

## “Letter From M.O.M.”

The Bi-Monthly 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 control 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

Our mailing list has cleared over 750. The time required for designing the newsletters, printing, folding and stuffing the newsletters, applying postage and printing the envelopes has become great. We get behind on letter replies, and may occasionally miss one. Please write back if we do not answer, and write clearly so we can get the information correct. **We would like to know of the impact we are having and also cherish letters from inmates or relatives to the churches to let us know how we are doing.**

### Intentions & Wishes

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

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

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

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

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

## Addresses to contact our Ministry Volunteers

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**Stephen "Fuzzy" Brown  
So Blessed Ministry  
P O Box 275  
Lake Isabella, CA 93240**

**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**

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

**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**

## 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 #.

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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."

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## Readily Available Printouts

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**" (48 pages), the "**Pen Pal Friends**" (12 pages), ALL past newsletters ("**Letter From M.O.M.**"), inmate lookup links, and artwork are available to be viewed or downloaded.

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

Ask for a copy of our **48 page**  
**"Resource List"**

**SASE with Postage is needed but verified indigent envelopes will be mailed.**

\$ .49 for Pen pals

\$ .91 or \$1.40 for Resources

\$ .49-\$1.32 for Newsletter

(Donations Welcome)

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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
2. Your life lessons
3. Your godly passions

## 4. The Good News

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.

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## Soledad Prison Ministry With Bill Glass Ministries March 15, 2014

What a WONDERFUL trip. Had Eric join Bob as a first time volunteer (77 veteran volunteers and 23 first timers).. Bob did not ask Eric to attend but rather told him to sign up and he was going to enjoy it.

Results: 211 FIRST TIME decisions for salvation and another 338 rededications for a total of 549 decisions.

Next event attending will be the Weekend of Champions on May 1-3, 2014 for the Fresno/Tulare/Kings counties in California

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

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**The Devil Hates Ministries Networking**

The following are email conversations between Chaplain Bob with Moving On Ministry and Minister Audrey with Prisoners 4 Christ. If both ministries could get a massive amount of requests from inmates for financial support, the yokes would be much lighter.

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Dear Pastor Bob and Linda:

I've had several inmates contact me requesting to be added to our mail list for our newsletter. I've contacted them and asked how did they hear about us and was told that they got our address from you. I want to thank you so much and may God bless you and your family. I'm not sure if you have received our newsletter or not but I am forwarding a copy of them hoping you will like them as we are trying to get donations going to get our ministry up and running. Again thank you so much.

God bless you,

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Pastor Audrey,

We have gotten some of your newsletters. Very impressive, even with color (we had to cut out printing color because of expense). You are probably listed on our 48 page resources list. It is probably our most requested publication. We too are trying to get some form of financial stability with the ministry. Every month requires me to donate \$500 to \$600 into the ministry to help cover expenses. People ask **how much we make** and we tell them that there is no payroll for the past 12 years. They then ask "**Then you do it for free?**," and we reply, "**No, actually we pay to do what we do.**".

Next month marks our 12 year anniversary of doing prison outreach. Last weekend I did 4 chapel services at Corcoran State Prison. Yesterday, Sunday, was ministering with the Bill Glass Ministry at Soledad State Prison. Tomorrow (Monday) Linda and I will be doing our annual training at California Men's Colony Prison in San Luis Obispo. The following Sunday I will be doing 3 chapel services at Avenal State Prison. We are

both still working full time to pay bills but I hope to retire about October. May cause some financial problems.

Every year we get new prisons opening their doors to us and we are asked across the United States to come and do a special service. We have to politely tell them that the cost is too great. We sent out 144 letters of introduction to churches without one reply. We see these same churches spend 100's of thousands of dollars to support foreign missions and yet put \$0 into the transformation of lives of prisoners in America.

Pastor/Chaplain Bob

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Pastor Bob:

Thank you for responding back to my email so quickly? I was shocked to say the least. Yes one of your guys that obviously gets info from you wrote me and He told me he got my newsletter from you. I want to thank you so much. He said when he read the newsletter that it really touched his heart and he had tears in his eyes reading it. To be honest with you I don't want to make inmates cry. (lol), but he said he could see and feel the love in it showing that we truly care. Yes, my heart goes out to so many inmates as they have to be shown love and to let them know God don't look down on them harshly, he loves them as well.

When I first heard from him I thought to myself, my gosh, how does he know about us Lord? I am just so thankful that God felt we were worthy enough to minister to his children. I am truly honored and humbled by it.

