

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

Watch our website
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We are also affiliated with International Prison Fellowship
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Fellowship

We have trimmed our mailing list from 850 to 100+. The time and money required for designing the newsletters, printing, folding and stuffing the newsletters, applying postage and printing the envelopes had become too great. We got behind on letter replies, and may occasionally miss one. Please write back if we do not answer, and write clearly so we can get the mailing information correct. 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 and programs that individuals might look forward to attending, once released.

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

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

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

Volume 88 was the LAST Bulk mailing

We have cut back our mailing list (850 to just over 100) due to expenses. S.A.S.E. welcomed. We were looking into Calvary Chapel of Visalia for offering to team up with M.O.M. for administrative direction and financial guidance, but they decided to not team up at this time. In the past we sent out 144 letters of introduction to local churches and did not get even one reply. Pray for volunteers with the same passion as Bob, Linda, Eric, Irie, Jacob, Beatriz and other current volunteers have.

Heather Layne

(Song writer, Nashville and international recording artist)

Heather and Denny have offered to do some prison concerts on a quarterly basis.

Please have the chaplain or a religious volunteer contact us if interested in a "Heather Layne concert" or a "Take it to the Yard" event

Many are familiar with the 56 page "Resources From M.O.M." that has approximately 650 listings in various categories (downloadable online). Can mail with 6" X 9" S.A.S.E, \$.93 postage, \$.98 copy fee, \$.11 for 6 X 9 envelope (Donation of \$2.01 to \$3.00 for all . If using #10 envelope, postage is \$ 1.15

15 Years since the beginning of M.O.M. in April 2001
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Ask for a copy of our 56 page (Over 650 listings) "Resource List"
Pen Pals Brochure Discontinued
SASE with Postage is needed but verified indigent envelopes will be mailed as funds are available.
Postage
\$.93 for Resources (6X9 envelope)
\$1.15 for Resources (#10 envelope)
(\$.98 copy fee)
\$.11 for 6" X 9" envelope
\$.02 for #10 envelope
\$.49-\$.71 for Newsletter postage
(Donations Welcome)

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Addresses to contact the Ministry Volunteers

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Attn. Jail / Prison Ministry
1021 S. Burke
Visalia, CA 93292

Prison Pen Pal
P.O. Box 235
East Berlin, PA 17316

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

World Challenge
P.O. Box 260
Lindale, TX 75771-0260

Discover Bible School
Attn, Dr. Paul G.
229 Stormy St. NE
Albany, OR 97322

A Cup of Water Ministries
Pen Pals
P.O. Box 161759
Ft. Worth, TX 71611

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

International Prison Ministry
Bible, Dictionary, Concordance
P.O. Box 2868
Costa Mesa, CA 92628-2868

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

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

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**" (56 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.

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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

Please help with postage

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.

Example of Motorcycles brought into facility for “Take it to the Yard” events



I really enjoy your newsletters and I share them with other inmates here. Keep up the good work because you have made a difference in my life by showing that you do care and that you treat me like I am someone. **Catherine Freeze**

Dear Bob and Linda

Like I promised, I would send you some money for the “Resources From M.O.M.” you sent me already before. I hope you are all doing good and helping others to meet Jesus Christ and I am doing the same. God bless you all brothers and sisters in the name of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. “Amen.” Can you please write me back and let me know that you received the 20 Forever stamps attached to this letter. **Carlos Medina**

NOTE from Chaplain Bob: It ALWAYS blesses us with the giving we see from inmates. We wish the message could get through to those outside the walls. We are keeping the **P.O. Box 6667, Visalia, CA 93290** available. We have also cut back from 850 newsletter mailings to approximately 110, till there is a change in finances. Those wishing to receive a newsletter can send a S.A.S.E. (**#10 with \$.49 postage**) and request. For those supportive in stamps or finances, we will try to keep your mailing active.

Thank you so very much for responding. I think M.O.M. will go a very long way and will touch a lot of lives, just as it did mine!! It really has been so helpful to know that even when we’re at sores, there really is help closer than we think, to bring out the very best. First and foremost we need to trust and give everything to God and the rest of our lives will follow suit. I’m still new in my faith, so I don’t know too much yet, but what I do know is that God is great and He is forgiving. I know without a doubt in my mind, as long as I, or anybody else, follows the steps He laid before us, helping each other along the way, we will make it.

