

## “Letter From M.O.M.”

The Quarterly newsletter of **Moving On Ministry**

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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

[www.MovingOnMinistry.com](http://www.MovingOnMinistry.com)

We are also affiliated with International Prison Fellowship

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### Fellowship

With the crashing of the computer, we are building a new mail list. 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.

**Letter From  
M.O.M. has been  
published for 14  
years**

### 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.

**Pray for volunteers with the same passion as Bob, Linda, Eric, Irie, Ray, Jacob, Savannah, Beatriz and other of our current volunteers have.**

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## **Heather Layne**

(Song writer, Nashville and international recording artist)

**Heather, Dennis and family have moved to Kansas.** Heather and Denny have had to put the ministry on hold due to some financial strain. We hope this is a temporary thing and ask your prayers for them.

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## Addresses to contact the Ministry Volunteers

**Keep Believing Ministries**  
P.O. Box 257  
Elmhurst, IL 60126

**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 & Freebies  
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

**Jesus People Info. Center**  
4338 Third Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95817

The Felony Foundation

P.O. Box 190806

Dallas, TX 75219-0806

**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 #. Make sure that your return address is inside the envelope as well as on the envelope – we get many damaged envelopes that are unreadable.

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### 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), ALL past newsletters (“**Letter From M.O.M.**”), inmate lookup links, and artwork are available to be viewed or you may download.

[www.MovingOnMinistry.com](http://www.MovingOnMinistry.com)

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?**”

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## Sharing Your Testimony

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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

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PLEASE Pray that the churches, friends and relatives of inmates would become supporters of this Jail/Prison ministry.

We have downsized the mailing list according to those responding with profile sheet updates

We have also been getting 120 to 160 letters/requests per month. Let those on the outside know of how much good M.O.M. does.

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Letters from the Bars

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Bob & Linda

Thank you for the time and money spent as you minister to the men and women in prison. Maybe one day I'll get out – always wanted to go to 'Cally.' I'd start with your town. I would hope that you would remember me.

Anyway, it sounds like you guys are still moving forward. I can only equate that with the awesome God we serve that provides his children with all they need and want. Thank you for not forgetting about us "Matt. 25". As for myself, I am still working in the chapel and loving it. The prison itself is quiet – we have lots of gang members- to me they are the lost who need help. But who they need is Jesus the true savior. Take care.  
Co-laborers in Christ, Mike

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Hello Chaplain Bob & Linda. Once again I want to thank you guys for allowing me to be uplifted with your letters. But I wish I would be in a situation to help. Your cause has brought sunshine. I know that no way am I the only one.

Okay, the "10 ways to love" is perfect too. Until you or me go to do it. I should say until I go to do it. Mostly it would be the last \three. 1) trust without wavering, 2) forgive without punishing, 3) promise without forgetting. It is like in the Fathers prayer. Forgive those that sin against me. Oh boy, I mess up there, wow.

"5 questions to ask and answer in handling hostile, awkward and difficult situations with people," is so interesting and would be such a must have. I have written down those 5 questions and will use (very often).

Wow, wow, wow. Letters from the Bars speaks of exactly my gratefulness is and to see the true blessings we have. Strength in compassion. Such as the unselfishness you guys give daily. Thank you for this guys heart. Randall A. Carder, yes, God bless for saying it the best.

I have always wondered what are the "seven sins" officially or like exactly how the Bible has said it.

Oh, I am trying to remember May 5, 2017. I can not remember the event "Bill Glass Ministry." I do remember an event with bikes. That is wonderful news that "Chariots of Light" are willing to give us time and compassion, Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA), cool, that they also have the desire.

Well from my point of view, the prison is not reducing, just the other way around. They have recently added 2 more bunks in our cell and have cut our recreational time all up. Its on a rotating program which has taken our dayroom time so much. I really don't see much positive coming from it. Oh well, keep in your prayers. We are still on a water shortage program which has us on no shower schedule, well every other day. But the good things, God is with us and hot meals. Oh, cant forget no mortgage. Ha ha ha

I'm signing off and keep me in prayers as I do you guys. Rene Gonzalez

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Letters from the Bars (con't)

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I was reading Ecclesiastes 2 today. Solomon has described everything he has done under the sun with contempt. In verse 17 he says, "Therefore I hated life because the work that was done under the sun was distressing to me, for all is vanity and grasping for the wind.

Here are my thoughts on the matter. Solomon's wisdom didn't stop him from being ungrateful and bitter. No matter how smart or successful you are, bitterness will take the wind out of your sails. It will stop you from doing. It will stop you from opportunity and creativity. If you feel the same as Solomon today, maybe it's time to take inventory and see if you are tied down with the anchor of bitterness. If so, cut it out of your life! It's time to unfurl your sails, catch the wind, and continue on your adventure! There is SO MUCH MORE life to live!

