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“I Can Only Imagine”

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

Watch our website

www.MovingOnMinistry.com

We are also affiliated with International Prison Fellowship

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Fellowship

Our mailing list has cleared over 800. The time required for designing the newsletters, printing, folding and stuffing the newsletters, applying postage and printing the envelopes has become great. We get behind on letter replies, and may occasionally miss one. Please write back if we do not answer, and write clearly so we can get the information correct. **We would like to know of the impact we are having and also cherish letters from inmates or relatives to the churches to let us know how we are doing.**

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 (Resource List).

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

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

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Missing M.O.M. ?

We must constantly remind individuals that we need to be notified of changes of address or facilities. If we get returned mail (about 20 each month), we remove that individual from the files. If you have, or you are going to be moved, please drop us a note to keep your file active. We get mail returned for bad ID #'s, no cell #, and no bed #.

Letters that Express it All

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

For those of you that communicate with individuals that have computer access, we have added quite a bit to our web site. The "**Resource List**" (52 pages), the "**Pen Pal Friends**" (**discontinued**), ALL past newsletters ("**Letter From M.O.M.**"), inmate lookup links, and artwork are available to be viewed or downloaded.

www.MovingOnMinistry.com

Ask for a copy of our **52 page (Over 650 listings) "Resource List"**

SASE with Postage is needed but verified indigent envelopes will be mailed as funds available.

Pen Pals Brochure Discontinued

\$.91 for Resources (6 X 9 envelope)

\$.49-\$1.32 for Newsletter postage

Must do Profile for Newsletter

mailing

(Donations Welcome)

Sharing Your Testimony

There are 4 parts to an individual's testimony;

1. What my life was like before I met Jesus.
2. How I realized I needed Jesus.
3. How I committed my life to Jesus.
4. The difference Jesus has made in my life.

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

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

Readily Available Printouts

I would like to add that we have shared many wonderful testimonies. Many individuals are afraid to share their testimony because they are not sure what to write or feel inadequate in their writing ability. God's Word says in **Jeremiah 17:9** that "**the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?**" When the heart is changed by Christ it becomes the center of where God works from in our life.

Where God Guides, He Provides

Month	Bob/Linda
Jan 2014 - - - -	\$ 415.05
Feb 2014 - - - -	\$ 461.55
Mar 2014 - - - -	\$ 778.54
Apr 2014 - - - -	\$ 692.20
May 2014- - - -	\$ 698.24
Jun 2014 - - - -	\$ 382.50
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July 2014 - - - -	\$ 251.75
Aug 2014- - - -	\$ 240.58
Sept 2014 - - - -	\$
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Average - - - -	\$??.

As many of you have seen, we are cutting back due to lack of funds. We no longer send out the 12 page compiled list of Pen Pal sources. The Resources List is up to 52 pages with over 650 listings. It now requires a 6" X 9" envelope with \$.91 postage. Both lists have displayed the effect of lack of support as we watched one ministry after another close their doors.

Many of the inmates that we mail to, try to help with stamps and some monetary donations. Receiving the "self-addressed stamped envelope" (S.A.S.E.) is a saver of our time as well as money. What we would really like to see is churches financially supportive of the prison ministry. Relatives and loved ones of inmates joining in to help support the cost of publications.

Ananias and Safirea There is a fiduciary responsibility of churches and ministries. How many ministries do you know that give total disclosure. How many are run like a business? Do they worry more about "outreach" or about "income"?

If you know of a church, ministry or individual(s) interested in supporting jail/prison ministry. Please refer them to [Moving On Ministry](#). M.O.M. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.

The following Journey Journal is from Chaplain John Sayers. Right in agreement with what Bob and the volunteers of M.O.M. try to express daily. *Bob has added to John's writing and hopefully enhancing the document. Please read with the humor intended.*

THE CHURCH IS THE BRIDE OF CHRIST, an Urgent Call for Renewal

The title of the journey comes from Chuck Swindoll's two books (1) **The Bride of Christ, Renewing our Passion for the Church**, and (2) **The Church Awakening, An Urgent Call for Renewal**. I do want to encourage you to get the second book because much of this journey will be based on that book. By the way Chuck bases all his books on **THE BOOK**.

Some of you may be offended or believe I am truly off base on what I am going to share and it is possible you could be right on both accounts but in this Sundays message I will be starting, that is unless some of you can change my path, on this journey when you get back to me, with...

