# "Letter From M.O.M."

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# "I Can Only Imagine"

As you receive this volume of Letter From M.O.M., we have many new writers of articles, we are putting some more of the testimonies of "How God Changes Lives" as well as some of our own written articles. We can truly say that the "high" that many of our inmates have been trying to get through the wrong methods, is being surpassed by those putting God in control of their lives.

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You can't cut out the Middle Man

# **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.

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Ask for a copy of our complete "Resource Supplemental Letter"

For 2009, Bob is doing Bible study at BWDF on Mondays.

The Sunday after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month is Bob, Rocky and Linda's assigned day for 3 to 4 chapel Services at Corcoran State Prison ("Old" Corcoran).

Bob was declined for CMC clearance & Rocky is doing Wasco every Saturday, and Bob joining on some.

Bob and Rocky have also been doing the Miramonte Conservation Camp #5 chapel services every other Friday.

Bob and Linda did the Bill Glass Ministry in Fresno, CA (4/30-5/2), with Bob going to SATF and 'Old' Corcoran, and Linda going to Chowchilla.

# M.O.M. Needs

- Pen-pals to write inmates
- o Finances
- o Testimonies
- Development of Squaw Valley Property (Camp Clarius)
- o Development of Nevada property
- Development of Arizona property
- o Graphics artist for books
- Drawings to publish and share

# **Prayer/Praise Request**

The Mom of M.O.M. (Jeanne) is doing great. She had neck surgery on 2/23/2009. The surgery was to put a metal plate for vertebras 3, 4, & 5 in the neck. The doctor only had to do 4 & 5. Immediately after the surgery she was speaking praise to the hospital staff. The doctors are amazed with how fast she healed. She also wants to thank those that sent birthday cards (July 13). God is the Great Healer!

The Source

One of my favorite Bible teachers, Chuck Missler (66/40 broadcast), had recently shared a message that you can determine the source of situations by the outcome of how we express ourselves. Does the event bring us closer to God, or does it drive us away from God? How does the death of a loved one affect us? Draw us closer? Or drive us away? Knowing they are with God, we should be rejoicing. Are they in the presence of our Lord? Are we in the presence? We do not want to present ourselves as so straight and firm as to push away the lost, but we should never compromise God's ministry either.

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#### To All those concerned;

I want to share a couple of stories with you.

## (1) **Belongs to Giver or Receiver?**

Imagine that I go to a house in an unfamiliar neighborhood. I go up to a door and knock on it. A man answers and I hand him a \$50 dollar bill. He replies "What is this for?" I reply, "I just want to give it to you." He cautiously takes the \$50 and goes inside his house as I walk away.

The next day I return to knock on his door, and again hand him a \$50 bill. He asks again, "Why are you doing this?" I reply, "I just felt I needed to do this." I continue this for a week, then two weeks, and 3 weeks, and finally a month.

The next day I go to a house across the street, knock on the door and offer the individual that answers the door, a \$50 bill. Immediately the first man, who's house I had gone to for a month, after seeing me give the other individual \$50, rushes out and yells, "What are you doing with my \$50?" My question becomes, "When did that \$50 become his?"

### (2) Unseen Items

You go into a restaurant and are rudely met by a waitress that tells you to sit anywhere and she will try to get to you. You wait for about 10 minutes and the waitress finally gets to you and throws a couple of menus at you. You ask if you can get a cup of coffee while you are looking at the menu. She says she will get with it when she can. You notice the restaurant does not appear that busy, and reply OK. Another 5 minutes passes and she brings the coffee, without sugar, cream or even a spoon. You ask for those items and she replies that she will bring them next time around. After about 20 minutes in the restaurant, she comes to take your order. When she brings the order out, it is all wrong. You mention that "*This is not what I* ordered," and her response is "*Can't you just go ahead and eat it?*" You finish the meal and go up to pay for it. You mention to the cashier that the waitress is the worst you have ever met. The cashier explains, "*Let me tell you about the waitress.*" "*She just lost a child in a car accident, her husband lost his job and she is trying to work double shifts every day, and has been diagnosed with cancer.*"

#### (3) Significance

When I used to do medical equipment repair, it required a lot of hours (24/7), and required being able to delegate authority to other employees to help me with the repairs. When I used these individuals to assist me, I expected their utmost attention to details and to represent me in every way. There should be no comparison of them to me, because that would not be fair – I am not a 'standard.' If there was any problem between the facility and my employee/volunteer, I would expect to be notified and not have the employee under attack. If that employee (or volunteer) makes a decision, they are making My decision.

