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“I Can Only Imagine”

It is hard to imagine that this ministry has been developing for over four years. New facilities have opened up to us, as well as getting correspondence from many states and foreign countries.

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Intentions & Wishes

The intentions of this newsletter are to allow an understanding of jail & prison ministries. It is our intentions to get input from those incarcerated as well as those “free” to visit. Life experiences of the faith and fellowship from those locked up in the facilities are always desired to let others know of the value of “visitation”. I am certain that each of us have many stories of the miracles God has done in our lives.

Our wishes are that we would have a list of supportive churches that individuals might look forward to attending once released.

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

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

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

Fellowship

We would like to keep a listing of locations for fellowship that welcomes previous incarcerated individuals. We previously listed 51 churches that are supportive. We would like follow up on these churches to see if they are supportive, as well as letting us know of others available. **We also cherish letters from inmates or relatives to the churches to let us know how we are doing**

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

Be **Super** in something;
Something that counts.

It is not how big the dog is in the fight;
It is how big the fight is in the dog!
Remember; “He that is within us is greater than he that is in the world.”

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT) – “God has given gifts to each of you from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God’s generosity can flow through you.”

Your spiritual gift is what you would do for “free” if you did not have to work.

Letters that Express it All

These are actual quotes from some of the different incarcerated individuals. The names have been removed. Our first newsletter went out October 2003. These are copies of many of the letters received. If one of these letters is yours, let us know how you are doing now.

Reminder

I'm a reminder to you, no matter how you feel out there, just think of me and where I'm at.

I'm one thing that shows you proof that there are people who wish they were where you are with God, wishing that they were in your shoes.

No matter how bad things may seem, God should be your strength to get you through it. If you are doing well and things are going good, praise God!

If that's not enough, remember where I'm at, remember the cell, the metal bunk and the steel bars, lying down wishing for your freedom. Do you remember those times?

Why do I ask this? Because they are still here waiting for you to return.

You have made a choice to walk with God and as long as you believe in Him and trust Him your life will be easier and better and a place like this will only be a memory!

We all wonder if we will ever see those beautiful gates of Heaven and wear those wonderful wings as well as play the golden harps. You are on your way, but you must keep the faith and continue to believe.

Just look at me, I'm not handsome like some. I'm in a place

created by man, a place you once knew real well. Yea, I'm in a living "Hell!" Yet I'm free for I believe that God gave His only begotten Son for my sins, so I may sit here with doomed men who call me "bro" or "homie" but my true friend is Jesus Christ who will always be there for me no matter if I make a mistake or stumble along my way. I only have to pray!

He will hear me and lighten my way, my life is better and easier going down my road but my trials or hardships are far from over. Every day Satan tries to have his way but my Lord is there to stand in his way!

I'm very grateful for those who helped me, Chaplain Bob and the rest of them never gave up on me. And look at me, I'm helping to "plant the seed" (as chaplain Bob says) in others lives, Something I thought I would never be doing.

SW

Thank you for responding to my letter, it is a real joy to know there are fellow Christians out there fighting the real fight and making sure we on the inside are being looked after. You can not know how much of a struggle it is to keep the faith and do God's work from within these walls.

I read your introductory letter as well as your newsletter from M.O.M. and was very impressed at how much support there was for people in my situation (see the lists in this volume).

VF

Changing Affiliation

Hello friend. Here I am sending you these lines with both prayers and thanks. Let me say that the “**Dream Seeker**” family in the last volume I read (volume 17) are truly blessed. I enjoyed it. I wanted to share something that you hadn’t known. I’m not sure if I told you, I am in the hole! I’ve been here since July 17th. You see Bob, there was a part of my life that was a little hard for me to let go. Mainly because I didn’t know how, due to the severe repercussions it involved. It was my affiliation. Even though I continued to walk with the Lord, this part of my life was still there through past reputation and certain “rules.” In county jail, it wasn’t a problem because many people knew and respected that I was serving God. However, prison is a different matter. There are different priorities here and the devil was using them to try and alter my walk with God. I had been praying to God about this for a long, long time and suddenly this need had intensified! I always had something of fear as to what’s going to happen if I tried to get out. I’d seen it with others many times and it was always a critical outcome. Well on July 15th when I was at church, the guest speaker said he didn’t have a clue of what to speak about because he didn’t have a clue of what to speak about because he didn’t have time to prepare. As he began to pray, he said God was tugging his heart toward Job because struggles during hard times. God used him to speak a direct message to me. Almost like this speaker had been watching my life in a movie and knew what I was facing. When he said, “Don’t be afraid no more! God sent me here to tell you today, if you trust in Him, He will deliver you safely because He is with you.” I almost busted out in