HOW TO HAVE AN INSTITIONAL CHURCH

15 Guidelines (but there may be more)

1. As soon as you can, pay for a Pastor and staff- Remember this is more important than having a building. I will bring that up later in number 12. Having a paid Pastor and staff will give the message to the people that only the professionals (ordained) are quality for full time service with the Lord. *How many pastors do we see that have a full time job that pays well, but still feel they have to tap the church funds to supplement their salaries? Even at the expense of outreach to others?*

2. Find a charismatic preacher. It would be good if he (sometimes she) would use the Bible as a main text but it is not vital. The bible can be used as a jumping off point, but the preacher does not have to stay with the text. People will come as long as he (sometimes she) is entertaining. A message under 40 minutes would be best. By the way this might be less depending on the church. (a personal note from chaplain John, I may be doing this during this series, but I hope and pray the it will be scripture center)

3. The message should be at the end of the service. Remember all that happens before the message is just a lead into the real service, **THE SERMON**. (note from Chaplain John: At the 1st Christian Church in Porterville they have communion EVERY Sunday, before the sermon. Their reason is the Lord's Supper should be the **HEART** of our worship not the message and by the way the Lord's Supper is lead my lay people. Boy do they have this wrong, the sermon should be the **HEART** of the worship and how can one have the Lord's Supper if the ordained minister is not blessing the elements? (Hope you are reading this with humor.)

4. Develop a lively praise Band - not hard to find but it is best to have young people and their dress should be torn jeans and if possible they do not have to wear shoes. *I have been in so many churches that the dress is casual (not a problem in itself) but then find the members and even the pastor/staff dressed much nicer for their secular job. Do we give our best or just what's left?* The message of the song is not all that important, just make sure it centers in us, not God. "Jesus Loves ME" is still a classic. It is also good to repeat over and over and over again the praise of a song as long as it has a good beat. For those over 50, songs should be from the Hymn book.

5. Place the chairs (not pews) in rows facing front. Remember the center of worship should be on those leading the service. It also gives the strong message that only the "professionals" can lead in worship. After all you would not want a lay person giving the sermon would you?

6. Make it clear your church is not the typical church. I am not sure how one does this, but it seems to be a message I have been hearing in many worship services but they seem to be the same. *Many times dropping outreach programs makes the church not the typical church. But as more churches drop programs (Sunday night services, mid-week services, jail ministry, homeless ministry, etc, they all approach typical at the other end of the spectrum)*

7. Have a children's church, so parents will not have to worship as a family. It is OK to have children with you at the start of the service, but when the real important part of worship takes place, THE SERMON, have the kids leave to have their own baby-sitting (I mean worship) time.

8. Keep the center of the church on Sunday attendance. You can preach about being the church in the community but make sure the real message is about showing up on Sunday. *Make sure the church gets credit and does bows for outreach done by private little groups.*

9. Keep the center of the church on coming to the building, rather than the people going to the community? A good way to do this is to teach the children old sayings like "Here is the church, here is the steeple, open the doors and see all the people". Be careful not to teach "Open the doors and out goes the people."

10. Teach your members to sit in the back and make visitors move to the front.. On second thought forget this, members just learn this on their own.

11. HAVE COFFEE ready before, during and after the service-Donuts would be a big pulse. I might even attend this type of church more often.

12. MOVE INTO YOUR OWN BUILDING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. When starting out you may not have the funds to have a building. But, if you follow the above guidelines you will have the people and the finances to have your own building. Then you truly can become an INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH. You will know you have an Institutional church when the majority of your offering goes to paying for the staff and maintaining the building.

13. *Make sure all the board of directors and staff are friends or relatives. That way there will be no conflict with church plans.*

14. *Make sure to keep the budget and income/expense reports away from the congregation. If spending habits are known, it will only confuse the congregation,*

which might cause questions to arise. Don't worry about a fiduciary responsibility to the congregation.

Last (but I'll bet there are more)

15. Preach grace only. Make sure to keep a lot of decisions being made (salvation, baptism, etc.) even if the individuals are not willing to change, and continue in sins such as fornication, drug addiction, etc. I have been in many churches that have individuals living in sexual sins and they do baptisms of these individuals and even put them in positions of ministry and authority. Remember that salvation and baptism have no pre-requisites.

Remember the goal should be to bring people IN not have them go OUT. *Do not ever preach a message that those living in sin might take offensive, or worse yet, personal.*

If you are in a "feel good" church, perhaps you are in an institutional church that preaches on not being the "typical church," only to see it is exactly like the others.

*Although this was written in a humorous approach, the saddening truth is these examples are what many look for. A comfortable ministry, with staff paid to make you feel good, without any change in our lives on our part. You look at the individuals in these churches and ministries and they continue in the same sinful lives and preach how great Grace and Mercy are, but forget about the emphasis on **REPENTANCE**.*

Bob and Linda have cut back in the number of facilities they physically and actively cover. We are doing less Chapel services and have slowed down in mailing resources and newsletters. We were trying to do the Bill Glass Champions for Life events. Bob is now able to go in as a *First Team Veteran Biker* with his new item that he was blessed by Linda, his wife, in acquiring.



