

Titus House Newsletter

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**To all my brothers and sisters in Christ
blessings to you.**

My name is Carlos and I have just been released from the Texas Dept. of Corrections after serving 16 years and 5 months for a sex crime I certainly did not commit. Having said that, I now must register as a sex offender for the rest of my life. I must tell you that having gone through this really bitter and very angry. As I knelt down to pray, I asked God in all His mercy to forgive me forever placing myself in a situation where something like this could happen to me. I asked God to give me the strength to forgive those who lied against me to ruin me.

I also must tell you that all is not a loss. I have managed through God's grace and through the power of His Holy Spirit to make lemon aid with those bitter lemons that I was given.

Through the loving kindness of my Messianic brother Wayne with Legacy Acres Ministry, he blessed me with a new beginning.

I live in a spacious one-bedroom apartment @ \$500. all bills paid. I obtained my New Mexico ID, I have registered to vote and I have voted for the first time in my life. I am 59 years of age, by the way. I am working 2 part time jobs, and as of today I just enrolled at the Mesalands Community College for the Spring Semester for January of 2023.

I attend church services regularly and I volunteer regularly and volunteer at the church when needed. I'm currently trying to volunteer my time with the Quay County Jail to witness to the inmates there through the Chaplain's Office. I stay busy and my schedule is quite full. But for the most part being on the sex offender registry does not hinder me from making progress in life. Besides, no matter where you've been or what you've done people will always say something about you. Me, personally, it bothers me to a certain point, but as long as I strive to do the right thing people will see who you really are. But if you are the type of person who does dirty stuff on the side and then tries to show people you are a trustworthy person, eventually you will lose their trust somewhere down the road.

If you want to write, I will be more than happy to share God's truth to you. I am walking where I should be walking. I have no family, and I know only a handful of people. But God is so good to me. It amazes me every time. I also will be starting my own prison ministry. It will be named IN His Name Prison Ministry. Take time to gets what's real, in and for your life, Matthew 6:33 says, Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and ALL these things shall be added unto you. Praise His Holy Name!

My name is Carlos De La Garza, Jr.

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Trucker Jon

Each morning, several of us begin our day with a morning conference call where we share in verse, prayer, and devotions. This morning, one of our beloved sisters in Christ said it in the best way, "We have never seen this day before." Words so true.

On November 28, 1988, I began a new day, a new beginning, when I knelt in prayer with my pastor and asked Jesus into my heart. Just like that, I became a new creation through the precious Blood of Jesus, who gave His life for me at the Cross of Calvary. Six years later, on the evening of Easter, 1994, Jesus gave me a more complete life in Him when I received His Holy Spirit into my life.

This is the season when we celebrate Jesus. His birth is celebrated with festivities. We sing carols that celebrate in



earthy celebration. We give, we receive, we feast, we pray for hope of peace on earth, we focus in hymns and services dedicated to the coming of the Christ child.

After the feasting is over, we finish the work of the year and we wait expectantly for midnight, the final moment of the year. One second past midnight, we begin a new year, usually we commemorate it with a new resolution, a new beginning.

This year had many trials for me. I had to focus on who I am. Looking in the mirror is not always that easy. I lost a friendship that lasted off and on over 38 years. My future became uncertain. My job changed significantly. My faith was compromised. My physical health began to decline. There were great moments too. I taught a young man to fish. I won best of show in a model building competition. I joined a

new church. I became closer to my Dad. An old friend came back. Yes, 2022 had its ups and downs.

The coming New Year is a new beginning. I am committed to making it the best year I can. As I end this year, I hope for a better next year. As our sister stated, we have never lived this day before. We have never lived 2023 before. It will be a new day, a new year, and a new beginning.

God WANTS our fellowship. He WANTS to renew us with His shed Blood. He WANTS to hear our prayers, He WANTS to celebrate with us. He WANTS to renew us with the Power of His Holy Spirit. Please take some time to ask Him for guidance. If you have not already, ask Him to be your savior and to guide us through the promise of a new beginning in this New Year. Love and blessings,

Trucker Jon.

THE PROGRESSIVE CASE FOR ANKLE BRACELETS – OPINION Source Newsweek

Many of the most progressive countries in the world are making use of technology to promote rehabilitation and reduce incarceration. Yet blue states like Massachusetts and left-leaning advocacy organizations remain hostile to use of electronic monitoring (EM) methods. They are overlooking the benefits of EM—even from a progressive standpoint.

Progressives' typically formulated criminal justice goal is

laudatory: to minimize incarceration consistent with public safety, and to maximize the rehabilitation of offenders. But achieving these ends has been, to say the least, problematic.

Progressives commonly urge more addiction treatment and mental health services as steps toward rehabilitation. These treatments might be beneficial for many ex-offenders, but by themselves they are unlikely to sharply

curtail recidivism.

Vocational training is also useful, but success measured by societal reintegration of ex-offenders is unproven. Despite all that we've learned about rehabilitation over the last five decades, the inescapable fact is that over 80% of all prisoners are rearrested for new crimes at some point after they are released.