I know what you are saying about printing and the color and the expense. I too feel the same way, and I get out over 200 just in the one prison here in Tomoka and it's all coming out of my pocket including the postage and that alone is expensive. I know God laid it on our hearts to do this and he will supply. We (including you and your ministry) are not out to con anyone or use them, we are to reach out to those in prison, to encourage them, to lift them up and to give them hope and no one can tell me that God will not supply.

Pastor Bob, God has put a very high calling on your life because you have touched so many people but God is telling me he is about to turn things around in your life and your ministry. I am only telling you what I am feeling from the Lord. Father, I pray that I am not saying anything that is not of you, if I have done anything wrong, I ask for your forgiveness and I ask that you would take this from his memory.

My son, I see what you are doing, I've given you this ministry as I have found you to be faithful. You have touch many lives, more than you know in many ways. There are times that things may look and are ruff but know I am your Jehovah Jira your supplier and provider. I would not have you do something that I will not

supply. Many blessings are coming to you this year. You will get back double of what you have given.

You are so right on when you say you contact ministries and not one even gives you the decency to reply yet they give thousands of dollars to foreign missions as you say. I believe just to get the lime light. Yes, there are so many of God's children that are hurting in prisons and nothing is giving to help them. I agree with you 100%.

I want to share some places that will give **donations to ministries**. I would like to share their address' with you. One of my inmates have sent me 3 beautiful letters that they wrote about us requesting \$30,000 each to get the ministry up and running. It brought tears to me eyes that he cares so much for us that he did this on his own. Please check them out on the net. But here are the Names and address. You never know what and how God will use.

1. Community Foundation of Central Florida,  
1411 Edgewater Drive, Suite 203  
Orlando, FL 32804
2. Community Foundation For Greater Atlanta  
50 Hurt Plaza  
Suite 449  
Atlanta, Ga 30303
3. Pinellas County Community Foundation  
5200 East Bay Drive, Suite 202  
Clearwater, FL 33764

I pray that they can help in anyway or lead you to the right ones. Thank you so much for putting us in your newsletter. As we are doing the same for you.

God Bless,  
Minister Audrey

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When writing to these foundations, remember that you can mail 5 full sheets (10 half pages) for 1 stamp (\$.49) and 10 full pages (20 half pages) for \$.70. It is OK to combine your votes for support,.

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For 12 years Bob & Linda have paid for the cost of M.O.M. and as Bob prepares to retire from his county job, the funds will not be available. We believe “**Where God guides, He provides**” and if the provisions are not available, perhaps He is redirecting.

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## The Beaten Path, But not the Beaten Individual

Many of you remember when we published the Michael Hess story and his video on “I Almost Got Away with it.” We asked Michael if we could pray for him and two weeks later he was informed that he had 144 months (12 years) dropped from his sentence after recapture. Michael is out and has done some public speaking. However it has not been an easy road to follow, though Michael is dedicated to follow the path God has given him.

We received the following letter from Michael on **3/28/2014**

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Dear Chaplain Bob & Linda,

I guess you’ll might have had a few questions about me since we have not had any contact. I can understand your concerns. So let me try to explain

On Jan. 9, 2014, I had a scheduled colonoscopy at the VA for early morning. I had done all the prior prep work. I don’t think I had been any cleaner inside since birth, physically at least. But anyway, a while after being in recovery, a little longer than most, they released me.

I went back out where the van was parked to take us back to the T house (Transition) when everybody was done. I had just gotten out there when I threw up. Now I figured I would probably feel better. Haven’t you been feeling a little pucky and you threw up and felt better? Well I was hoping that this would be my case. Well about 10 minutes later I threw up again, and I knew I was not feeling very good.

So I make it back up to the second floor of the hospital. As soon as I got there, a nurse that had remembered that I had a procedure done earlier, came over to me and took me by the hand and lead me back to recovery where a couple of Drs. And nurses laid me down on a gurney, taking vitals, getting ready to do the EKG thing. At that moment I had one whopper of a headache and my chest was a little sore. So we finally got things setup, to do the EKG and bingo, I am in the midst of a heart attack.

Well, I have to admit I was pretty shook up. But I’ll tell you I was more distressed when I was told that I had to be taken to another hospital, as the VA could not handle things such as heart attacks.

So we rode for about 35 minutes to a hospital that does such things. I’m taken right to the head of the line and I am attended to. The Doc looks at me and says “you are having a heart attack.” I told him that I believed him seeing as how the other Doc’s had confirmed the same thing and that I believed them. My question was “What are you going to do about it?”

Well Dr. “Casey” (of the Dr. Ben Casey – Dr. Steven Kylee fame) says we are going to get your vitals stable and in the morning take a look at my heart through some catheter and probably take care of the problem and I would be good as new in a few weeks. I said fine.