Chaplain Bob, I also want to thank you for the written testimony of Isaac Meraz. All I can say is WOW. His words and faith in God is so powerful; for someone to not take head is foolish. I myself battled with being a Norteno and believing in God and after reading Isaac’s stories about 10 or 11 times, I was ready to lay that title down and pick up the Bible. I found and very strongly believe Isaac’s story saved me from throwing my life away. I am going to make copies of his story and spread it around because I know he will have a big part in curbing gangs and violence that has effected so many. So, once again, thank you M.O.M. and thank you Isaac Meraz. **Roger**

Chaplain Bob & Linda,

Just received a short note from the both of you, stating how the mailings will stop.

I just want you to know, I’ve written to many of the addresses from your newsletter, and it has helped me a lot.

In fact, one place has invited me to come and live there after my term is over. So yes, you people help - others! **Willie Baker**

GOOD WORKS, DO THEY GET US TO HEAVEN?

No, good works do not get anyone to Heaven, but "God called you to do good," **"IF YOU ARE WISE AND UNDERSTAND GOD'S WAYS, PROVE IT BY LIVING AN HONORABLE LIFE, DOING GOOD WORKS WITH THE HUMILITY THAT COMES FROM WISDOM. BUT IF YOU ARE BITTERLY JEALOUS AND THERE IS SELFISH AMBITION IN YOUR HEART, DON'T COVER UP THE TRUTH WITH BOASTING AND LYING. FOR JEALOUSY AND SELFISHNESS ARE NOT GOD'S KIND OF WISDOM. SUCH THINGS ARE EARTHLY, UNSPIRITUAL, AND DEMONIC. FOR WHEREVER THERE IS JEALOUSY AND SELFISH AMBITION, THERE YOU WILL FIND DISORDER AND EVIL OF EVERY KIND. BUT THE WISDOM FROM ABOVE IS FIRST OF ALL PURE. IT IS ALSO PEACE LOVING, GENTLE AT ALL TIMES, AND WILLING TO YIELD TO OTHERS. IT IS FULL OF MERCY AND GOOD DEEDS. IT SHOWS NO FAVORITISM AND IS ALWAYS SINCERE. AND THOSE WHO ARE PEACEMAKERS WILL PLANT SEEDS OF PEACE AND REAP A HARVEST OF RIGHTEOUSNESS". JAMES 3:13-18**

FIRST THERE IS GRACE, THEN COMES FAITH AND OUT OF FAITH COMES GOOD WORKS. JUST DOING GOOD DOES NOT GIVE US SALVATION. WE ARE "SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH":

"FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH. AND THIS IS NOT YOUR OWN DOING; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD, NOT A RESULT OF WORKS, SO

THAT NO ONE MAY BOAST. FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND, THAT WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM". EPH 2:8-10

PEOPLE HAVE SAID TO ME: "I AM A GOOD PERSON AND THAT WILL GET ME TO HEAVEN". ANOTHER PERSON SAID TO ME: "MY HUSBAND AND I DO GOOD AND HOPE FOR THE BEST THAT'S ALL WE CAN DO". THOSE STATEMENTS ARE VERY SAD.

IF WE BELIEVE THE SCRIPTURES THEN WE BELIEVE GOOD WORKS WILL NOT GET ANYONE INTO HEAVEN. SALVATION GIVEN TO US FREELY BY GOD IN CHRIST JESUS WILL GET US INTO HEAVEN. WHAT EACH PERSON MUST DO IS TO ACCEPT THE FREE GIFT! LIKE ANY GIFT WE RECEIVE WE TAKE UP, UNWRAP AND USE THE GIFT I

"ALL WHO HAVE BEEN UNITED WITH CHRIST IN BAPTISM HAVE PUT ON THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST, LIKE PUTTING ON NEW CLOTHES. THERE IS NO LONGER JEW OR GENTILE, SLAVE OR FREE, MALE AND FEMALE. FOR YOU ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS". GAL 3:27-29

PUT ON THE CHARACTER OF JESUS AND GOOD WORKS WILL FLOW OUT OF YOUR GENUINE FAITH.

REMEMBER, THERE IS ONLY ONE THAT IS GOOD AND THAT IS GOD. AND EMANUEL, GOD WITH US.

----SELAH----

THINK ABOUT IT...MEDITATE

[Alex Miller](#)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Do you want to have a lasting happiness; happiness you can experience the rest of your life?