Now for some thoughts on each of the above examples;

# (1A) Belongs to giver or Receiver?

We tend to do for others because that is what we do. We often respond that our reason for doing is "*I just felt I needed to do this.*" And that should be sufficient. The reason behind *anything* we do should be to glorify God. If a person volunteers to be a pen-pal, than that is what they do, because that is what they felt like (and led of God) doing. If

we expect them to do more than they have volunteered (or feel they were called of God) to do, we are in essence saying "*What are you doing with my* \$50?"

When M.O.M. offers to do some service or outreach for individuals, it is M.O.M.'s "*I feel I needed to do this*." It also has to be spirit lead and what God would have us do. We may later feel like changing and doing something else, or doing for someone else. The previous individual(s) are upset. They overlook what we "**have**" done and focus on what they want, or are used to asking/getting.

When one of the M.O.M. volunteers wants to be as pen-pal, that is all he/she volunteers to do. There is no commitment to find missing relatives: no commitment to provide stamps or envelopes; and no commitment to sign up for visiting the individual. There is just the commitment to the service the individual committed to do, and who he has provided for, or may provide for in the future. We may offer to printout a sports schedule, some pictures, or a newsletter for an individual and then have them complain that they need stamps, someone to visit, food, or supplies.

#### (2A) Unseen Items

Let's look at the person that says, "I have a really bad cold." To that individual the importance is the cold he is fighting and other things are not as important. We can come in and tell him about the cancer we may be fighting, or some past experience that is greater in our life than the context that is in his life, and express how insignificant his problems are.

We have a pen-pal volunteer that will talk about spending 7 days in a detention facility. To him that is a great (negative) thing in his life; one he

NEVER wants to repeat. When he shares this event, he may get responses of "6 days, that's nothing, try 6 years," or "I can do that time standing on my *head.*" What is happening is to tell that individual that his life (with learning experiences) is not significant, because it does not match up to another's trials or rewards. Our comparison should not be to other people's lives but as compared to Jesus' life. It is much as jumping the Grand Canyon on a motorcycle, it does not matter if you are 1000 feet short, or you just miss it by 6," the importance is in 'your jump.' This same individual has health issues that he and his wife must face with possible surgeries. Being on VERY limited income, he gives of what he has, to provide for those that may have less (or sometimes more). He does not complain, and probably never lets the other individual know the load he is carrying.

### (3A) Significance

I have a hard time getting or keeping volunteers because when they are doing 'what they do' as an extension of this ministry, they are 'attacked' with accusations of not doing enough for the individual they are doing something for. If that individual feels that they are under attack from someone they are trying to provide some service for, they will say, "Why should I donate my time for this, when I am not appreciated, do it for free (or even pay out of my pocket) and just get more stress and insults?" And I have to agree that many times I feel that the investment is not worth the games many people play. In one breath we ask the volunteer to provide something, and in another breath we attack them because they have not done it, not fast enough, or something else is wanted of them.

When looking at 'significance,' is the significance in the receiving, or in the giving. The problem is when the receiver is asking for something, then there must be a giver to provide. The scripture says "As you give, so shall you receive; full measure, pressed down . . ." and we have to realize that is a promise of God. There is also the scripture of "You have not because you ask not, and when you ask, you ask amiss." And we get confused as to whom that is referring to ask from. The receiver is supposed to ask from "THE GIVER," which is our provider, Jesus Christ. Too many people are pleading to men, instead of God. It is one thing to make your needs known, and another to expect man to fill them.

#### **Summary**

I want to close this letter with the summary that the ministry is here because God called individuals to work this ministry, even when some of us refused in past to follow. The giver is offering something to others that often is out of sacrifice in his/her own life. We hear inmates that will express how grateful they are for our giving, and yet not even realize that there is sacrifice that must be done. Our own children do without some things, as well as our spouses, because of giving to others. We often do not know the price paid, but assume that what was given was out of plenty. Often it was much as the widow's last bit of flour to make a last cake, but she offered it to the disciple instead.

