

# “Letter From M.O.M.”

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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 also cherish letters from inmates or relatives to the churches to let us know how we are doing to God's calling for us.

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

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Once again, we are listing past newsletter contents. For those that are looking for a particular past article, or perhaps just looking for a story on a subject they are dealing with, we again list the following updated list.

### Volume 1 – 7 pages

- Photo of Alcatraz Prison Cell
- Confessions of a Chaplain
- Testimonies of Fred and David
- Ron's Story

### Volume 2 – 7 pages

- Photo of Disciples Prison Cell
- Needs after Release
- Recommended Reading

### Volume 3 – 8 pages

- Story of Iris and Dwayne Blue
- Review of previous articles

### Volume 4 – 8 pages

- Guilty as Charged
- Am I Really Saved?
- Tools of Ministry – Boots and One-of-a-Kind Car
- Testimony of James

### Volume 5 – 11 pages

- Tools of Ministry – Skydive and Rock Climb
- Power of Biblical Friendships
- Being a Man of Vision
- Excuses of Sin

### Volume 6 – 11 pages

- Tools of Ministry – Rings
- Bamboo – Don't Give Up
- Father, Son & Friend
- Too Blessed to be Stressed
- Vows of a Christian

### Volume 7 – 9 pages

- Tools of Ministry – Goldfish
- Am I Really Saved? (repeat)
- The Law of the Harvest

### Volume 8 – 13 pages

- List of [51](#) Supportive Churches
- Tools of Ministry - Music
- Who do You Belong to?
- Freedom from the Gangs Grip
- Slingshot Guilt
- Prison Life with Sheriff Joe

### Volume 9 – 10 pages

- Thank You Poem
- Donuts
- The Cross
- Coalinga Road Camp – 1930s

### Volume 10 – 14 pages

- The Path Inspired
- God's Prisoner
- Second Chances
- High Road to Beginning Again
- Doing What God Has Called Us
- Pictures of 1930's Holding Cells

**Volume 11 – 17 pages**

- 23 Sample letters
- Just an Old Dog
- Lord's Prayer
- Prayer of Jabez
- Swaziland Statistics
- Cost of Incarceration

**Volume 12 – 20 pages**

- 4 Sample Letters
- Filling the Calling
- Does God Really Exist
- A Story About Life by OZ
- My Heart, Christ's Home
- Death Row Inmate+
- Lighter Side
- California Prisons

**Volume 13 – 14 pages**

- 3 Sample Letters
- Rent to Own Salvation
- Turning Life to Eternal Life
- Someway & Something Better
- A Woman's Mission
- Like A Dog – To and Fro
- Churches Filling the Gap
- God Said "No"
- Lighter Side
- Stories of Swaziland Trip

**Swaziland Special Edition – 18 pages**

- Africa Mission Trip
- What was it like
- Field stories
- Facts and Blessings
- Past Swaziland news articles

**Volume 14 – 16 pages**

- 4 Sample Letters
- Beautiful One Liners
- Three Types of Lost
- Jesus Focus Picture
- Chaplain Bob's Testimony
- More Swaziland Stories

**Volume 15 – 13 pages**

- 6 Sample Letters
- Lighter Side
- Linda's Testimony
- More Swaziland Stories
- America the Beautiful

**Volume 16 – 16 pages**

- Summary of past articles
- 12 Sample Letters
- Heaven or Hell, Its Your Choice
- Focus, Restitution, Rick Warren
- Lighter Side

**Volume 17 – 16 pages**

- Transmission of Bible to English
- Spiritual Gift Survey
- Dream Seeker – Part 1

**Volume 18 – 16 pages**

- 6 sample letters
- 2 testimonies
- Conquering Compromise
- Dream Seeker – Part 2

**Volume 19 – 18 pages**

- 3 sample letters
- 7 pages of inmate resources
- Lighter Side
- Poetry
- Lighter but Serious Side
- George Aginaga drawing
- Dream Seeker – Part 3

**Volume 20 – 16 pages**

- 4 sample letters
- 2 testimonies
- Lighter but Serious Side
- Poetry
- George Guerrero Drawing
- Fisherman's reply
- Dream Seeker – Part 4

- Volume 21** – 14 pages
- 2 sample letters
  - Testimony
  - Lighter but Serious Side
  - Death – Wonderfully Explained
  - Step back from the cliff
  - Poetry
  - Arturo Bastardo drawings
  - Dream Seeker – Part 5