Josh 24:15 *".... And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day who you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."*

Each of us has a god we serve, something or someone who occupies our time. And we can't do without that something or someone. Regarding having other gods and the resulting consequences:

Ex 20:5-6 *"....You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments".*

Each of us chooses whom and what we will serve. If we do not choose The Living God, we are serving other gods and we are not a happy people. Yes, it is true; we may have a brief pleasurable experience and "happy time"; a feel good time. That kind of happiness is not lasting.

Jesus tells us how to be happy. The happiness that Jesus talks about is "blessed" [happy—deep lasting happiness] (Matthew 5).

Please read all of Matthew 5 and really think about what Jesus was saying. Each must make their own decision to follow God, serve Him and bow down to Him; reverence and honor Him. It is a matter of your life or "second death".

Yes, it is difficult at times to give up the gods of sin; gods of temporary pleasure. But we cannot serve God and keep on sinning!

(Matthew 6:24) *"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money".*

Remember what Jesus said to the rich young man?

Matthew 19:16-26 *And behold, a man came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess*

and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle (see note below) than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Note: The eye of a needle is not necessarily talking about a sewing needle. For protecting the border of a city in days of old, there was a wall constructed around the border. To allow people access to the City an opening in the wall was left. It was large enough to allow an unloaded camel to pass through. The traveler had to "unload" the camel, take the Camel through the needle and then reload the camel. Selah... A camel must kneel down to be unloaded and loaded. Kneeling in prayer and our unloading burdens and loading up with all God has is part of serving. (Think about it.)

Don't give the enemy of our souls any access in our spiritual lives. Let us "unload" our own sinful desires, "unload" lusts of all kinds, "unload" pride, and "unload" whatever else may cause a wall of separation between God, and us and serve the Living God. Each of us will be "happy" if we serve our Lord.

"So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus. Rom 6:11

Are you a corpse yet? Whom will you serve from today forward? Fill in the statement for yourself and your family:

But as for me and my house, we will serve _____

Definition of happy:

Supremely blessed; by extension, Fortunate, well off;

- Content
- Contented
- Glad
- Pleased
- Joyful
- Cheerful
- In high spirits
- Blissful

No matter what circumstances we find ourselves, contentment and happiness is given to those who are serving the Living God

You be the Shot Caller !!

We would like to get inputs on the following scenarios. For the most part the situations are real but may have some changes done to create more thought.

Not designed to make you feel good, but rather to make you feel God. How would you handle these situations?

1. A single man is dating a woman and living together with the woman and sexually involved. They intermittently have attended a church where the woman was baptized while not involved with the man. Later while dating the woman, the man went to another church just to be baptized, which that church did, even though he was living in sin. The couple still lives together out of marriage.
2. A man and woman were married for a short time and divorced due to some addictions. Though they have been divorced for over 15 years, they live together in sexual sin. The woman has been made a spokesperson for a local ministry.
3. A church preaches on giving of money, yet the church refuses to disclose a budget or income/expenses. Some of the congregation is OK with this while some of the congregation feels it is the fiduciary responsibility of the church to disclose.
4. An elderly man is told that he cannot be an elder or deacon in the church because he has been married more than once. Another man that holds the position of elder at the same church has never been married but has had several affairs in past younger years before becoming an elder or deacon.
5. When filling out their profile sheet, many inmates will state “never married.” They do not keep track, or post, how many affairs they have had. Should one be condoned or overlooked over the other?

My Life by Leonard Bradrich

My life ain't always been so straight;
The drugs, the hurt, the pain, the hate.
Has prison always been my fate
With tears not seen, I sit and wait.
I contemplate the things I've done,
As father, brother, friend and son.
Thru windows iron grate and bars I stare.
I ask myself does someone care.
Is someone there to hear my prayer.
Just then I hear His voice so clear.
My son I've not left you down,

And since your birth I've been around.
I know at times you've felt alone
But what's reaped tomorrow, today is
sown
Tho still I've never left your side.
I've been there every tear you've cried,
And I'll be there on the day you die.
Oh God, oh Jesus, please don't go.
I'm still here, Leonard, so you know.
I'll follow your light till I grow old,
Tell everyone your story so they know.