an uncontrollable balling, but I fought hard to hold it in. After church, the message kept playing over and over in my head but I still had fear. I prayed for God to give me the strength to overcome this fear and help me to do this. The next day I conversed with God about this the whole day and ended my night with, “I’m going to trust you no matter how I feel, in the morning we will do this.” A while later an officer came with a ducate for medical for me in the morning. I knew God was opening the door that He knew I didn’t know how to. The next day, all the same feelings, fear came flooding in but I made a promise and I’ve always tried to be a man of my word, especially to God! It was tough but I held my guns and by the end of the day, I was in the hole, safe and overwhelmed with peace and joy. After that, I saw nine other gentlemen do the same thing. Maybe not for the same reasons, but nonetheless, to change their lives. God broke down the last barrier between us. On Sept. 6th, I had surgery to remove hardware on my right ankle. I’m still on crutches but I can already move my foot more than I could for the past three years and when I’m healed, I’ll be able to run. I can’t wait!

Also, my wife tells me she is trying to walk with God. Who would of thought, going to the hole could get so good? I’m waiting to be transferred, any day now actually. Pleasant Valley or Corcoran, but only God really knows, huh? Well Bob, I just wanted to share this with a friend. It’s great that those squares are getting filled with more outreaches (the boxes on the newsletter that lists ministries). God Bless you and yours, until next time. **GG**

NOTES and COMMENTS

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

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

Need for Change

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

Conversion

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

Replenishing

God’s Word promises to restore the years of the locust, or more simply the years previously lost.

Joel 2:25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

Salvation

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

The Fight

It is not how big the dog in the fight;
It is how big the fight in the dog!

Believe in Election
Share like Freewill
Stop before Persuasion

God, be Lord of what is left of my life

Recommended Reading

For the new Christian, or the individual desiring to know God, we would like to recommend the following reading:

The Gospel of John – This is a great introduction of Christ’s walk on Earth.

The Book of Romans – This gives an introduction of many of the Bible stories shared and helps build familiarity of Christ’s plan for our lives.

The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren – 40 chapters will change your life in 40 days

Book of Proverbs – Read one chapter a day with the chapter read being the day of the month. This will allow the book to be read almost 12 times thru the year.

Ephesians 4 – 6 – This gives the pattern for life that we should live. All 7 S’s are displayed in these 3 chapters. We are given the purpose of the gifts, changing our character, husband/wife/family relationships, and the type of life we are to live and display.

Men’s Relational Toolbox – Another fine work by Gary Smalley with both of his sons adding to this book. This book avoids “male bashing” but rather teaches men to use and modify the inner tools they have to improve their relationships.

Prayer of Jabez – A truly fine first book from Bruce Wilkerson. This short book will change your mind about being disobedient to God by not taking care of people in need

Needs after Release

Individuals being released from incarceration have the same common needs of all individuals. There is a need of self-respect and self esteem. Many have a need of housing. Most are coming back looking for employment. Some are facing classes for AA, NA, or Domestic Violence. Some need to enroll in educational or vocational programs. Most would appreciate someone to just talk to or have a mentor. Fellowship with the right people is ALWAYS needed. For many these are totally new expectations and experiences.

One inmate expressed wonderfully the problem of being released. He stated that everything is slow to happen while incarcerated. It seems like an eternity as you wait for your next transfer or assignment. You feel like you are running at 5 miles per hour. Then, when released to the world, you are put into an environment that is running at 200 miles per hour. This drastic change of environments tends to overcome individuals and they have a hard time adapting. We hear of transitions from one area to another in each of our lives. Someone to just talk with about the feelings and changes the individuals are going thru is a great healer. The Bible says that each of us should be a "brother" to help the other one up when he falls. Other scripture talks about "sticking closer than a brother" we can often help with sharing life experiences or just listening to someone in need. We don't always have to solve the problems, but many times need to just "lend an ear" so that someone might share their needs or hurts with us. Many men have heard from their wives "I don't want you to fix it, just listen". We need to just listen.