Well his prognosis was all wet. I sound up with a quadruple bypass. So I woke up with tubes and everything. I have just recently realized how serious it really was. I still have restrictions about movement and weight lifting limits, but I’m getting there slowly but surely. I’m still pretty sore.

After a couple of weeks, I kept complaining how the right side of my chest was more sore than the left side. Well they finally did a bone scan of my chest and found out that I had 3 cracked ribs. While they can't do anything about it, it at least showed that I wouldn't complain about just nothing. The Dr. did increase my pain med though and it helped.

On **Jan, 23, 2014**, they came to tell me I'm being released from the hospital. I was kind of surprised because I still felt like I had been run over by a truck. But I left and moved into a ground floor apartment that the T-House rents under veteran friendly terms. I got out of the hospital on **Jan, 23, 2014** (Thur. PM). After a rough 3 days, on Monday morning I called all as I was feeling pretty bad. And before I knew it, I was on my way back to the hospital. Why? Because I was having another heart attack. Who would have thought?

I went to a different hospital, as they thought I should get to one as soon as possible. A couple of docs were waiting on me to get there and I was in the operating room in about 20 minutes. They tries to work 3 valves but they forgot about right away. Out of the 3 they worked on, only one was completely successful.

So, I'm in the hospital again! Six days later (**Jan, 29, 2014**), while in the hospital, with nothing better to do, I had another heart attack. That was 3 in a month. Sounds like a lot to me. But on Valentine's Day (**Feb. 14, 2014**) I'm released to a rehab-nursing home in Deland, FL. My first impression was that I had gone back in time to "One flew over the Cuckoo's nest." Really!

But I didn't have much of a chance to form a true opinion about the place. You see, Sunday AM (**Feb. 16, 2014**) I remember standing up from the breakfast table and the next thing I remember was being strapped to one of those wooden boards with a head stabilizer. I had apparently fainted and banged my head on the floor. I had wound up fracturing my skull in two places. So, "Back to the hospital I go."

I was there until **Feb. 25, 2014** and then sent to the Metro West Nursing & Rehab Facility. I don't know when I am getting out of here. Naturally my chest is pretty sore, but I think the skull fracture is the worse right now. I never seem to completely lose my headache. Its worse sometimes than others, but never completely goes away. They tell me it will. It'll just be a while.

My stuff is in 3 or 4 different places. Cell phone in Deland with some clothes. Most stuff is at the apartment that I lived in 3 days. I'm going to be here either 3 more days or 17 more days. I would prefer the 17 as I have seen and felt some improvement in my old beat up body. I've heard the old axiom – "What doesn't kill you, will make yo stronger." I don't think that is true in my case. Not that I ever was the construction type, but heavy duty stuff is recommended against.

I know we get tested throughout our lives and such, this was a tough one physically, spiritually and mentally. The physical speaks for itself. The mental is that I should have been in culinary school and received my Pell Grant check. Been on my to really transition back into society. Spiritually? Was I supposed to curse or question God? I tell myself, if it is His way or desire for some reason, perhaps the reason will be known to me later. It's been a heck of a couple of weeks Chaplain Bob. But my faith is still strong. But I've got a couple of really ugly scars. Once I track down my cell phone, I'll call you.

**Michael Hess**

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## **Subject: Murder Mystery. This is a great story!!**

Do you like to read a good murder mystery? Not even "Midsummer Murders" would attempt to capture this mess. This is an unbelievable twist of fate!!!!

At the 1994 annual awards dinner given for Forensic Science, AAFS President, Dr. Don Harper Mills astounded his audience with the legal complications of a bizarre death. Here is the story:

On March 23, 1994... The medical examiner viewed the body of Ronald Opus, and concluded that he died from a shotgun wound to the head. Mr. Opus had jumped from the top of a ten-story building intending to commit suicide. He left a note to that effect indicating his despondency. As he fell past the ninth floor, his life was interrupted by a shotgun blast passing through a window, which killed him instantly. Neither the shooter nor the deceased was aware that a safety net had been installed just below the eighth floor level to protect some building workers and that Ronald Opus would not have been able to complete his suicide the way he had planned.

The room on the ninth floor, where the shotgun blast emanated, was occupied by an elderly man and his wife. They were arguing vigorously and he was threatening her with a shotgun! The man was so upset that when he pulled the trigger, he completely missed his wife, and the pellets went through the window, striking Mr. Opus.

When one intends to kill subject 'A', but kills subject 'B' instead, one is guilty of the murder of subject 'B.'