M.O.M. Ministry “Do’s and Don’ts”

What we don’t do:

Send money to you or family
Trade personal information
Contact people for you
Look up information on people
Spend time doing research for you
Set you up with individuals for romance

M.O.M. is NOT a dating service
Do not do legal work
Will not give our phone numbers
Will not accept collect phone calls
Will not send pictures
Pen-pal list discontinued

What we will do:

Chapel service at prison facilities
Ministry program for churches
Transitional Planning class
Send newsletters with S.A.S.E. (\$.49)

Take it to the Yard event
Platform speakers
Motorcycles
Concerts
Magicians

Send 56 page resource list with S.A.S.E
#10 env. with \$1.15 postage
6 X 9 env, with \$.93 postage
\$.98 copying (\$.07 / 2 pages)

Contact Heather Layne about concert

Print testimonies & artwork.

Suggested donations for printouts.

For those wishing to get a mailed copy of current newsletters, please send donation, stamps or S.A.S.E. and request the current newsletter. The newsletters (all 93 volumes) are available on the web site;

Newsletters \$1.05 to \$1.27
Resources List \$2.45 to \$3.00

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as well as the 56 page “Resources From M.O.M.” list. You can have a loved one or someone with internet access print the newsletters or Resources and mail them to you, or send a 6” X 9” S.A.S.E. with \$.93 postage and donation of \$.98 printing.

Trivia - The Main Ingredient and Uses of WD-40

What Is The Main Ingredient of WD-40? Before you read to the end, does anybody know the main ingredient of WD-40?

No Cheating..... WD-40 ~ Who knew!

I had a neighbor who bought a new pickup. I got up very early one Sunday morning and saw that someone had spray painted red all around the sides of this beige truck (for some unknown reason). I went over, woke him up, and told him the bad news.

He was very upset and was trying to figure out what to do probably nothing until Monday morning, since nothing was open.

Another neighbor came out and told him to get his WD-40 and clean it off.

It removed the unwanted paint beautifully and did not harm his paint job that was on the truck. I was impressed!

WD-40 who knew? "Water Displacement #40".

The product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and degreaser to protect missile parts.

WD-40 was created in 1953, by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company.

Its name comes from the project that was to find a 'Water Displacement' Compound.

They were finally successful for a formulation, with their fortieth attempt, thus WD-40. The 'Convair Company' bought it in bulk to protect their atlas missile parts.

Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you.

When you read the 'shower door' part, try it. It's the first thing that has ever cleaned that spotty shower door. If yours is plastic, it works just as well as on glass. It's a miracle!

Then try it on your stove-top. It's now shinier than it's ever been. You'll be amazed.

WD-40 Uses:

1. Protects silver from tarnishing.
2. Removes road tar and grime from cars.

3. Cleans and lubricates guitar strings.
4. Gives floor that 'just-waxed' sheen without making them slippery.
5. Keeps the flies off of Cows, Horses, and other Farm Critters, as well. (Ya gotta love this one!!!)
6. Restores and cleans chalkboards.
7. Removes lipstick stains.
8. Loosens stubborn zippers.
9. Untangles jewelry chains.
10. Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.
11. Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
12. Keeps ceramic/terracotta garden pots from oxidizing.
13. Removes tomato stains from clothing.
14. Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots.
15. Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors.
16. Keeps scissors working smoothly.
17. Lubricates noisy door hinges on both home and vehicles doors.
18. It removes that nasty tar and scuff marks from the kitchen flooring. It doesn't seem to harm the finish and you won't have to scrub nearly as hard to get them off. Just remember to open some windows if you have a lot of marks.
19. Remove those nasty bug guts that will eat away the finish on your car if not removed quickly!
20. Gives a children's playground gym slide a shine for a super fast slide.
21. Lubricates gearshift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers.
22. Rids kids rocking chair and swings of squeaky noises.
23. Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open.
24. Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
25. Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers.
26. Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.

27. Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans.

28. Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons, and bicycles for easy handling.

29. Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly.

30. Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.

31. Removes grease splatters from stove-tops.

32. Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.

33. Lubricates prosthetic limbs.

34. Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).

35. Removes all traces of duct tape.

36. Folks even spray it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain.

37. Florida 's favorite use is: 'cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers.'

38. The favorite use in the state of New York , it protects the Statue of iberty from the elements.

39. WD-40 attracts fish. Spray a little on live bait or lures and you will be catching the big one in no time. Also, it's a lot cheaper than the chemical attractants that are made for just that purpose. Keep in mind though, using some chemical laced baits or lures for fishing are not allowed in some states.

