you ask chaplain . . . if that would be OK to do? . . . **WC**

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**Blessed by the Best,  
And Refuse to be Stressed.**

Well, there are so many blessings, I don't fret upon the injustices done to me. As they continue to hold my mail, but not my zeal for the Lord. I continue to write songs, poems, and praise His Holy name. Though my mail goes out, it just doesn't seem tight, but I count it all joy.

I patiently am waiting for you to return to B-Yard at Corcoran. I re-read all your newsletters, and tell the lil' mermaid congratulations and God bless her and her family and friends (a picture and the mermaids saying on Dreams was cut out of an magazine).

. . . The poem on Thanksgiving enclosed (page 14) is in one of my books, but I feel the need to share it with you. Also I would like to ask, can I write for the Newsletter under the title: "**The Servant**" ? (of course we told him "YES") I only seek to share what God the Father has encouraged me to do.

Pastor Bob, I'm saddened by your loss of Steve, no doubt Heavens gain. I'll continue to put in extra prayer for you all, as I can only ask for the same. **KL**

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**Another Brother to Pick Him UP**

I extend my hand to you with a warm hearted embrace of condolence in regards of your most recent passing over of your beloved brother Steve. May he now be "free" and live with the Father eternally? I am truly sorry for your loss. Just know that he went home to be with the Father before you did, and also know

that one day you will unite with him once again for eternity.

I'm here for you man, just as you said in the **M.O.M. newsletter volume 28** you sent me, "*When a brother falls down, may another brother help him back up.*" Sound familiar? This whole situation held a heavy burden upon my heart. Now as I console you and extend these profound words of wisdom, with depth and feeling, my heart can now rest.

May the good Lord bless you & sister Linda and your whole entire family over and over non-ending and please continue to do His work with "*Boldness and no apologies*" to anyone, both happily and freely in His divine glory!

**Love Lives On**

Those we love  
Are never really lost to us  
We feel them  
In so many special ways.  
Through friends  
They always cared about  
And dreams they left behind  
In beauty that they added to our days  
In words of wisdom  
We still carry with us  
And memories that never will be gone  
Those we love  
Are never really lost to us  
For everywhere  
Their special love lives on.  
May you find peace and comfort  
In the cherished memories  
Of your loved one.  
With deepest sympathy;

**RA**

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## NOTES and COMMENTS

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

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

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### **Need for Change**

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

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### **Conversion**

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

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### **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.

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### **Salvation**

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

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Talk to God about the lost,  
Before talking to the lost about God

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### **Repentance**

Can be defined as; **Stop**, **Turn around**, and **follow**.

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God, be Lord of what is left of my life

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## 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

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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.**

## PRISONS HOLD GOD'S TREASURES

By Bill Yount

It was late and I was tired, wanting to go to sleep, but God wanted to talk; it was about midnight, but it dawned on me that God does not sleep. His question made me restless. "Bill, where on earth does man keep his most priceless treasures and valuables?" I said, "Lord, usually these treasures like gold, silver, diamonds and precious jewels are kept locked up somewhere out of sight with usually guards and security to keep them under lock and key." God spoke. Like man, My most valuable treasures on earth are also locked up." I then saw Jesus standing in front of seemingly thousands of prisons and jails. The Lord said, "These have almost been destroyed by the enemy, but these ones have the greatest potential to be used and to bring forth glory to my name. Tell MY people, I am going this hour to the prisons to activate the gifts and callings that lie dormant in these lives that were given before the foundation of the earth. Out from these walls will come forth an Army of Spiritual who will have power to literally kick down the gates of Hell and overcome satanic powers that are holding many of My own people bound in My own house.



Tell my people that great treasure is behind these walls in these forgotten vessels. My people must come forth and touch these ones, for a mighty anointing will be unleashed upon these for future victory in My kingdom. **THEY MUST BE RESTORED.**"

I then saw the Lord step up to the prison doors with a key. One key fit every lock and the gates began to open. I then heard and saw great explosions which sounded like dynamite going off behind the walls. It sounded like all-out spiritual warfare. Jesus turned and said, "Tell My people to go in now and pick up the spoil and

rescue these." Jesus then began walking in and touching inmates who were thronging Him. Many being touched instantly began to have a golden glow come over them. God spoke to me, "THERE'S THE GOLD!" Others had a silver glow around them. God said, "THERE'S THE SILVER!"