Submitted by

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Thanks for promoting us in Jesus!

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I Choose

To live by choice, not by chance.  
To make changes, not excuses.  
To be motivated, not manipulated.  
To excel, not compete  
I choose self-esteem, not self-pity  
I choose to listen to my inner voice,  
Not the random voices of others,  
I choose – my choice.

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**Update on Chaplain Bob**

Bob & Linda have been active with “**Bill Glass Behind the Walls Ministry**” for the past 16 years. The last 2 years, Bob has been going in as one of the bikers with his 2005 Titan. This year he did **SATF Corcoran Prison** on May 5, **Soledad Prison** on Sept. 23 and scheduled for **Chino Prison** on Oct. 28, 2017

The Parkinson’s has become slightly more noticeable and the doctors are surprised how slowly it has gained any ground. (Could it be that your inmate’s prayers for Bob are being heard?) Bob can still predominately stop the shaking in the right hand (only affected area to date).

For the past couple months, Bob’s legs have been swollen and retaining fluid. Aug, 26th Bob finally went to the doctor after his wife, Linda, and mother, Jeanne, were trying to get him to see a doctor. The doctor had some lab tests run and some chest x-rays taken, He then explained that the common cause of the symptoms was congenital heart disease. The doctor scheduled Bob for Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> for follow-up, The lab tests came back good – Praise The Lord, Bob was then referred to a cardiologist, where he had an EKG, PET Scan and ultrasound. Bob was scheduled for Sept 26<sup>th</sup> for follow-up results of these tests.

I need to mention that Linda and I have received the BEST MEDICAL CARE I could ask for since we were able to get the military medical coverage since I was in the California Air National Guard for 21 years (Aircraft electrician) and California Army National Guard (Core of engineers) for 2 years. Having worked in the medical field for over 20 years, I have seen good care and I have seen bad care. I have been in hospitals that I would not send my dog to. I have seen veterinary facilities that I would rather go to instead of some hospitals, currently we use the *Navel Air Station, Lemoore Hospital* as our primary provider. They are GREAT!!

A quick story of medical service. I had hernia surgery at NASL and took in a large cake for the Doctor and staff. The doctor asked me what it was for? I answered that is was for what he did for me. He replied “*I only did what I was supposed to do.*” I said “*most doctors don’t.*” At a later date my wife, Linda, had a colonoscopy. I brought in another cake. The doctor asked what this cake was for. I replied that any man that was getting that close to my wife either deserved a drink or a cake.

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## **Prison: Inmate Parole Release Law 1- 888-200-8385**

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### **SB 394: Ending Juvenile Life without Parole and AB 1308 expansion to 25 y.o. YOPH (Youth Offender Parole Hearing)**

Posted: 19 Jun 2017 10:11 PM PDT

The [Law Office of Diane T. Letarte](#) has been getting many letters and phone calls regarding the expansion of current Juvenile Laws (SB9, SB260, SB261), to hopefully include the new SB394 and AB1308. (see our prior BLOGs on the [existing](#) Youth offender laws)

**First**, everyone must be aware that SB9 applies to only LWOP juveniles, meaning they were under the age of 18 years old when they committed the crime and have no Possibility of Parole. **Second**, the SB260 and SB261 (under the age of 23 on the day of the crime) ONLY applies to Lifers (with Possibility of Parole) and Determinate Sentence (DSL) Juvenile inmates, not to LWOPs (Life without Possibility of Parole). If we remember the SB9 law, it allowed the JLWOP to petition the Court to be re-sentenced to take into consideration the "Hallmark features of Youth" (more or less) at the time of the crime to mitigate their sentence, thus having the possibility to eliminate the LWOP sentence to a Life sentence with the Possibility of Parole. **LESS GUILTY BY REASON OF ADOLESCENCE** - sorta speak!

Having the above juvenile law stated, then we can report that the new SB394 and AB1308 are moving along successfully BUT--> they are NOT law at the writing of this article. In short, SB 394 would automatically send LWOP inmates who were under 18 at the time of their crime to a Parole Hearing after 25 years of incarceration. AB 1308 would extend YOPH (Youth Parole Hearing non-LWOP) considerations to those who were "25 years of age or younger", at the time of the crime.