When confronted with the murder charge, the old man and his wife were both adamant, and both said they thought the shotgun was not loaded, the old man said it was a long-standing habit to threaten his wife with the unloaded shotgun.. He had no intention to murder her. Therefore, the killing of Mr. Opus appeared to be an accident, assuming the gun had been accidentally loaded.

The continuing investigation turned up a witness who saw the old couple's son loading the shotgun about six weeks prior to the fatal accident.. It transpired that the old lady had cut off her son's financial support, and the son, knowing the propensity of his father to use the shotgun threateningly, loaded the gun with the expectation that his father would shoot his mother. Since the loader of the gun was aware of this, he was guilty of the murder even though he didn't actually pull the trigger. The case now becomes one of murder on the part of the son for the death of Ronald Opus.

Now comes the exquisite twist.. Further investigation revealed that the son was, in fact, Ronald Opus.

He had become increasingly despondent over the failure of his attempt to engineer his mother's murder. This led him to jump off the ten-story building on March 23rd, only to be killed by a shotgun blast passing through the ninth story window. The son, Ronald Opus, had actually murdered himself.

So the medical examiner closed the case as a suicide.

A true story from Associated Press.

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Inmate Letter From Ray V. in Vol. 16 Newsletter – **July/Aug. 2006**

Ray sends 100 stamps every month of every other month. He and his wife are currently doing a “Feed the Homeless” ministry also.

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Remember me **Ray V.**, I told you I would write you and express the gratitude for the fellowship & your testimony. It was truly inspirational to my life & God's temple. I was sharing that moment with my wife “A\*\*\*\*\*” and she always gets excited to know that “Gods” family is growing and we are all a part of His loving children, one day to be reunited in His Heavenly Kingdom, but for now we have a lot of work to do for the Lord, so we can bring more of His children to repentance and “God's” family can grow even larger. This way there will be more brothers and sisters in paradise with us. The one main thing is to always stay in prayer with “God.” His wisdom and knowledge is priceless, besides that blanket of unconditional Love & protection. Well Chaplain Bob & Linda, it was absolutely great seeing the both of you at church. Remember us in your prayers and keep us in mind for a Bible study and fellowship for the #A gym inmates, it will be a great blessing. p.s. If there's any possibility to speak with Chaplain I\*\*\*\* to start a Bible study/fellowship for us 3-A Gym inmates. “God Bless You !” **Ray V.**

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Letter dated 3-23-14

Dear Chaplains Bob & Linda

A\*\*\*\*\* (wife) and I just finished reading a letter I wrote while @ Corcoran State Prison.in your newsletter volume 16 July/August 2006. It's always mind blowing and amazing how God always makes things come together for the best of us all and we always love seeing you two. It just keeps us inspired to keep on the path to Heaven and doing the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, AMEN... We've been feeding, clothing, etc. for the homeless & less fortunate in our community for over 2 years now and what a blessing it is to serve our L:ord God. Can't wait till Heaven. I hope to see you two soon. God bless your ministry & family. Love in our Lord Jesus Christ, Ray & A. V

# FAITH

This dog was born on Christmas Eve in the year 2002. He was born with 2 legs - He of course could not walk when he was born. Even his mother did not want him.

His first owner also did not think that he could survive and he was thinking of 'putting him to sleep'. But then, his present owner, Jude Stringfellow, met him and wanted to take care of him. She became determined to teach and train this little dog to walk by himself. She named him 'Faith'.



In the beginning, she put Faith on a surfboard to let him feel the movement. Later she used peanut butter on a spoon as a lure and reward for him for standing up and jumping around. Even the other dog at home encouraged him to walk.

Amazingly, only after 6 months, like a miracle, Faith learned to balance on his hind legs and to jump to move forward. After further training in the snow, he could now walk like a human being.



Faith loves to walk around now. No matter where he goes, he attracts people to him.

He is fast becoming famous on the international scene and has appeared on various newspapers and TV shows. There is now a book entitled 'With a Little Faith' being published about him. He was even considered to appear in one of Harry Potter movies.



His present owner Jude Stringfellow has given up her teaching post and plans to take him around the world to 'preach that even without a perfect body, one can have a perfect soul'.









In life there are always undesirable things, so in order to feel better you just need to look at life from another direction. I hope this message will bring fresh new ways of thinking to everyone and that everyone will appreciate and be thankful for each beautiful day. Faith is the continual demonstration of the strength and wonder of life.

[James 2:26](#) - For as the body **without** the spirit is dead, so **faith without works** is dead also.

[Hebrews 11:1](#) - Now **faith is** the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

[Matthew 6:30](#) - Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today **is**, and to morrow **is** cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little **faith**?

[Luke 12:28](#) - If then God so clothe the grass, which **is** to day in the field, and to morrow **is** cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little **faith**?