- Volume 22** – 16 pages
- 3 sample letters
  - Testimony
  - Lighter but Serious Side
  - When it comes to Truth
  - 5 Moral Fences
  - Poetry
  - Arturo Bastardo drawings
  - Dream Seeker – Part 6

- Volume 23** – 14 pages
- 5 sample letters
  - Testimony
  - Lighter but Serious Side
  - Poetry
  - Arturo Bastardo drawings
  - Eddie Snider drawing
  - Decisions of a young lady
  - Dream Seeker – Part 7

**Bob has slowed down on responding, due to the volume of letters he's responding;**

<b>March 2006</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>April 2006</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>May 2006</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>June 2006</b>	<b>127</b>
<b>July 2006</b>	<b>188</b>
<b>August 2006</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>September 2006</b>	<b>153</b>
<b>October 2006</b>	<b>179</b>
<b>November 2006</b>	<b>117</b>
<b>December 2006</b>	<b>249</b>
<b>January 2007</b>	<b>136</b>
<b>February 2007</b>	<b>166</b>
<b>March 2007</b>	<b>336</b>
<b>April 2007</b>	<b>???</b>

We could definitely use many more individuals to write inmates to let them know they are not forgotten and to take some of the load off of those that correspond with so many.

**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. We receive many of these letters. If one of these letters is yours, let us know how you are doing now.**

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**Request and Praise**

Since I guess you can say, becoming a Christian, I've had more "vision" of my life. As a Christian we learn to constantly walk in the footsteps of our

Lord and I believe He points out stuff to us.



I've seen how anti-social I've grown and since truly seeing this, it's bothered me. **How can I be a Christian and share the Word, being anti-social?** As with every type of issue I will bring this to our Lord in prayer, but I also wanted to share with you and the fellow brothers and sisters who read the M.O.M. newsletter. **For anybody who has ways to bread the vice of anti-socialism, please share**

I want to thank you very very much sir for helping my grandpa make contact with me. He is my mom's dad. I also have the same issue with my dad's dad. I've never met my dad (he's passed away) or any of his family in person. The Lord brought my dad's brother and sister into my life via mail just this last year. It has been a dream to know them and I know that the Lord has heard my prayers and blessed me. I know only that my grandpa on my dad's side lives in XXXXXXXX. Maybe angel Bob, if you are able, you can also help me make contact with him too. Trust that I understand you're a busy man and I do not want to bother you at all. The letters and newsletters you write are the bomb! There needs to be more people who will sacrifice time and effort as you do sir. The world would be so much better place (personal belief). **JC**

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### **From the Heart, From the Soul**

Dear Chaplain Bob & Linda –

I wanted 2 thank you 2 so much 4 sending me the pictures w/the Bible verses & **volume 15**, which is Linda's testimony. I want you 2 also 2 know I have never read anything like this be 4. I think that it is God sent that you 2 do something like this 4 people like us that are behind steel doors or even steel bars. Reading other people's stories and

watching them learn, and understand how they came 2 know God our savior is a wonderful thing. Also, when I read Linda's testimony it was very moving 2 me. I could identify with some of the things she was talking about, like having a ruff childhood, having 2 work 2 help the family. The other funny thing was that Linda and I also worked with each other a long time ago. Then, also having some hard and very hard relationships. But in all of this, is making me look back on my life and re-evaluate on what has happened throughout my life.

Now I have come 2 God, and He also keeps teaching me new things about who He is.

My grandfather always said that you always learn one new thing each and every day. See, when you are in a place like this and in the hole, and you look out this tiny window, it is very hard 4 me.

When Linda said she was from 2 small towns around here, I felt like I knew what she was talking about. I think that is very cool. So I thank you both from the bottom of my heart.

**JR**

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**NOTE From Bob & Linda:** JR is facing 3 major health problems right now. We would like to ask each individual to keep this young lady in prayer.

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### **Passages of Progress**

Getting out and staying out, truly depends on how sincere you really are and taking heed to the most important passage in the Bible today for man, or yes, woman, is Ephesians 6 – the armor of God.

Listen folks, our battle is not with each other. Your battle is first and foremost not against flesh and blood. But is against the powers and principalities of the spiritual realm . . . temptation , despair, depression, lying voices, that tell you that you will never be anything but a gang member, banger, you'll always be a drug user. These are the enemies voices that work at holding you down.