Sharing Your Testimony

There are 4 parts to an individual's testimony;

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

But in reality, those who believe in Jesus have the testimony of God in them; Each of us needs to periodically share our testimony with others. The importance is not what you have done, but what God is doing.

1. Your testimony;
2. Your life lessons
3. Your godly passions
4. the Good News

God will make all things new

What are some things I should finish once I start?

"For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ."

Hebrews 3:14

New life in Christ. We must maintain the confident faith we had when we first believed.

Scripture is from the New Living Translation (Tyndale House Publishers, 1996).

Our testimony is to give hope to others; our fruit is to give proof to God.

Repentance means you change your mind so deeply that it changes you. It's not just that I changed how I thought—I am now changed.

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The Lighter Side

The day has finally arrived. Forrest Gump dies and goes to Heaven. He is at the Pearly Gates, met by St. Peter himself. However, the gates are closed, and Forrest approaches the gatekeeper.

St. Peter said, "Well, Forrest, it is certainly good to see you. We have heard a lot about you. I must tell you, though, that the place is filling up fast, and we have been administering an entrance examination for everyone. The test is short, but you have to pass it before you can get into Heaven." Forrest responds, "It sure is good to be here, St. Peter, sir. But nobody ever told me about any entrance exam. I sure hope that the test ain't too hard. Life was a big enough test as it was."

St. Peter continued, "Yes, I know, Forrest, but the test is only three questions.

First: What two days of the week begin with the letter T?

Second: How many seconds are there in a year?

Third: What is God's first name?"

Forrest leaves to think the questions over. He returns the next day and sees St. Peter, who waves him up, and says, "Now that you have had a chance to think the questions over, tell me your answers."

Forrest replied, "Well, the first one -- which two days in the week begins with the letter **"T"**? Shucks, that one is easy. That would be **T**oday and **T**omorrow."

The Saint's eyes opened wide and he exclaimed, "Forrest, that is not what I was thinking, but you do have a point,

and I guess I did not specify, so I will give you credit for that answer. How about the next one?" asked St. Peter. "How many seconds in a year? Now that one is harder," replied Forrest, but I think and think about that, and I guess the only answer can be twelve." Astounded, St. Peter said, "Twelve? Twelve? Forrest, how in Heaven's name could you come up with twelve seconds in a year?" Forrest replied, "Shucks, there's got to be twelve: January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd.... " " Hold it," interrupts St. Peter. "I see where you are going with this, and I see your point, though that was not quite what I had in mind...but I will have to give you credit for that one, too. Let's go on with the third and final question. Can you tell me God's first name"? "Sure," Forrest replied, "It's Andy." "Andy?" exclaimed an exasperated and frustrated St Peter. "Ok, I can understand how you came up with your answers to my first two questions, but just how in the world did you come up with the name Andy as the first name of God?" "Shucks, that was the easiest one of all," Forrest replied. "I learnt it from the song, ANDY WALKS WITH ME, ANDY TALKS WITH ME, ANDY TELLS ME I AM HIS OWN. . ."

So St. Peter opened the Pearly Gates, and said: "Run Forrest, run."



Poetry Section

Life After Death

Visions of love
Will reveal a great test,
Of the life in Christ,
And how much we are blest;
Cast your burdens on Him
And receive your rest;
Live your life for Him,
Because there's life after death.

INM

Tears of Anguish

Tears of anguish
Fall from my face.
Thank God I've been found
For I was lost without a trace
Peace be with you,
And the Lord's mighty grace;
So let the tears flow,
And fall from your face

INM

STRUGGLE

Most people's lives consist
of struggling through the day.
For Satan's at his best,
trying to make you go his way.
He'll try to be your friend,
when things are going bad.
Then he's your advisor
when he sees that you are mad.
For it's that struggle each day
that Satan's at his best.
He will question your beliefs,
your faith he'll surely test.
But you have to be strong,
and in your heart know;
That God loves us all,
so in His way go.
He'll get us through the struggles,
for it's nothing at all.
Just have faith and belief in God,
and follow His law.
So remember when you struggle,
you have to be strong.
Walking hand in hand with God,
nothing can go wrong!