Like slow motion they began to grow into what appeared to be giant knights in armor-like warriors. They had on the entire armor of God and every piece was solid and pure gold! Even golden shields! When I saw the golden shields, I heard God say to these warriors: "Now go and take what Satan has taught you and use it against him. Go and pull down the strongholds coming against MY church." The spiritual giants then started stepping over the prison walls with no one to resist them, and they went immediately to the very front line of the battle with the enemy. I saw them walk right past the church and big-name ministers known for their power with God were surpassed by the giant warriors like David going after Goliath! They crossed the enemy's line and started delivering many of God's people from the clutches of Satan while demons trembled and fled out of sight at their presence. No one, not even the church, seems to know who these spiritual giants were or where they came from. All you could see was the armor, the golden armor of God, from head to foot, and the shields of gold were there. The shields were restored to God's House and there was great victory and rejoicing.

I also saw silver, precious treasures, and vessels being brought in. Beneath the gold and silver were the people that nobody knew: **REJECTS OF SOCIETY, STREET PEOPLE, THE OUT CASTS, THE POOR and the DESPISED.** These were the treasures that were missing from His House.

In closing the Lord said, "If my people want to know where they are needed, tell them they are needed in the **STREETS, the HOSPITALS, the MISSIONS, and PRISONS.** When they come there they will find Me and the next move of my spirit and they will be judged by My Word in Matthew 25:42. "For I was hungry and you gave me no meat: I was thirsty and you gave me no drink: I was a stranger and you took me not in: naked and you clothes me not: Sick and in prison and you visited me not."

## Testimonies

### Repentance Brings Forgiveness

In October of 2004, I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior. I grew up in a family that was using drugs. My step-father and mother partied all the time. At the age of 12, I was smoking pot, and by the time I was 15, I was drinking and using speed (crank). I lived a very sinful life.

November 1998, I went to prison for drugs. I got out in 2001, and never went back to using drugs or drinking.

But Satan was still trying to use me. I knew of God and how Jesus died for me, but I still continued to live in sin, smoking cigarettes, and cussing like crazy. Every other word out of my mouth was “F” this and “F” that.

In 2001 I met a wonderful lady who was clean and sober. We hit it off well. She had two beautiful children. I have a son as well. I started attending church, but still had not accepted the Lord Jesus as my Savior. I only went to church because this lady wanted me to. Well I got married to that lady in 2003. Satan was still in my life, and I started doing really bad things. I molested my step-daughter.

On September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004, after things happened between my step-daughter and me, I got down on my knees and cried out to the Lord. I mean, I cried so hard for the Lord to help me stop these awful things that I was doing. Well, seven days later, on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004, I was arrested for child molestation. The Lord heard my cry that evening of the 24<sup>th</sup>. It was not the way I wanted it to stop, “but” it was the way the Lord wanted it to. I accepted Jesus in 2004, and I have been following Him ever since.

I have so much joy in my heart, that my family can see a great big difference in me, and I don’t even get visits. Just by talking to them on the phone, they can hear it in my voice. I think now that Satan no longer lives in me, and I am learning to live for Jesus. I am no longer married, but I

know my ex-wife has forgiven me. The Lord hears us when we cry out in prayer, and He does answer us. It might not be the way we would like, “but” He does answer. He always turns the bad into good to glorify Him. “Praise God.” “Thank you Jesus.”

#### **Psalms 5:2-4**

2) Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.

3) In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

4) You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with You the wicked cannot dwell.

#### **Psalms 40:1-5**

1) I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry.

2) He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the muck and mire; He set my feet on a rock and He gave me a firm place to stand.

3) He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

4) Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

5) Many, O Lord, my God, are the wonders you have done. The things You planned for us, no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell them, they would be too many to declare.

I am very ashamed of what I’ve done, and I don’t know if the Lord could ever forgive me. I know it tells me in the Bible that He will. I have confessed, and I have repented. Now, I am trying very hard to live for Christ, and to pick up my cross and follow Him.

Thank you once again for the nice introduction letter you sent. I’ll see you in June. **RB**

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## Lighter But Serious Side

Many people are living on the dangerous edge by living a life that Christ is not in control of. We feel that if we control our lives, we also control our destiny. In reality, the owner of something controls the destiny of it. To think that we are in control of our destiny is a sign of a pure fool; it is only God that controls our destiny. The Bible says "the fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." **Psa 14:1**, and **Psa. 53.1**



As we go thru life, we must remember the scripture that states "Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life . . ." **"Matt. 7:14.**



That narrow path requires all the control we have and all the guidance God can give us, to stay on the path.



If we take our eyes off the goal, or off of God, the view of what goes on around us, should scare us.