#### What is "Jail Ministry?"

It is "*out-reach* that goes beyond *in-come*"

It is God making House-calls to inmates

# It is Dedication and not just Convenience

It is saying "yes" to something, you previously told God "no"

It is gleaning from fields already picked.

Realizing that but for the Love of God, there am I

Providing God's Grace and Mercy when needed (always)

Putting God as a **priority**, instead of a **choice**.

Treating inmates with the same dignity and priority we would treat family.

Taking God to those that feel they are not worthy to come to Him

Knowing our God is able to deliver us from harm, but if He chooses not to, we still choose to go.

Showing up to where God has chosen you to do His work

Being part of a 'team'

Being a light shining in the darkness

Just being there for 'whatever'

Being a Fortress of Truth, in a World of Lies

Reading an individual's mail to him, who can just barely read or write

Going in to share God's Word, when it is not normally convenient for you.

Often just pointing the way, without saying anything

It is realizing that God does just as we do, keeps His valuables behind lock and key, with armed guards.

### Letters that Express it All

We like to post <u>real life</u> situations, because God works in real lives and He is the one that gives "<u>Eternal Life</u>." Every week we get many letters that state "I love hearing the testimonies." There are so many, we cannot publish them all, and the sad part is – people not involved in jail / prison ministry do not get to read the many letters we receive daily (average 2 to 11 each day) and try to keep up with and answer.

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"Fond Memories" Dear Moving On Ministry; I wrote to bless you folks in Jesus name.

Thank you folks for your fellowship, and your birthday card (July 2009). Praise God. What a blessing that was to get. Thank you. I have spent 23 years of birthdays in here, and lots of times no one even gave a hoot, but God's people do. I'll be 54 this time.

i was thinking about when i was on the streets, the things i would do for summer, like make fresh squeezed lemonade with <u>real</u> sugar and a bunch of ice, and sun tea with a slice of lemon or lime. And once in a while, make homemade ice cream with real strawberries or raspberries.

Love ya all, J.D.



**NOTE from Bob**: Isn't it amazing what things become important to us. I mention often that we need to build fond memories for a good future. Isn't it amazing how what we thought were the '<u>minor</u>' things, may become the '<u>major</u>' things.

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Dear Bob and Linda;

Hello! Thank you for your newsletter! I always appreciate its encouraging words and even the art.

Regarding your question - Yes, my release date is truly **May 17, 2098**. But God is my jailor! And if I never do see the streets again, I know there's a <u>'Happily ever after,'</u> yes?

Keep up the good work.

Under His wing, T.E.

**NOTE from Bob**: This individual blesses my soul! He longs to see the streets again, but his greatest desire is to see the 'Street of Gold.'

# **Prison Comparison**

Talking to individuals, we find that the way a prison is run varies from facility to facility. We had talked about the individuals that were transferred from California to Arizona and some of the comparisons. The following is one transferred (Oct. 2008) individual's comparison of the Arizona prison he is now at, as compared to the California prison he came from.

Comparison	CCA:FCC - Arizona	CSATF – Calif.
# of inmates per yard ?	40 man pod	+200 man pod
# of houses per yard ?	10 on each tier (2 tiers)	Ave. 48 each tier (2 tiers)
Beds in day room ?	No	(1) Yes
Eat in chow hall ?	No – eat in pod	Yes
Cable TV ?	yes	No
Playstation 2 / Xbox 360 ?	yes	No
All day yard ?	No (1 hr. 45 min.)	Yes
Evening yard ?	Yes (1 hr. summer only)	Yes
Commissary available ?	Yes – weekly (\$80 draw)	Yes – monthly
Packages / special purchase	Yes – 2 vendors only	Yes (+4)
Vendors available ?	Walkenhorst	Walkenhorst
	Yellow ribbon	Yellow Ribbon
		Access Securepack
		Union Supply Direct
Staff good to inmates	(2) Yes – interact often	Not often
Religious services	Yes often – 4 times/week	Yes – 1 time possibly
Visitation	1 day a week	Yes
Mail arrives quickly	Yes	Yes
Packages arrive quickly	Yes – 1 week	(3) Not often
Yard on lockdown / alarms	Extremely rare	Often
Paid jobs / school assign ?	Everyone is paid \$ #	Very few paid \$ #

As you can see, my experience shows that coming to an out of state facility, while having some disadvantages, for me has been a good experience. **RB** 

(1) Should also note that due to the overcrowding of California prisons, beds have also been setup in the gyms.