**SB 394:** Would allow those sentenced to LWOP for crimes committed before the age of 18 to be automatically seen by the Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) after 25 years of incarceration. This bill passed the Senate floor, and is now in the Assembly committee process awaiting assignment to committee, expected to be Assembly Public Safety. No date yet set for a vote; **We support this bill.**

**AB 1308:** Extends the provision of Youth Offender Parole Suitability Hearings to those who were "25 years of age or younger" at the time of the crime. This bill, which extends (SB260/261) YOPH consideration is now in the Senate committee process, expected to be referred to Senate Public Safety. It cleared the Assembly floor, largely along party line votes. **We support this bill.**

**Furthermore on SB394**, it would remedy the now unconstitutional juvenile sentences of life without the possibility of parole (JLWOP). This bill would:

---Allow the approximate 290 juveniles with LWOP cases to be eligible for an initial parole hearing after 25

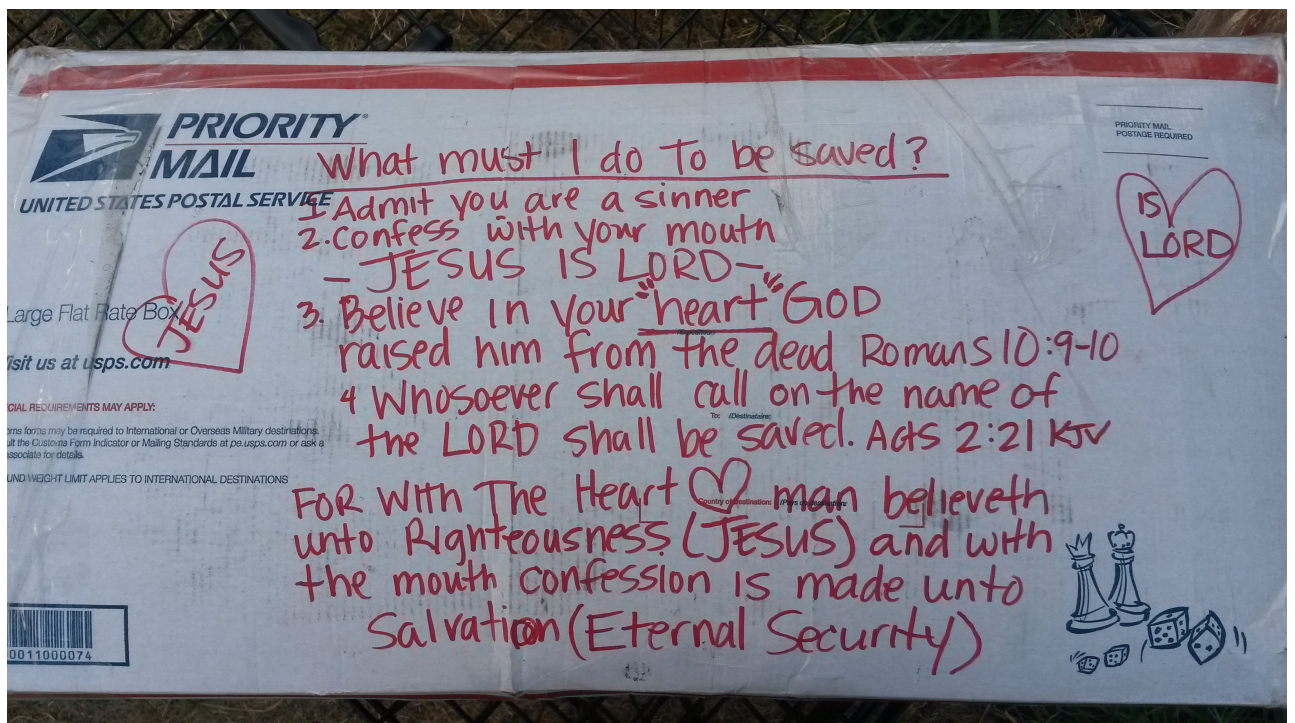


years of incarceration. There would be no guarantee of parole, only an opportunity for the person to work hard and try to earn the chance for parole via the Board for a Youth Offender Parole Suitability Hearing (BPH).

---Streamline the process and bring California into compliance with the U.S. Supreme Court's most recent ruling by making juveniles sentenced to life without parole (JLWOP) eligible under the state's existing youth offender parole (SB 260 governed by Penal Code 3051) process.

---Eliminate the need to Petition the Court for a resentencing hearing (if you were under 18 year old at the time of the crime), which is the current process under the SB9 law.