JN

Save Me

Save me Lord, please
I'm crying out
Listen to my plea
I'm stuck in a place
I don't want to be.
I'm stuck in this life of sin
I try everything I can to get out
But something keeps
Pulling me back down
Save me Lord
I'm asking from deep down in my heart
With you helping me
I know I can make a brand new start.
I'm tired of this old life that I live
I'm truly ashamed of all the things I did.
Things that only you know about
It is no wonder,
Why I want to turn my life around
I'm sitting in a prison cell,
Once again doing time.
You would think I learned my lesson
The very first time.
I'm weak Lord, I can't do it myself
This is why I'm asking for your help.
I need you Lord, I truly do.
I know I can do anything
If I have You.
Please Lord, listen to this tired man's plea
I'm asking Lord to please come and save me

AM

Lighter But Serious Side

Stepping out of our comfort zone often finds us real comfort.

**The following is an excerpt of the Testimony of Karen Foose, as shared by;
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At first I saw God as my observer, my judge, keeping track of things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merited Heaven or Hell when I die. He was out there sort of like a president. I recognized His picture when I saw it, but I really didn't know Him.



But later on, when I met Christ, it seemed as though life were rather like a bike ride, but it was a tandem bike, and I noticed that Christ was in the back helping me pedal. I don't know when it was that He suggested we change places, but life has not been the same since. When I had control, I knew the way. It was rather boring, but predictable. It was the shortest distance between two points. But when He took the lead, He knew delightful long cuts, up mountains, through rocky places at breakneck speed, it was all I could do to hang on! Even though it looked like madness, He said 'pedal.' I worried and was anxious and asked 'Where are you taking me?' He

laughed and didn't answer and I learned to trust. I forgot my boring life and entered into the adventure. And when I'd say, 'I'm scared.' He'd lean back and touch my hand. He took me to people with gifts I needed, gifts of healing, acceptance and joy. They gave gifts to take on my journey, my Lords' and mine. And we were off again. He said, 'Give the gifts away: they're extra baggage, too much weight.' So I did, to the people we met and I found that in giving, I received, and still our burden was light. I did not trust Him at first, in control of my life. I thought He'd wreck it; but He knows bike secrets, knows how to make it bend to take sharp corners, knows how to jump to clear high rocks, knows how to fly to shorten scary passages. And I am learning to shut up and pedal in the strangest places and I'm beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on my face with my delight constant companion, Jesus Christ. And when I'm sure I just can't do anymore, Christ miles and says, 'just pedal.'

Note from Bob: Christ says, "there is always room for one more, just start pedaling."



Stop and think how lonely the ride was before Christ.

We are proud to display the following pencil drawing that was done for us by inmate George Aginaga as an Anniversary gift to Chaplain Bob and Linda from Isaac Meraz.



To My Dream Seeker! (Part 3)

As I sit here wondering of you;
the way you look, smell and sound like.
I imagine the time you and I are finally
together

What will our hearts think, feel like?
My dream is to hold you and know you
are the soul-mate I have been waiting for
my whole life.

Here I sit thinking of you so very
much that I'm going crazy with thoughts
of dreams.

When we are finally one, I want
to be free and take one day at a time with
life. I want to be able to trust you with
my thoughts, fears, most of all my
dreams. I want us to live naturally,
healthy, happy, and in love. I look at
magazines and know how I want stuff to
be. You are my love I have been
looking for my whole life. I know that
when we see each other for the first
time, our love will flow.

There are some questions I want
to ask you. Will you wear different
clothing, change life style, how about
changing your hobbies? If soooo . . .
will you wear comfort pajamas, pants
with drawstrings in the waist, sandals,
walk barefoot in the sand, run through
the salty waves with me? Pull me down
to the warm sand and show what a
changed man you have become?



You are like the cinnamon I taste
in a very hot apple pie. Your eyes are
like big brown balls of nutmeg. But
most of all you're my sweet dessert of
every day.



As we walk along the seashore, I
want to float away with you where the
world will only be you and I and share
our love we have bottled up the last 15
years. Here I sit wondering and praying
that you and I will be together.

Love, the Mermaid