(2) Have had many write and mention that the officers actually talk to the inmates politely and treat them "like human beings."

(3) Recently had an incident that an inmate had accidentally received a  $2^{nd}$  package in the quarter. The officers seized the package and instead of sending it back to the vendor, they dispersed it how they felt fit to do. No notification to the person (me) sending the order.

# More Facts; Separating the Sheep From the Goats By Chaplain Bob

Thou hast given a banner to them that <u>fear</u> thee, that it may be <u>displayed</u> because of the <u>truth</u>. Selah. **Psalms** 60:4

How much is this 'banner of truth' displayed in the lives of those professing to be followers of Christ? Is there a difference between being a 'Christian' and a 'Follower of Christ?' Does present day man REALLY 'fear' God?

**Do not be partakers. Ephesians 5:7** Be not ye therefore <u>partakers</u> with them.

**Hebrews 12:8** But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are <u>partakers</u>, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

**Revelation 18:4** And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not <u>partakers</u> of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

If you want to see the wrath and curse of God come upon a people, introduce them to compromise; let them partake and fellowship with the 'lost.' To loose to wrath, all we have to do is don't make a stand against sin.

# Be in the world, but not of it.

Matthew 12:32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the [world] to come. Only Jesus could fulfill this statement, and that is what he does in the following verse.

Luke 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

Mark 3:29 But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:

# Have no fellowship with ...

**Ephesians 5:11** And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove [them].

**Prov. 20:26** Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Training a child, is not just telling him what he is to do, is not just teaching him right from wrong. Training requires participation on the part of the child.

What is the Doctrine of Balaam? False gods, Fornication, Preachers that do or say "What they are paid to do, or say that which is pleasing." Even Balaam's donkey was wiser than he was.

I had downloaded the following articles of faith from a Baptist church in Gurley, Alabama (that did not respond to emails sent); I would like to expand on their statements. What I would like, is to encourage studying the Bible instead of reading it. It is not the intensions to question the Bible as being the Word of God, but to encourage research for the truth.

## **The Bible**

The Bible is **inerrant** and **perfectly preserved** in the Hebrew Masoretic Text and the traditional Greek text, commonly known as the *Textus Receptus*. (II Timothy 3:16; Psalm 12:6-7). The King James Version is the Received Text in English. Virtually all modern Bible translations are based on a corrupted text and are therefore unreliable. Since God is All Powerful, He is also able to say what He means. Therefore, the Bible is always literal, unless the immediate context indicates otherwise.

**Inerrant** – without error, perfect

### Perfectly preserved - still 'perfect'

As we read, we need to check the reliability.

# In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Gen 1:1

All the <u>new</u> Bibles change **heaven** to **heavens** allowing verse one to refer to an indefinite period of time, which would allow for the evolutionary ages. The beginning was a point in time, in fact the very point at which time began.

And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were **THE FIRST DAY**. Genesis 1:5

**THE FIRST DAY** is changed to read **one day** in modern translations, which again could refer to just any day.

Genesis 1:25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that [it was] good.

This verse is altered in many versions to say that God created wild animals. Now if you don't immediately see the problem here it just shows how evolutionary philosophy affects you without your realizing it. **Beasts** is not the same as wild animals. The elephant and the camel can be referred to as a 'beast of **burden**' and that is not the same as a wild, killing animal. The Bible makes it clear that all the animals ate plants and were under man's dominion. Theistic evolutionists teach that death. bloodshed and extinction were natural parts of God's creation so you can see their fingerprints on this verse.

Evolutionists don't believe that man has ever seen a dinosaur, so they remove the word **dragon** from all the new bibles and replace it with the ridiculous mistranslation **Jackal**. The new bibles take the same Hebrew word and translate it **jackal** in one place and **sea monster** in another.