40. Use it for fire ant bites. It takes the sting away immediately and stops the itch.

41. It is great for removing crayon from walls. Spray it on the marks and wipe with a clean rag.

42. Also, if you've discovered that your teenage daughter has washed and dried a tube of lipstick with a load of laundry, saturate the lipstick spots with WD-40 and rewash. Presto! The lipstick is gone!

43. If you spray it inside a wet distributor cap, it will displace the moisture, allowing the engine to start.

P.S.

As for that Basic, Main Ingredient..... Well.... it's FISH OIL....

Now This Is Definitely Worth SHARING!!

The Cost of Incarceration and Going Up

The numbers and figures quoted will be for the **California** state prisons, the nation's largest state prison system only. Although California is #1 of the states in cost, realize that there are another 49 states with the same dilemma. The LA Times reported in March 13, 2005 that **"the number of men and women in state lockups soared to 165,000 – a record number that jammed prisons to twice their intended capacity."**

On February 23, 2005, the number of inmates was 162,276. At CSP Solano, a system designed for 2,600, was housing nearly 6,000. Mule Creek State Prison in Ion, California houses about 10,000 inmates.

July saw the opening in Kern County of prison #33, for the state of California with the dedication of Delano II, designed to house 5,000 inmates with a construction cost of \$380 million.

So, what makes up the residents of the nations largest prison system? Note the following figures

Sex

Males: 93%
Females: 7%

Race/ethnicity

Hispanics: 37%
Whites: 29%
Blacks: 29%
Other: 6%

Average age – 36

Average sentence – 53 months

Average time served – 26 months

And with these 165,000 +/- individuals, what is the real expense of their "stay?"

Annual Budget (2004-2005) **\$6.25 Billion**

Average yearly inmate cost - **\$30,929**

Number of State Prisons – **33**

Number of firefighter camps – **40**

of community correction facilities – **12**

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We would like to note that California's prison population is growing at a pace that could fill two new prisons every year. These prisons had a cost on an average of \$280 million to build and \$80 million a year to operate (Little Hoover Commission Report, Jan. 1998).

In June 1996, it was predicted that 17 new prisons will be needed by the year 2006 with the projected prison population growing to 240,000 inmates. Realize that the projected cost of incarcerating offenders with a minimum 20 year sentence is \$500,000. \$25,000 operational cost to house a prisoner in California for a year, not taking into account the fixed costs. A county jail bed costs \$19,700 per year. Elderly inmates typically cost up to \$65,000 annually, primarily because of their greater medical needs.

Cost of visitation of the inmates ?



This cost was paid by Jesus Christ and is continually carried by volunteers. Help curb these expenses by showing these individuals the Love of Christ.

Poetry Section

No “Plan B”

By Chaplain Bob

(inspired by Eric Smith)

God created Adam,
He made it look simply.
Put him in charge of the animals,
There was no “Plan B”

Adam appeared lonely,
As God could plainly see.
I’ll create for him a woman,
There is no “Plan B”

God created Adam
Then He created Eve.
Male and female created them,
There is no “Plan B”

God said in the garden,
You can eat free.
But not of the tree of life,
There is no “Plan B”

Lot lived at the gates of Sodom,
Where he should not be.
His wife became a pillar of salt,
There is no “Plan B”

God told Abraham and Sarah
Their offspring would be as sands of the sea
They would bare Isaac their son,
There was no “Plan B”

Sarah offered Hannah, to conceive,
a son by a hand maiden was her “Plan B”
Ishmael was born,
But not what God said was to be.

Hannah and Ishmael were run out.
In the desert, they both were set free.
They had to be removed,
There was no “Plan B”

God asked Abraham,
To sacrifice Isaac, his son.

He was to be the source
Of future generations.

Abraham was willing,
His faith was strong as could be,
God stopped his knife,
That would have required a “Plan B”

God told Noah to built an ark,
To save the animals and family.
From the coming flood
There was no “Plan B”

God said to Mary,
You’re going to conceive.
Bare the Son of God
There is no “Plan B”

Jesus will be born in a manger,
Though the Devil will try to deceive.
Jesus will be born mankind’s savior,
There is no “Plan B”

Of inmates from jail,
Only 11% get parole free.
And 88% return to prison,
There is no “Plan B”

Freedom is not being on the outside,
As many think it to be.
But it comes from the inside,
There is no “Plan B”

If we look at God’s plan,
As it always should be,
We realize He never gave
A “Plan B”

If I want salvation,
Jesus it’s got to be.
He’s the only one that saves,
There is no “Plan B”