Staying out of prison folks, you have to put on the armor of God every day so that you can stand against the devil and his evil around you! For the battle is within your mind people (Eph. 6:1-18) **#1**, Put on the belt of truth which is honesty. God can see right through us, and the Holy Spirit will help us face the truth about yourself. **#2**, we have to put on the breastplate of righteousness. The breastplate of righteousness is obedience. He speaks to you in the voice of your conscience. We all know what to do to stay out! And what situations to avoid. There's no mystery about obedience. **#3**, Have your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, which is experiencing the peace that fills your heart and mind when you receive his Holy Spirit into yours. Christ Jesus becomes your source of peace. Where you are empty of love, He fills you. Where you are confused, He understands you and directs you. He gives that inner peace brothers and sisters. **#4**, put on the shield of faith is to trust in His power. Trust in the work of Jesus to heal you of your anger or any guilt you may have. The shield of faith will help stop you from meditating on your failures. Once we as followers of Jesus change our focus within and believe He's going to do what He, Jesus, says he'll do for his people, you'll receive that

encouragement, confidence, strength, self-discipline, and the "know-how" to overcome and resist temptation. **#5**, taking the helmet of salvation is knowing in your heart, that you are deeply loved by God almighty, who created you, died for you! **John 3:16; I Tim. 2:1-7; Rom. 8:32; I John 4:10** That you may be saved, getting out and staying out of prison is allowing yourself to believe (Greek pisteno). That you are precious. You are somebody. **#6**, Take the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God. The God that said let there be light. Brothers and sisters, we must understand this battle we're all fighting is a spiritual battle. A spiritual warfare that God has revealed, that we wrestle not against flesh and blood. Study your Word, meditate on it every day and believe it. Get a translation you can really read and understand. Get out and join a Bible study. Join a church so you will realize the enemy lies, if you know the truth of God's Word. **#7**, Pray in the spirit with all prayer and supplication. Without prayer, without praying always, is like surrendering to your enemy. If you need courage, a job, a car, a good wife, clothes, a place to live when you are out, you ask Him for it. Need comfort, need wisdom, to know what to do? The Word says what to do. Read **Luke 18:1; Rom. 12:12; Phil. 4:6; I Thess. 3:17; James 5:15, and Jer. 31:33**. He speaks to you in His Word and in the voice of your conscience. You will know what to do when we all stop striving and living to please ourselves and man. We are not up against some boy-scout. The enemy that is against God is the same enemy that's out to destroy you. **John 10:10**, we must separate from any and everything that could cause you to disconnect from the true source of life . . . Jesus. **RP**

## NOTES and COMMENTS

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

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

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### **Need for Change**

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

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### **Conversion**

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

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### **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.

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### **Salvation**

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

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Talk to God about the lost,  
Before talking to the lost about God

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### **Repentance**

Can be defined as; **Stop**, **Turn around**, and **follow**.

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God, be Lord of what is left of my life

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## 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

## 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

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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.**

## Testimonies

Well I am truly blessed I have a God given friend in you. You truly don't know how much of an impact you put in my life. You see, I have been with the Lord growing up in life, till I turned about 12 years of age. I had moved to a little town called Llano, Texas. That changed my life – It seems all they did down there was drink and party out of this world. But my family was in a big turmoil, mom and dad in a war. Dad drank all the time and would not work. Mom worked and when not working, stayed in a dark room sleeping with two little brothers I loved to death.

Then my grandpa got sick, so I moved back to Lubbock, Texas, to help him out there really bad. He had a lot of money, so I had it my way.

So I got put down with the Bloods at 15 years old. Started doing dirt drinking, getting high, shooting dope. I had been in and out of drug programs. I got married to the lady that worked the drug treatment program.. Then I lost my father to the drinking. I lost my family and ended up having two kids with my wife. I could not leave the streets alone, so I was doing drugs and gambling, lost my wife and did five on a