# **Salvation / Eternal Life**

Eternal life is the gift of God to those who come to Him in **repentance** and **faith**. (Mark 1:15, Acts 11:18, 17:30, 20:21, 26:20 II Timothy 2:25) By **repentance**, we mean acknowledging our guilt before God of breaking His Law and turning from sin to <u>submit</u> to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. By **faith**, we mean a total reliance on the **finished work** of Jesus Christ on the cross to take away the sins of all those who believe. (John 8:24, Acts 16:31, Romans 1:16, 4:5, II Corinthians 5:21)

<>Salvation is by grace through faith not of works. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

**Repentance** – Turning from sin

Faith - Total reliance

**Finished work** – Being 'finished,' leaves no openings for 'works to get into heaven' or for 'purgatory' to finish what Christ did not fulfill paying for.

Are we really saved? We hear individuals say "*I asked Jesus to save me*" or "*I asked Jesus to come into my heart*." I then wonder, what do they recognize as the price paid for salvation. Do they fully understand that Christ sacrificed His life for our salvation? Do they understand the scripture of "*As you give, so shall you receive.*" (Luke 6:38) Have they first <u>given</u> their lives TOTALLY to Christ, before they are expecting to <u>receive</u> the gift of salvation? Is there true repentance?

# I meet lots of people that say "I gave my life to God at a very young age, but then backslid later in life."

Let's look at this sample life pattern with an analogy of what is happening. An individual around the age of 8 years of age hears a great sermon and decides to ask for salvation. They do the sinner's prayer and profess to have accepted Christ as savior. Later around the age of 15, this individual starts to do alcohol and gets involved in fornication. Now comes into effect the verses of I Corinthians. I Corinthians 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, I Corinthians 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

So, if these types of sins keep people out of Heaven as stated "**shall not inherit the kingdom of God**," there are now some questions. Did this person backslide? Did this person loose his salvation? Was this person never really saved?

Perhaps we need to go back and fully understand what salvation is.

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Hebrews 6:2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

**Hebrews 6:3** And this will we do, if God permit.

Hebrews 6:4 For [it is] impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, Hebrews 6:5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

Hebrews 6:6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put [him] to an open shame.

**Hebrews 6:7** For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:

**Hebrews 6:8** But that which beareth thorns and briers [is] rejected, and [is] nigh unto cursing; whose end [is] to be burned.

**Hebrews 6:9** But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

**Hebrews 6:10** For God [is] not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Hebrews 6:11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

**Hebrews 6:12** That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

We will not have the situation of turning away and 'backsliding' (a term not found or implied in the Bible) if there is true repentance. Repentance is:

- (1) Stop doing what you are doing
- (2) Turn around
- (3) Follow Christ

And if there is true repentance, there will not be the problem of turning away. There can not be just 2 of the parts of repentance, but must be all 3 of them. Let's look at each one and the combinations.

## (1) & (2)

If we stop doing what we were doing and turn around (away from previous activities), but do not follow Christ, we will find new things we should not be doing.

## (2) & (3)

If we do not stop doing the things of sin, and turn around and follow Christ, we are trying to bring the things with us, and there is no repentance.

# (1) & (3)

If we stop doing the things of sin, and try to follow Christ, without turning away from the sin, and turning to the way of Christ, we are still on the wrong path looking for something that will not be found on that path.

Remember that the whole relationship is built on 'faith.' Works is the outward expression of the inward faith.

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# "Running the Numbers"

I recently added 12 new inmates that we have written to in Kentucky prisons. Since the Bill Glass Ministry at SATF and "old" Corcoran (in California), I also have new individuals writing. I have been cutting down the mailing list for the "Letter From M.O.M." and yet it is still growing back towards 250 mailings each month. On top of sending about 100 letters each month, keeps Bryon, Linda and me busy. Bryon, Linda and I are trying to locate individuals to volunteer in the ministry, but want to make sure they are doing it for the Lord and with the dedication of being there. We plan on the new church opening possibly between August and December 2009 and will be promoting jail/prison ministry thru it.

If we had just 30 men and 15 women each night (**150** men & **75** women each week) to show up as volunteers, every unit (5 men's & 3 women's) at BWDF in Visalia, would have 5 individuals in it every day. For **Visalia** with a population approaching 125,000, **Dinuba** with a population of about 24,000, and **City of Tulare** approaching a population of 60,000, and all of **Tulare County** at about **426**, **000**. Let's say that **only 3%** of the population (*imagine if that is all there is; think about what they do to show it*) is true dedicated Christians (**12,700**), we are only asking for **1.7%** of that population (**225**) to volunteer for ministry (1.7% of 3%, or just .51%, yes just ½%). Even Gideon, after he had God weed the "un-needed" ones, went from 32,000 to 300 for a dedicated group of less than .94%. Yes God, we are asking for the Gideon 300 (or actually 225) to accomplish the impossible to your Glory, instead of the 32,000 to loose the battle to your disgrace.