For a complete [legislative FACT sheet \(SB394\)](#) see [Senator Ricardo Lara](#)



**Linda's niece, Valerie, sent this package with a message on the outside. Imagine how many people handled it and hopefully applied the information.**

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9/17/17 Message by Pastor Will Costello

“We need the Word of God”

1. Hear
2. Read
3. Study
4. Memorize
5. Meditate
6. Believe
7. Obey
8. Speak
9. Teach
10. Preach

We are here because of God’s will when we trust only Him

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“Genuine Salvation”

1. Enjoy fellowship.
2. Sensitive to sin.
3. Love and obey God’s Word.
4. Separate and reject evil.
5. Eagerly await Jesus return.
6. Decreasing pattern of sin in life.
7. Love other Christians.
8. Experience answered prayer.
9. Experience ministry of Holy Spirit.
10. Discern between spiritual truth and error.
11. Suffer rejection because of faith.

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# Prop 57 Survey

**INITIATE**  
JUSTICE

Now that Prop 57 has passed, CDCR has to write their rules to decide how the credit earning programs will be expanded inside CA prisons. Right now they are working on a draft of these rules, and within the next couple of months, they will release that draft to the public and open up a 45-day public comment period. **THAT** will be our chance to present YOUR thoughts to CDCR about how the credit earning program should be. We **CAN** make a difference!

So, to prepare for the public comment period, **Initiate Justice is collecting surveys to find out directly from people currently incarcerated in CA prisons WHAT you think the credit program should be like.**

If you are currently incarcerated in a CA state prison, **please fill out this survey** (with as much or as little information you are comfortable sharing) to offer your thoughts on CDCR's credit earning programs.

\*Please mail your completed survey (or any other questions) to: **Initiate Justice, P.O. Box 4962, Oakland, CA 94605\***

1. Name (First, Last, and CDC#)

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2. If you had the chance to tell CDCR what the credit earning program would look like, what would you say? Example: Who would be eligible, how much time **should** people earn off, what kinds of programs should be included, and what details should be taken into consideration? Please be as open and detailed as possible! (Use additional sheets if necessary)

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3. Name of CA state facility currently or formerly housed in (list all that apply)

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4. Housing security level

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5. Age / Gender / Race

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6. How many years have you been in prison? How long is your total sentence?

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7. Are you a lifer?

Yes

No

8. Are you currently serving time for a "violent" or "serious" felony?

- Violent       Serious       Both       Neither

9. What time percentage were you sentenced under?

- 50% time  
 80% time  
 85% time  
 100% time  
 Other :

10. Were you convicted of a "Strike"?

- Yes  
 No

11. What programs have you participated in?

- Education (ABE, High School, GED, College)  
 Vocational (PIA, Computer Literacy, Other Trades)  
 Substance Abuse (AA, NA, Other Substance Abuse Treatment)  
 Self-Help (Criminal Thinking, Anger Management, LTAG)  
 None  
 Other:

12. Did you get Milestones for completing any of these programs? If yes, which ones?

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13. What programs do you wish CDCR had that they don't have now?

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14. Do you have any other thoughts or questions?

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## Expanding on “Doing It Like Jesus”

1. If you are paid for doing it, is it a job (or ministry)? Jesus never got paid.

If the pay quits, does the individual quit? Is the individual putting more into the ministry or is more coming out in the form of salaries or payroll?

*We know of too many individuals that depend on money donated to the ministry to pay their bills. M.O.M. has not used a single nickel over the past 16 years (started in April 2001) as payment. People say “So you do it for free?” To which we reply, “I wished, but we actually pay for what we do.” Our volunteers have jobs or retirement to bring in money to the ministry.*

2. Do you need a large congregation? Gideon cut his from 35,000 to 300.

Do you need a large church? Most of Jesus’ messages were outdoors. The real concern now days, as a pastor put it, is that the church is going to sleep. We go into churches and find the congregations full of individuals of altered lifestyles and comfortable in the congregation. God’s Word says to love the sinner and hate the sin. The trend now is to love the sinner so much they feel welcome (as they are) and get comfortable in the church. They continue in their sin because of no opposition to it.

When looking at types of woods such as Ironwood with its Janka hardness scale of 5060 pounds force (lbf), we can see that the growth rings are very small and are designed for strong growth. Wouldn’t it be nice if churches got back to this same goal? The church needs to return to being strong and not base itself on numbers.

3. The Son of God had not a place to lay his head. Volunteers provided.

Our volunteers (and some inmates) take care of the support of the M.O.M. ministry by writing articles, submitting artwork, newsletter mailing, letter responses, financial donations, and resources availability.

4. God given gifts are to be applied, not implied. Are you using yours?

We find many people that want to receive one or another of the spiritual gifts. God promises that He will supply several as He will. We see people that the phrase of “**use it or loose it**” applies. If they are not faithful in a little, He will not trust them with much.