five. So I got out, went to church, was doing good. But it came out all the wanting feeling was money. Something I did not have, so I felt out of place. Then I met this ex-girlfriend, Misty, same girl I was with when I was 15 years of age. But she had given up the drugs and drinking. So we moved in together and it was good till I started hanging out with the same old family members. I got caught up in the drugs and money. Then I met another woman, 20 years old, beautiful, loved to get high. So I had Misty at home, and instead, I want the 20 year old girl to have fun with. So I kicked Misty out and get with the 20 year old, writing checks and stealing to support both our habits, plus her parents. She ends up pregnant. Then I go to jail for hot checks and the 20 year old leaves me after 30 days pregnant with my child. So I was locked up about 5 months and I call Misty and she gets me out the next day and she is pregnant with my child too. So now I got two babies on the way. By the grace of God, my little Misty, accepted that. Then I had caught a dope case of 1 gram of meth and they gave me 8 years for it. But the day I came to jail in September 2006, I had two months to get all my stuff together, and my lawyer did that for me. So by the loving grace of God, I had a loving woman going to ride this out with me. I remember the first day I was in jail this time. I knew something was different. They had a little get together here every day in the back in a little church. It is funny, because day 1 I felt a million times lighter. All this weight was gone. Then I was in my bunk and I heard a church song and I just went to balling. Day two, same thing, and I went back there balling. The 3<sup>rd</sup> day I repented my sins and asked the Lord Jesus Christ into my life. Then I

would read my Bible. Then I came to prison and I am learning more now. The Bible has been a little hard for me to understand, so I have been asking the Lord to give me wisdom. I have learned to pray. Then a friend had your newsletter, **volume 19**, with addresses for bookstores, for Bibles, churches, newsletters, so I went crazy to write you. So I got so much now. I hope to get what you have – Holy Spirit. Now I have books that break things down verse by verse. I am struggling in a class on the Book of Acts, it is great reading. I read Matthew, Mark, Luke, little John, and now am in I and II Corinthians.

I love to read Joyce Meyers. I read Thymes – he is great.

Now I follow God and His son. I am also in a Christian 12 step program. I got married to my little Misty, one of the greatest gifts God ever gave me! I have 4 children, 13 years, 11 years, 10 months, and 9 months. I get to see them once a week. God has given my wife a good job with 3 raises in 4 months, and great friends like you. But best of all, I was baptized February 4, 2007. Well God let me get carried away there. Well my friend, you take care and tell your wife I would like her to write mine, and please send me **volume 22** and your back issues if possible. Your friend for life, God Bless **MW**

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# Lighter But Serious Side

## 2006 STELLA Awards

Time once again to review the winners of the Annual "Stella Awards." The Stella Awards are named after 81 year-old **Stella Liebeck** who spilled hot coffee on herself and successfully sued McDonald's (in NM). That case inspired the Stella Awards for the most frivolous, ridiculous, successful lawsuits in the United States. Here are this year's winners:

### 5th Place (tie):

**Kathleen Robertson** of Austin, Texas, was awarded \$80,000 by a jury of her peers after breaking her ankle tripping over a toddler who was running inside a furniture store. The owners of the store were understandably surprised at the verdict, considering the misbehaving little toddler was Ms. Robertson's son.

### 5th Place (tie):

19-year-old **Carl Truman** of Los Angeles won \$74,000 and medical expenses when his neighbor ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Mr. Truman apparently didn't notice there was someone at the wheel of the car when he was trying to steal his neighbor's hubcaps.

### 5th Place (tie):

**Terrence Dickson** of Bristol, Pennsylvania, was leaving a house he had just finished robbing by way of the garage. He was not able to get the garage door to go up since the automatic door opener was malfunctioning. He couldn't re-enter the house because the door connecting the house and garage locked when he pulled it shut. The family was on vacation, and Mr. Dickson found himself locked in the garage for eight days. He subsisted on a case of Pepsi he found, and a large bag of dry dog food d. He sued the homeowner's insurance claiming the situation caused him undue mental anguish. The jury agreed, to the tune of \$500,000. In my opinion this is so outrageous that it should have been 2nd Place!

### 4th Place:

**Jerry Williams** of Little Rock, Arkansas, was awarded \$14,500 and medical expenses after

being bitten on the buttocks by his next-door neighbor's beagle. The beagle was on a chain in its owner's fenced yard. The award was less than sought because the jury felt the dog might have been just a little provoked at the time by Mr. Williams who had climbed over the fence into the yard and was shooting it repeatedly with a pellet gun.

### 3rd Place:

A Philadelphia restaurant was ordered to pay **Amber Carson** of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, \$113,500. after she slipped on a soft drink and broke her coccyx (tailbone). The beverage was on the floor because Ms. Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument.