But keeping our eyes upon Jesus and upon the path He has chosen for us, we can rejoice and have joy as we travel along the path. God has said "I will never leave you, nor forsake you" **I Kings 8:57** and **Heb. 13:5**

## World Record Heavy Lifter

*Cast your burden on the Lord, and He shall sustain you.*  
Psalm 55:22a

**Juraj Barbaric's** idea of taking the train differs from the average commuter. He earned his title of "strongman" by pulling twenty freight cars filled with scrap metal more than fourteen feet. Needless to say, this muscular man collapsed in a heap after hauling the 984.2 tons - the heaviest train ever pulled!

Burdens come in all different sizes: wondering how to pay bills when there's no money left, caring for a loved one who is sick or disabled, putting in long hours on the job to meet the boss's demands. With so many things weighing on our minds, some days we may feel like we're trying to pull a train that isn't about to move. Giving in to discouragement is easier than earning a title. But we have One who knows all about our struggles, and He is stronger than anyone! Jesus has offered to bear our heavy load. When He stretches out His strong hand to take our burdens, we don't need to worry that His arm will tire or His strength will fail. Our omnipotent God can carry our problems. He will sustain us so we won't collapse. Go to Him in prayer today and give your anxieties and cares over to Him. He won't let you down!

*Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our Refuge;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

**Joseph M. Scriven**

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### He who began will not quit

And I am sure that God, who began a good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again. *Philippians 1:6 NLT*

Let this encourage God's holy people to endure persecution patiently and remain firm to the end, obeying his commands and trusting in Jesus. *Revelation 14:12 NLT*

#### **About this week's promise:**

God's promise to continue working in our lives requires perseverance on our part. Whether you are an athlete undergoing grueling physical conditioning, an employee struggling under a mountain of work, or a Christian suffering persecution, the key to perseverance is a clear vision of the goal.

While the goal of an athlete is to win the race and goal of the employee is a job well done, the goal of the believer is nothing less than eternity in the presence of the Lord. The writer of Revelation encourages Christians to keep their eyes on Jesus, who will reward the faithful, and to obey his Word to the end. When you feel like giving up, remember the glory that awaits you as a child of God.

## What Do You Think?

1. Do You have a Spiritual Belief?
2. Is there a Heaven or Hell?
3. Where will You go when You Die?
4. Will God let You into His Heaven? Why?
- 5.

Would You like to know if what You believe is true or not?

God's Word (the BIBLE) says:

(Read these verses out loud, then ask "What do they mean to me?")

1 , For God (The Father) so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son (Jesus), that whoever believes in Him (Jesus) shall not perish but have ETERNAL LIFE," **John 3:16**

2, "For ALL have SINNED and fall short of the Glory of God," **Romans 3:23**

3, "", the wages (consequences) of Sin is Death, but the Gift of God is ETERNAL LIFE in Christ Jesus," **Romans 6:23**

4, "If we CONFESS our sins, He (God) is faithful and just to Forgive us our sins and CLEANSE us from ALL unrighteousness." **1 John 1:9**

5. (Jesus said) "I am the WAY, and the TRUTH, and the LIFE; no C) one comes to the Father EXCEPT THROUGH ME," **John 14:6**

6. (Jesus said) "J stand at the door and knock, If ANYONE hears my voice and opens the door, I WILL COME IN TO HIM." **Revelation 3:20**

7, ""."if you CONFESS with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and BELIEVE in your heart that God has raised Him (Jesus) from the dead, YOU WILL BE SAVED," **Romans 10:9**

Now, according to God's Word:

Are you a sinner? **Romans 3:23**

Would you like God's forgiveness of your sins? **1 John 1:9**

Will you accept that God raised Christ from the dead? **Romans 10:9**

Would you like to invite Jesus into your heart and life right now?

**Revelation 3:20**

To receive God's Gift of Forgiveness, Eternal Life, Peace, Love, and Jesus Christ as my PERSONAL LORD and SAVIOR, the Bible promises:  
If I will turn from my way, follow and trust Jesus, and invite Him into my

heart, Jesus will Forgive me of my sins and make me a new person,

(Below is a suggested prayer to receive God's promises-read aloud)

"Father God in Heaven, thank you for your Son Jesus. I'm a sinner, I cannot save myself, I need a Savior. Jesus, I believe you died for my sins. I believe you rose from the grave. Please forgive me of my sins. I turn to you Jesus. Come into my heart, fill me with your Holy Spirit, and make me the person, you want me to be.