Isn't it surprising how small of a thing we are asking for? And yet, where are the laborers?

We were told that SATF Corcoran has **170 volunteers** that go to it. Wouldn't it be nice to reach these individuals at BWDF/MCF/Pre-Trial and get God in <u>ownership</u> of their lives and eliminate them following the path of so many to the State prisons? Imagine the lack of laborers for the Lord in other facilities, across the nation, and around the world.

# **Poetry Section**

#### <u>Heaven</u>

No poverty there, Riches beyond compare. No pain or distress, Only eternal bliss. No crying there, God dried up each tear. No sorrow can be found. Rejoicing all around. Thank you Lord for Eternity, Peace, Joy and serenity. Faith, hope and Love, Eternally lived above. The completed message: A Heavenly marriage! ---Selah----To God be the glory!!! Alex

August 23, 2009

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Jesus, let me not neglect Your great salvation, Fill my heart with pure and holy conversation. Lord, live in my heart, walk by my side, My communication in You alone abide. Help me live my life for You, no other, Jesus, my best friend ...my Brother. Alex

July 31, 2009

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## Face to Face

Great and marvelous, God, is Your "Amazing Grace", Divine guidance and grace helps us "finish the race". Upon Your return and we "vanish without a trace", Fully we will know and see You "face to face". We can only imagine

> Alex August 24, 2009

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## God, Thank You

God, in darkness I ignored Your pleading God, when You spoke I kept on sinning God, great folly sent my soul crashing God, lifted my soul...new beginning God, thank You for your quidance God, thank You for Your ever presence God, thank You for Your holy providence God, thank You for Your undeniable evidence

God, Thank you....

Alex July 28, 2009

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# **The Lighter Side**

#### Hiring managers shared these 43 memorable interview responses:

#### Why did you leave your last job?

1. "*I have a problem with authority*." - Carrie Rocha, COO of HousingLink

#### Tell us about a problem you had with a coworker and how you resolved it

2. "*The resolution was we were both fired*."-Jason Shindler, CEO, Curvine Web Solutions

# What kind of computer software have you used?

3. "Computers? Are those the black boxes that sit on the floor next to the desks? My boss has one of those. He uses it. I don't have one. He just gives me my schedule and I follow it." - Greg Szymanski, director of human resources, Geonerco Management, Inc

#### What are your hobbies and interests?

4. [He said] 'Well, as you can see, I'm a young, virile man and I'm single -- if you ladies know what I'm saying.' Then he looked at one of the fair-haired board members and said, 'I particularly like blondes.'" - Petri R.J. Darby, president, darbyDarnit Public Relations

#### Why should we hire you?

5. "*I would be a great asset to the events team because I party all the time.*" - Bill McGowan, founder, Clarity Media Group

#### Do you have any questions?

6. "*Cross dressing isn't a problem is it?*" - Barry Maher, Barry Maher & Associates

7. "If you were a fruit, what fruit would you be?" -Megan Garnett, Articulate Leadership Team, Articulate Communications Inc.

8. "What do you want me to do if I cannot walk to work if it's raining? Can you pick me up?" -Christine Pechstein, career coach

9. "I was a Chamber of Commerce Executive once hiring a secretary. [The candidate asked] 'What does a Chamber of Commerce do?'" -Mary Kurek, Mary Kurek, Inc. Visibility Consulting

10. "Can we wrap this up fairly quickly? I have someplace I have to go." - Bruce Campbell, vice president of marketing, Clare Computer Solutions

11. "What is your company's policy on Monday absences?" - Campbell

12. "If this doesn't work out can I call you to go out sometime?" - Christine Bolzan, founder of Graduate Career Coaching

13. "How big do the bonuses really get once you make associate? I hear it's some serious cash." - Bolzan