### 2nd Place:

**Kara Walton** of Claymont, Delaware, successfully sued the owner of a night club in a neighboring city when she fell from the bathroom window to the floor and knocked out her two front teeth. This occurred while Ms. Walton was trying to sneak through the window in the ladies room to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover charge . She was awarded \$12,000 and dental expenses.

### 1st Place:

This year's runaway winner was **Mrs. Merv Grazinski** of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mrs. Grazinski purchased a brand new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On her first trip home, (from an OU football game), having driven onto the freeway, she set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the driver's seat to go into the back and make herself a sandwich. Not surprisingly, the RV left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Mrs. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not advising her in the owner's manual that she couldn't actually do this. The jury awarded her \$1,750,000, plus a new motor home. The company actually changed their manuals on the basis of this suit, just in case there were any other complete morons around.

## Poetry Section

This poem was forwarded to us from **Richard Janoiko**

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### The Gospel According to You

The Gospel of Matthew is fine my friend,  
The Gospel of Mark is too.  
The Gospel of Luke is wonderful, but say  
What is the Gospel according to you?

There are millions of people living in sin,  
Who never sit in the church pew.  
But you can rest assured; they're watching your life,  
The Gospel according to you.

What about it neighbor, Just where do you go,  
When ere the day's work is thru?  
For what ever it is, somebody's watching,  
The Gospel according to you.

The things that you do, the words that you speak  
They're following you all day through.  
And when least expected, somebody is reading  
The Gospel according to you.

And when up in Heaven your Savior you meet,  
And all life's journey is through,  
Will there be any souls, who are there because,  
The gospel according to you ????

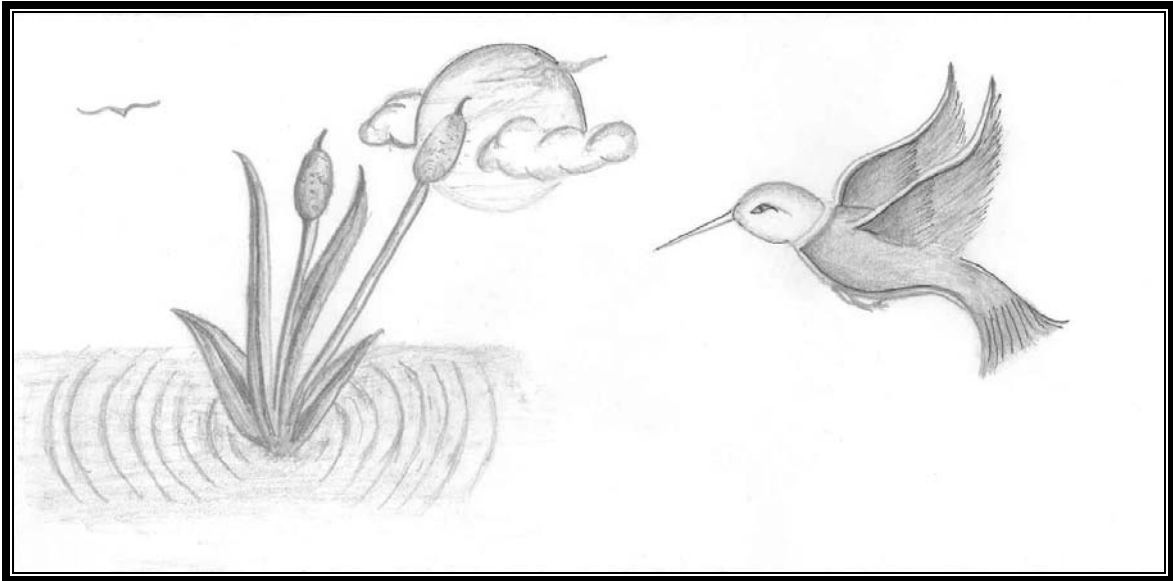
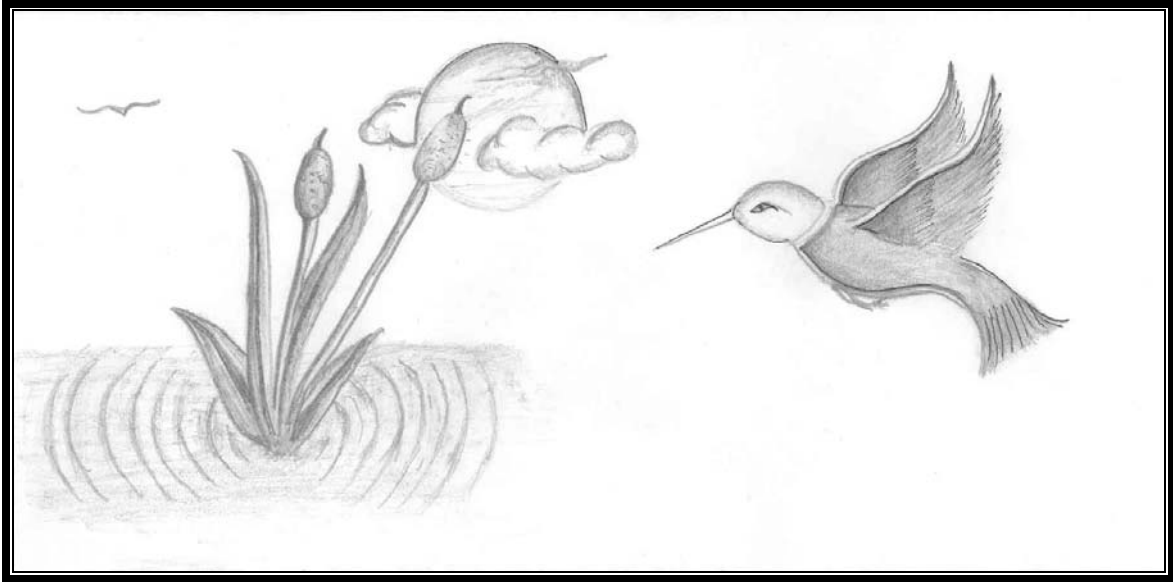
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**Leo**, one of the inmates released, that attends church with us (every Wednesday and Sunday), was reading his Bible in a Wendy's restaurant while waiting for his meal. As he went to pick up his order, the cashier said "**How was the book?**" Leo said, "**What book, you mean this Bible that I was reading?**" The lady said "**Exactly, I was watching you. You know, as I watched you, I realized that I need to get back to reading the Bible and going to church.**" Who is reading "your" volume of "**The Gospel according to you?**"