2005 Titan Sidewinder
S & S engine
113 c.i. / 1850 c.c.
112 H.P.
121 Ft. # Torque
Front tire - 110/90-50R-19
Rear Tire – 250-40R-18
Custom paint that changes colors



This bike was supposed to have been ridden in by Chaplain Bob for the Bill Glass Ministry at Wasco. Bob has registered in 18 Bill Glass events, going as far as Grand Rapids Michigan to minister in Ottawa County Jail and Mel Trotter Rescue Home. Bob and Linda have also ministered out of state in Oregon and Arizona on numerous occasions. In California, we have ministered in West Valley Detention Center, Corcoran State Prison, Avenal State Prison, Chino State Prison, California Institute of Women, Glen Helen Rehabilitation Center, Wasco Prison, North Kern State Prison, Kern Valley State Prison, S.A.T.F., Soledad State Prison, Fresno Juvenile Facility, Folsom Prison, Alameda County Jail, Bob Wiley Detention Facility (11 years), Tulare County Pre-Trial, Tulare County Men's Correctional Facility, Pleasant Valley State Prison, and probably many not brought back to memory.

As Bob and staff evaluate the direction of M.O.M., we have let the brown cards (volunteer clearance) for Avenal State Prison and Corcoran State Prison expire in July 2014. We have been doing Corcoran prison with monthly services for about 11 years, and Avenal for approximately 3 years. Our brown card clearance for California Men's Colony (C.M.C.) will be up for renewal in May 2015. We have been offering services to C.M.C. for 3 years.



Many of you remember back when Bob bought Linda her first motorcycle, A Kawasaki Ninja. We hope to see her riding it more, but would also like to put her on a VW powered trike or 3 wheel motorcycle.

Linda being registered as a “Biker Chick” got her on the yard of Folsom Prison (Bill Glass Weekend of Champions all men’s ministry event) for 2 days with Chaplain Bob. We thank Erik from Sacramento for going and getting his wife’s helmet so Linda could be hiked in by him.

The best is last

These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while the exchanges were taking place.

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, 'Where am I, Cathy?'

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth?

WITNESS: July 18th.

ATTORNEY: What year?

WITNESS: Every year.

ATTORNEY: How old is your son, the one living with you?

WITNESS: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

ATTORNEY: How long has he lived with you?

WITNESS: Forty-five years.

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget..

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's 20, much like your IQ.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Are you kidding me?

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death..

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess.

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town I'm going with male.

ATTORNEY: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

WITNESS: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

ATTORNEY: Doctor , how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

WITNESS: Oral...

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 PM

ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

ATTORNEY: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?

WITNESS: Are you qualified to ask that question?

And last:

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No..

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.

The Glory of God

By Donald Domelle

The Glory of God shined on the clouds tonight,
As I looked out the window, "Oh what a sight."
Only God could paint a picture so beautiful for me to see,
For He is the God of glory.

If the Lord can paint the sky so blue,
And put the clouds up there too,
He can meet the need of your life
And take away the heartache and strife.

So look out your window some night,
Just to think our Lord made such a wonderful sight;
Though the darkness of night will come to be,
There will come another day of His beauty to see.

Psalms 33:4-9

7/10/13

Having a rough morning? Place your hand over your heart. Feel that? That's called purpose. You're alive for a reason. Don't give up!!

Angel Lopez

GREAT PRAYER

This is absolutely great !!!

There might be hope yet

Pastor with GUTS!

Thought you might enjoy this interesting prayer given in Kansas at the opening session of their Senate. It seems prayer still upsets some people... When Minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard:

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done.

We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem..

We have abused power and called it politics.

We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, Oh, God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free.

Amen!

The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest. In 6 short weeks, Central Christian Church, where Rev. Wright is pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those calls responding negatively.. The church is now receiving international requests for copies of this prayer from India, Africa and Korea.

Updates

Many of you have asked about status of the many projects M.O.M., Bob and Linda have going on. Bob's dentist had GREAT advice for him about projects. Bob had mentioned that he felt like he was getting "burn out" to which his dentist replied, "**Christians do not burn out, they over-commit.**" Due to limited time, money and energy, many of the projects have been put on hold for some time.

Kit car projects

Lamborghini Diablo Replica



The 17 piece kit.



One of kits finished



Bob's kit



Total Tubular Frame

Have currently put a freeze on construction of kit waiting for individuals to help with build.

Fierro 600 (Dino 246 Ferrari Replica)



Ferrari F-355 Replica



Ferrari F-355 replica mounted on a Pontiac Fiero donor



Camp Clarius – Squaw Valley, CA



Wrought Iron Gate is in



Deer roam the property



Many rocks to be removed



Using Rocks to build a rock dam



Scraping path for driveway



Large Oak trees on property

Cripple Creek – Tollhouse, CA



2 Bedroom / 2 bath home



Barn / Shop area



“Mom of M.O.M.” 2 bedroom trailer



Saloon to Chapel



Gazebo for Bar-B-Q's



Brother Steve on the dry creek bed

Currently are building a new pump house and new water tank house. Have lost water to house. Need to check well and pump.

Inmate Art by
Daniel R. Granillo