Thank You, Lord Jesus, Amen

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spiritual Birthday. \_\_\_\_\_

Trusting Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior: I now believe:  
I have Eternal Life and I am Saved from going to hell. **John 5:24** and **1 John 5:11-13**

My sins have been forgiven. **1 John 1:9**  
God has begun, and will complete, a wonderful work in my life.  
**Philippians 1:6**

I am now a member of the 'Family of God'. **John 1:12**  
Now, to build a strong Personal Relationship with Christ. I will:  
Talk to God every day, in the Name of Jesus (Prayer). **Philippians 4:6**  
Read the Bible daily and trust God to speak to me through His Word.  
**Romans 10:17**

Fellowship with other Believers where Jesus Christ is Lord (Church).  
**Hebrews 10:25**  
Tell others about Jesus and what He is doing in my life (Witness). **John 15:8, Acts 1:8**

Congratulations! When you invited Jesus Christ into your heart, you made the most important decision of your life. Let's review your decision:

1. **Repent** -You did that when you agreed with God that you were a sinner and prayed to turn from your way and follow Jesus as your Lord and Savior.
2. Be **Born Again Spiritually** -You did that when you invited Christ into your heart and asked Him to fill you with His Holy Spirit.
3. **Have Faith** -You are doing that when you trust God and His promises. It is my prayer that from this day forth, God Almighty will pour out His love, peace, wisdom, and blessings upon you. You are now a Champion for Life.

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**If you have made a first time decision to accept Christ as your Lord and Savior, or you realize that you had only made a decision before, but now wish to commit your life to Christ, please write;**

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## Poetry Section

Some poems of tribute to Brother Steve

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### My Brother (My Friend)

My brother, my friend.  
I thought we would be  
Together until the end.

But there was an unexpected turn

My life took again;  
And there I was alone

And facing my fears  
Around the bend.

My brother, my friend,

Unto my Father's business

I must tend,

And now these words  
In a poem I will send;

Here is my story  
Scribed with my pen;  
True freedom in life  
You cannot only lend.

A righteous man like you

I will always defend;

My brother is my best friend;

So please know this now,

There's nothing

but forgiveness to abound  
Honor and grace are all around.

My heart of stone

Had to become flesh

Here's the consequence of sin,  
The true battle and test;

Now I've become alive  
After my former self has died;  
I bet you never thought  
I would make a new beginning

Therefore these words of affection  
I am sending.

The time that's gone by  
Has been a blessing in disguise.  
Christ centered and Holy Spirit fortified.

My compass is secure,  
And is fully aligned,  
I'm carrying my own cross now,

And I think you will agree,  
It's about time;

So take confidence in me,  
And never worry again,

Here's the new start  
Born out of sins;  
Look within to the inner man

And you will find,  
True beauty from the heart  
Revealed on the inside;

And know how much I miss you,

My brother, and my friend  
AMEN & AMEN **IM**

## For a Friend From a Friend

God looked around his garden  
And found an empty place.  
Then he looked upon the Earth  
And saw your beautiful face

He put His arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
For He only takes the best.

He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb  
So he closed your eyes  
and whispered "Peace be thine"

It broke our hearts to loose you  
But you did not go alone  
For a part of us went with you  
The day God took you home.

JC

## Convicts Prayer

To the man who lives upstairs  
And knows the real me  
I'm locked inside this prison cell  
And ask that you set me "free"

You've known me from the very first  
Breath I ever took  
And know how that I've started  
To read your very own personal book.

This life I've lived has just been  
On the wrong road for so long  
But as I have read in your Word  
"Where I am weak, you are strong"

So I trust, believe and have faith  
That you will hear this prayer  
And come into my life  
Not just here in prison, but everywhere.

You will shine through my life  
So that everyone will see  
That the Lord Jesus Christ  
Has answered my prayer and set me  
free!