14. "[The candidate asked,] 'Can my dad call you to talk about the job and the training program? He is really upset I'm not going to medical school and wants someone to explain the Wall Street path to him.' The dad did call. Then that dad's friends called and I ended up doing a conference call with a group of concerned parents ... long story." - Bolzan

15. "If I get an offer, how long do I have before I have to take the drug test?" - Bolzan

16. "When you do background checks on candidates, do things like public drunkenness arrests come up?" - Bolzan

17. "Can I get a tour of the breast pumping room? I heard you have a great one here and while I don't plan on having children for at least 10 or 12 years, I will definitely breast feed and would want to use that room."- Bolzan

18. "So, how much do they pay you for doing these interviews?" - Jodi R.R. Smith, Mannersmith Etiquette Consulting

#### Why are you leaving your current job?

19. "Because I (expletive) my pants every time I enter the building." - Abbe Mortimore, Human Resources Manager, True Textiles, Inc.

20. "I was fired from my last job because they were forcing me to attend anger management classes." - Smith

#### Why are you looking for a job?

21. "Cigarettes are getting more expensive, so I need another job." - Pechstein

22. "My parents told me I need to get a job so that is why I'm here." - McGowan

#### Why do you want to work for us?

23. "*Just for the benefits.*" - Jennifer Juergens, JJ Communications

24. "My old boss didn't like me, so one day, I just left and never came back. And here I am!" - Matt Cowall, communications manager, Appia Communications

25. "*I saw the job posted on Twitter and thought, why not?*" - Rebecca Gertsmark Oren, Communications Director at The Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity

#### What are your assets? (as in strengths)

26. "*Well, I do own a bike.*" - Pam Venné, principal, The Venné Group

#### What are your weaknesses?

27. "I get angry easily and I went to jail for domestic violence. But I won't get mad at you." -Pechstein

28. "I had a job candidate tell me that she often oversleeps and has trouble getting out of bed in the morning." - Linda Yaffe, certified executive coach

29. "I am an alcoholic and do not deserve this job." - Deb Bailey, owner, Power Women Magazine & Radio Show

30. "I'm really not a big learner. You know ... some people love learning and are always picking up new things, but that's just not me. I'd much rather work at a place where the job is pretty stagnant and doesn't change a lot." -Michaele Charles, Voice Communications

# When have you demonstrated leadership skills?

31. "Well my best example would be in the world of online video gaming. I pretty much run the show; it takes a lot to do that." - Rachel Croce

# Is there anything else I should know about you?

32. "You should probably know I mud wrestle on the weekends." - Venne

#### When can you start?

33. "I need to check with my mom on that one." - Bolzan

# Use three adjectives to describe yourself

34. "I hate questions like this." - Katrina

Meistering, manager of outreach, National Fatherhood Initiative

# Tell of a time you made a mistake and how you dealt with it

35. "I stole some equipment from my old job, and I had to pay for its replacement." - Meistering

# Have you submitted your two weeks' notice to your current employer?

36. "What is two weeks' notice? I've never quit a job before, I've always been fired." - Meistering

#### Random responses

37. "One guy [said] 'it would probably be best' if I didn't run a background check on him. Of course, I did, and learned all about his long, sordid past of law-breaking. Our client actually offered him a job as a staff accountant, but quickly retracted the offer when I had to tell them all about his recent arrest for a meth lab in his basement." -Charles

38. "[A] guy said he did not have a mailing address, as he was living in a gypsy camp at the airport." - Sandra L. Flippo, SPHR

39. "I went into the lobby to pick up a candidate. As he stood up, his trousers fell to the floor! [He said] 'Oh, my gosh -- they told me I needed a suit for the interview. I've got no money -- so I borrowed this thing. It's too big!" - Beth Ross, executive and career coach

40. "Wow -- I'm not used to wearing dress shoes! My feet are killing me. Can I show you these bloody blisters?" - Bolzan

41. "May I have a cup of coffee? I think I may still be a little drunk from last night." - Smith

42. (During a telephone call to schedule the interview) "Can we meet next month? I am currently incarcerated." - Smith

43. "[A candidate] was asked whether he could advocate impartially on behalf of the various universities he would be representing since he had attended one of them. He responded, '*Well, I* don't like to poop where I eat, but I thought my education sucked, so I certainly wouldn't put that school above the others."" - Darby

# **Richard Sanchez**



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