5. Jesus did not base his life on a dream. He had a “vision” for his life!!

What you need is a dedication like your life depended on it. Jesus’ was (dedicated) and did (life depended on dedication)..

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As Linda and Chaplain Bob remember Bob's Brother, Steve, dying on his motorcycle on September 10, 2007, we were cleaning some of the paperwork out of the property left as the estate of Steve, and Linda came across the following note in Steve's handwriting.

I rode my first Cushman scooter in '57 at age 7, then on to Whizzers, Takahathe, Yamaguchi, Hondas, Harley hummers. I was hooked.

I worked and saved my money for my own bike at 12 but my parents wouldn't allow it. At 13 I built my own doodlebug and rode other people's bikes,

Then at 15 ½ in 1966 I bought my first production motorcycle, a CB-160 Honda from John Markum. It was a 1964 blue, it had scrambler bars, Bates solo and passenger seats, and megaphones – it sounded good.

All my friends were riding Honda 90's and Yamaha 80's so I felt cool. I used this bike to ride to school, work and play. When not working, I rode it in the mountains, up dirt roads, , through creeks, trails, up hills. *I rode it to death.* Then in 1967 I traded it in on a 250 Benelli

Yes, Steve had a passion for motorcycles as well as for people. Every year, Steve would host "March Mini madness. This event would consist of 50 cc and 80 cc motorcycle or lawnmower motor custom mini bikes, racing at the property track for 2 days with many putting up tents and spending the night. Bob and Steve's mother, Jeanne (Mom of M.O.M.) named the property Cripple Creek and Bob and Linda are doing some restoration as well as upgrades. There is the 2 BR / 2 BA home, Creek, Saloon (now a Chapel) on a pier over the creek, Gazebo, and warehouse building all setting on 8 acres.



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

- We Do NOT do legal work
Will not give our phone numbers
Will not accept collect phone calls
Might not send pictures

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What we will do:

- Chapel service at prison facilities
Ministry program for churches
Transitional Planning class
Send newsletters with S.A.S.E. (\$.49)
Send 56 page resources S.A.S.E (\$.91)
Contact Heather Layne about concert

- Take it to the Yard event
Platform speakers
Motorcycles
Concerts
Magicians
Print testimonies & artwork.

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For those wishing to get a mailed copy of current newsletters, please send donation (if able), stamps or S.A.S.E. and request the current newsletter. The newsletters (all 97 volumes) as well as the 56 page "Resources From M.O.M." list are available on the web site.

www.MovingOnMinistry.com

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 \$.91 postage and any donation for printing of Resources.

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Suggested donations for printouts.

Newsletters \$1.00 Resources List \$3.00 (or 6 stamps)

\*\* Please distribute this information to your visitors and inmate loved ones. \*\*

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PLEASE also send us the names of your Warden, Chaplain and Inmate Services Program Directors. We need these to confirm and schedule events.

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Today I will make a difference in someones life  
Jesus loves me and He most certainly loves you  
You will never be the same  
I know I'm not!  
are you ready?  
Trust the Lord  
Linda 2017

Hello there all,

I tried something new today. Well, on my laptop there is a way to use a "paint brush" or "spray paint" icon. You experts might think this is silly but I had fun doing this. I actually felt like I was using a spray can. I'm 64 years old and learned something new today! yeahhhhh! Well, this is just a little something but in reality for me it was a "big" deal :)

Ever since I accepted the Lord in my life I found that I am always finding new things to try out. When I accepted Jesus Christ in my life everything changed. I saw color when I used to see plain

black and white and pictures of life and love when it was only gray and lifeless views. WOW! When negative situations occur....I see them as positive because after the negative comes positive changes for the better and for sure you will learn from it. With change comes vision, with vision comes awareness and moments of "wait a minute....maybe this idea could work" and with awareness comes writing down the plans for those ideas that once were just thoughts fluttering thru our minds. Now those thoughts....hmmm..... are now actual items made or training or study and certificate of degrees.....What!????....it is for real ! There is nothing standing in my way.

When I went skydiving it was only a thought once and when I knew in my heart God loved me there was no stopping me....so I did it..!! :) God also knew I needed to have some encouragement since Chaplain Bob had like 100 jumps..... well, if he can do it I can too. Remember Success comes in cans.....If I can, You can too! The Lord will reveal that path to you and when encouragement is needed He will also send someone to your path that will share His love and share that you are not alone. There awaits a great adventure for you. It is now your turn. :) God is there and will never leave you. He is waiting ..... Your choice....yes or no?

There is HOPE don't forget that! In Christ Jesus, Linda