JC

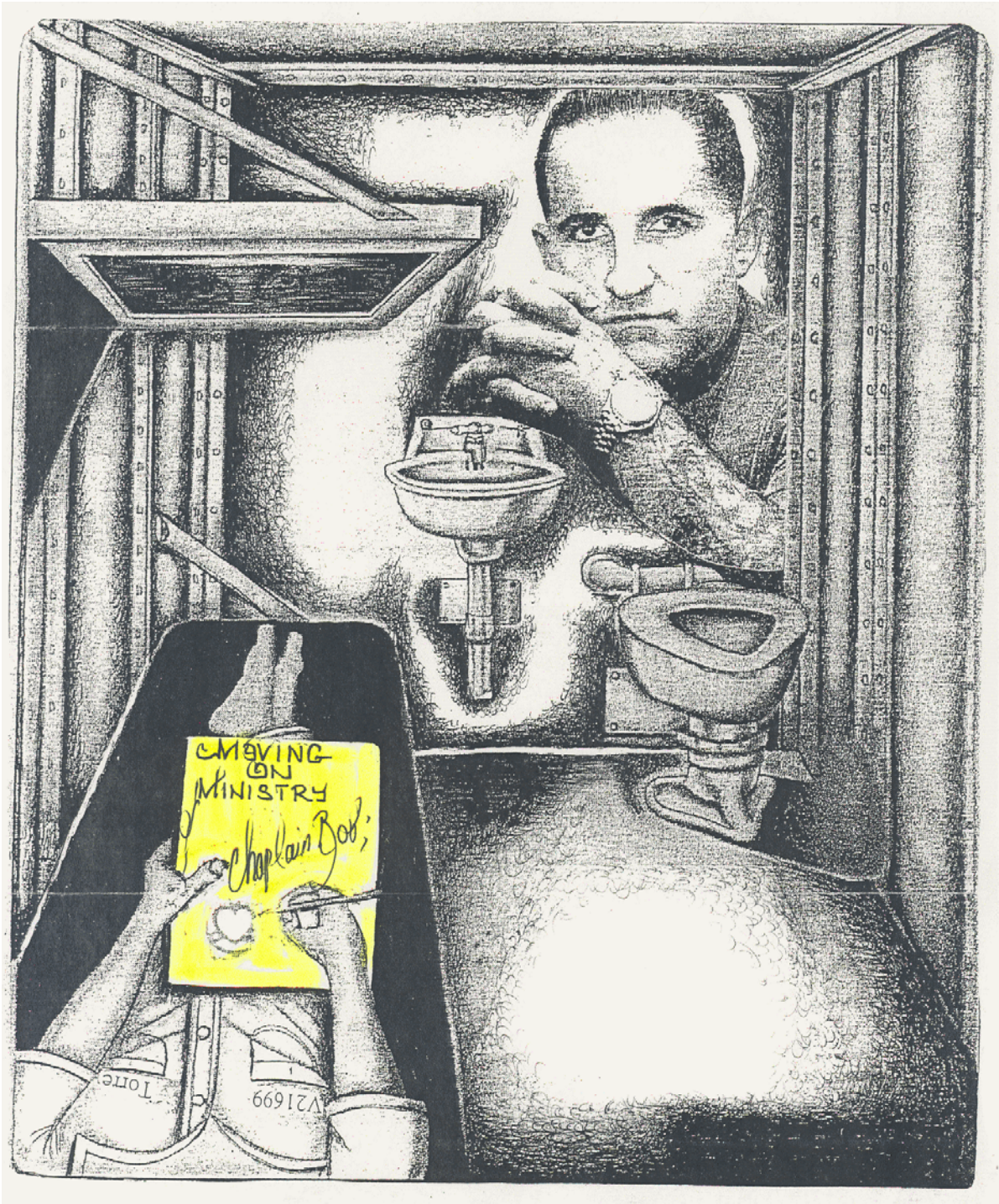
## Happy Thanksgiving

Happy Thanksgiving to all;  
Somehow I knew  
You would answer the call.  
Yes, Christ Jesus sends  
To all us in need,  
Not that we boast or brag;  
It's a secure foundation,  
Being in His hand.  
As you repent and call on Jesus,  
Heaven rejoices, your burdens release.  
Yes, trumpets blare, voices praise;

Jesus has purchased you, price was paid.  
Now the steps you take  
You are never alone;  
The steps you take,  
Won't be your own.  
This is a Thanksgiving for us all.  
It's thanks for His giving,  
You answered the call.

KL

**“Inmate Art”** Drawing by Joey Torrey



Send us your drawings to be displayed to the world and to remind those on the “outside” the talent that lies “behind the walls.”



The following is an update (and initiation) for articles of submission as “**Message in a Bottle**” such as those of

“**My Dream Seeker**,” (started with **volume 17, July/Aug. 2006**) from **NW (The Mermaid)**. Those of you that have followed these articles, have also read articles from “**The Fisherman**” and the story of “**Spirit**” from **Shyla**, and know of the love and expression displayed by each writer, and felt by the readers of the articles. We will soon have another writer, “**The Servant**” who has requested to do an article. We want each of you to know you are welcome to submit your writings to us.

## To My Dream Seeker (Update)

“**The Mermaid**” is now in a re-entry program and preparing to come back into society. She is coming back into society as a new and changed person. She has been working on turning all parts of her life over to Christ and to serve Him upon her finishing the 1 year program. The “**Fisherman**” will finish his term in about 8 to 9 months and after that, the two of them will be joined in marriage, and together will serve God.

We have had many great testimonies and letters shared. We have also been blessed with the poems and artwork submitted. Please feel free to share with us your talents.