“**Inmate Art**” The following drawing was done by **Leo Castillo**, who is “Out, Free, and in Church”



**“Inmate Art”** Drawings on envelopes by Rodney Boren



## To My Dream Seeker (Part 8)



.This is a little encouragement to all my brothers & sisters incarcerated and serving the Lord. When you are feeling down, please feel free to pick this up and hear what our Heavenly Father is telling you.

This just came to me at a very hard time in life when I thought there was no light at the end of the tunnel. So I have carried this little encouragement with me for 2 years 3 months and I want to share it with all my fellowship of Christ. Please enjoy this . . . I would love for the Fisherman (Dream seeker) and his son to put this close to their heart at all times.

I want to leave you with what I believe are four of the most encouraging words in scripture: **“It came to pass.”** Everything that you and I are going through right at this moment in our lives, it WILL come to pass. We won’t be in our present situation forever. God is in control of our lives. You realize that He has every hair on your head numbered, but most of all, He has stored our tears in a bottle and has thrown it in the deep blue sea. We just have to realize that He is aware of what we are going through, what we have been through, what we

The following article is the eighth article of **“Message in a Bottle”** from **NW**. Those of you that have followed her articles on **“My Dream Seeker,”** (starting with **volume 17, July/Aug. 2006**) know of the love and expression displayed by the writer, and felt by the reader of the article. Now we present another article as written in a prison cell by **The Mermaid**.

will go through in the future (Note from Bob: “through” means we will reach the other side).

We all get so into the flesh, we forget that He is the only one that can help us through the situations, even if you don’t see a way out, have faith that He does. We all know that He (God) promises us in every trial we might come across, He will see us through it, as well as provide for us. The hardest thing is to stay capable and strong and powerful to bear under it patiently.

So today, if you are trying to figure out how He (God) is going to work things out, I ask you to please stop and have faith. Therefore, relax. Give yourself to God, let Him care for you, all you have to do is live one day at a time. For instance, when you are feeling like things are out of control, just get on your knees and shout out “God, I need you. I’m giving you this situation. I don’t see how you are going to manage things to work, but the most beautiful part is we don’t have to!” We all know in our heart that God has come through before, I believe He will come through this time, along with many more in the future.

**Love, the Mermaid**