SUPPORTED BY LAWMAKERS, OPPOSED BY REFORMERS, YOUTH SEX OFFENDER REGISTRIES HAVE A LONG HISTORY Source JJIE.org

In Wisconsin, two 15-year-olds whose foster parent caught them having consensual sex were charged with felony sexual assault and put on the sex offender registry for at least 15 years.

In Arizona, it's possible for a minor who streaks nude at a football game to be charged with a sex offense and put on a registry. In Massachusetts, teens caught sending a nude photo of themselves could end up on a registry.

Existing in every state, registries list children as young as elementary school age; a small fraction of their crimes were rape

or resulted in other types of severe sexual harm.

Originally, registries were conceived as a way to inform communities about convicted sexual predators living in their neighborhoods. But researchers, conducting several different studies over the years, have largely determined that putting minors on registries does not enhance community safety and reflects a miscarriage of justice that runs afoul of the juvenile justice system's promise to help rehabilitate youth.

Most youth who commit sexual crimes don't do so again as adults. The feder-

al Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehension and Tracking has said its review of other researchers' analyses showed that, depending on the study, 7% to 13% of youth reoffended. Those percentages drop significantly more as time progresses, according to a study, published this year in *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*, concluding that the risks of sexual reoffenses end around the age of 19 for those who'd been convicted of sex crimes when they were years younger.

KS: CONCERN RAISED WITH REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER COACHING YOUTH SPORTS TEAM

Can a registered sex offender coach children in Kansas? That question popped up after a concerned parent emailed FactFinder 12 about a registered sex offender coaching a youth sports team.

Sedgwick County District Attorney Marc Bennett said there is no criminal law in Kansas that prevents a

convicted sex offender from coaching in youth sports. With the coach not doing anything illegal by coaching, 12 News is not naming him nor the team.

Bennett did say, "There may be conditions of parole or probation that prohibit 'unsupervised conduct' or require a convicted offender to not reside with-

in a certain distance from a school." But "Once the term of probation has been served, that condition no longer applies."

Personal protection expert and former Miami Police Detective Joe Schillaci said youth sports are a way in which sex offenders can find victims.



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Hebrew 13:3 - Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! From Titus House

HELLO , This is Alice Johnston wishing you all a Happy New Year and a year full of answers and blessings!

I have recently read a book entitled WORRY LESS/LIVE MORE BY Robert J. Morgan. I recommend you get hold of this book if you can. It is promoted by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

The preface that caught my eye said, "How to bury worry before worry buries you!"

My husband just discovered he could only see with one eye. We of course drove all over town to get the answer. I became the driver for the next week as we sought medical opinion at several facilities. I began to wonder what to do to combat my fear of losing a husband who is key to our ministry reaching several hundred prison inmates and their families. I stumbled over the above mentioned book in my library. When I caught the meaning of the title I thought, "Lord, I am worried about Don. What do I do?" I told the Lord I really need some answers. I recommend this book put out by Billy Graham Publishers, if you are consumed with worry about your health, the erratic behavior of family members, financial worries of any kind.

Do we believe the phrase we often use, "God can supply all my needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus?" I find it is easy to quote Scripture when counseling other people and neglect to use it on myself. Please pray for us and I would appreciate your prayer that I would have much more confidence in God's promises that I often

use on other people!

PS After writing the above, I looked out the window, wondering why my room was getting darker in the middle of the morning and discovered snow coming down heavily, the first time this winter! Don was still away at his doctor's and of course I began to worry again! He then arrived home, and I gazed out the door at a neighborhood of white. I thought, "Here is my half-blind husband driving in the snow. He even brought me a bagged lunch!"

If you live in Upstate New York where I used to live, you are chuckling as you move out with your snow shovel. We have gotten used to the simple life here in New Mexico!

My snow shovel is old and worn, our wheelbarrow is of the same vintage, two inches of snow looks scary. What is my problem , getting older, getting lazy or just plain expecting God to take care of me and my husband??? Can we tell several hundred men and women in prison we are getting old and are quitting??? I am referring to several hundred people who count on us to uplift them.

As we approach a new year, do we expect God to meet all of our needs and give us the joy He promises in His Word??? I hope so,

Our love to you all, Alice, Don, and Goldie the faithful doggie who keeps us safe and active!



Circle of Concern has gone **ZOOM**

Circle of Concern is aimed at breaking down isolation and fear by providing a safe place for registrants and their loved ones to get together, build community, and learn ways to step out and take charge of their lives and overcome the stigma they face. The Circle of Concern is a group of concerned registered citizens, family and friends that meet together on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We are meeting this month on **January 15, 2023** at 3 pm—4 p.m. MST. We will meet on Zoom. We encourage and try to help each other. It is a safe place to share our strengths and struggles. We hope you will join us. If you are planning to attend call Don at (505) 315-7940.. He will send you the link to join by computer or phone. You can contact him at the number above or email him at

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