

# Titus House Newsletter

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## More Than a Conqueror Through Christ Who Strengthens Me

My name is David White and I was born in the 1960s. I have one full brother and two half-sisters, fifteen years older. I would later in life discover I had other half brothers and sisters I knew nothing about. Mom died when I was four and I never met my father. My brother and I were adopted by mom's sister. My aunt was a single mother of six children, we would make it eight. The older kids watched the younger kids. We were children being raised by children. I don't remember any values being installed like: God, family, love, honor, integrity. At age eleven I got caught smoking and rather than taking another beating I decided to run away from home. This would be the beginning of many years of rebellious living. I found acceptance in the hippie culture that seemed to fill a void in my heart that I had been longing to fill for as long as I could remember. In the early 1970s some of the themes of that era were: SEX, DRUGS and ROCK n ROLL, QUESTION AUTHORITY, FREE LOVE and IF IT FEELS GOOD DO IT. I learned how to drink and smoke. Sexual promiscuity came easily and it all felt good, so I did it. I would remember, later in life, a haunting statement that my aunt would make every

time we would drive through Canon City Colorado, home of Colorado's first prison, "if you kids don't straighten up I am going to reserve a room there for you," as if a curse were spoken over us from a young age. Thankfully God had a calling on my life although, I didn't know it at the time. That void in my heart was my need to be loved by Him. By age sixteen I was using needles. Cocaine and meth-amphetamine took me to new heights I had never experienced before. I soon met a female who loved doing the same things I did, sex drugs and rock n roll. Our favorite thing to do was to shoot dope and have sex. This behavior would poison my relationships and be my worst downfall later in my life. Between the ages of twenty four and thirty I was so strung out on drugs and alcohol so badly that it could not be hidden. I had built a life of drugs and money around myself and I was unable to stop using by my own will power. At age thirty I met a beautiful young woman who fell in love with me in spite of my apparent character defects. We became pregnant and unfortunately lost our son to the state due to my addiction. When I envisioned my life's plans, losing my first born son was not part of it. We became pregnant again. Not wanting to lose another child I closed the business and entered a Christian drug rehab pro-

gram called Teen Challenge. Thanks be to God, it worked! Over the next twelve years we began to raise two beautiful girls. Life never seemed so glorious. My being drug free and healthy, having a beautiful wife and two wonderful children, a good job seem to complete my ideas of what life was supposed to be about. As life does, things change. We become discontented with each other. We drifted apart. She began secretly doing drugs and finding comfort with other men. This would eventually bring us to a separation. Long story short, after several months it became apparent that I needed to move our daughters in with me. I did pretty well as a single dad for the first two years. Eventually I became tired, worn down and lonely. I felt I had done a good job and deserved to feel a sense of relief if only for a short time. After twelve years sobriety I began to drink beer and smoke marijuana again. One day I was at Home Depot picking up materials for a job and I ran into an old friend that I used to use meth with. That night I had a needle in my arm. Over the next year he taught me how to make meth. My life became a cycle of working to earn the money to buy the ingredient to make the meth. As a part of my meth addiction I would sexually act out with porn, masturbation. When that no longer worked  
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for me I made the decision to lie behind my daughter and tell her a sexual dream that I had in hopes that she might want to participate in my sexual deviants. She became scared and upset and I got up and left the room. I am grateful that the physical sexual assault did not go any farther that night however, the consequences and the mental distress still ripple through the sands of time through today. My poor choices cost me everything that was dear to me and negatively impacted those whom I love the most, my daughters. I dropped them off at school the next day never to see them again. I was tried and convicted of sexual assault on a child. I served 8.5 years on a 4 year sentence. I was so scared about going to prison I almost committed suicide. I call those years my wilderness experience. Much like the Israelites being led through the desert while God purified their hearts, taught them to trust and obey, He prepared them to be brought into a land of milk and honey. God's Word says He

### Editorial

Alice Benson Johnston

You may have noticed that lately we have been featuring stories of changed lives. This time we feature a man whose life Jesus has absolutely grabbed, shook him up and transformed him. We will be starting to give you stories from female sex offenders, one with two life sentences. Yes, there are a number of them in our prisons. Please send us your short stories they may make it into a future issue. There are also children as

corrects those He loves. I was a man undone and in need of correction in my heart, mind and life. I embraced my time of correction and I used it as a monastery experience, submersing myself into every self-help program



offered to men in the DOC. More importantly I spent thousands of hours in sweet communion in God's Word, Bible studies, and fellowship meetings learning how much I am loved by the creator of the universe, who sent His only Son to die for my sins and bridge the gap between me and the Father for eternity and break the chains of bondage in this life that I would no longer be controlled by sin. Thank you Jesus!



young as 7 on a public registry (no, that is not a typo). 25% of registered sex offenders are younger than 18. I am offering my services to speak to church and other groups, to those of you who want to keep your families, clubs, churches and Christian schools safe from "predators." Please call me for a date. I will speak to large or small groups, preferably to groups of those over age 18. I am a former pastor's wife, Christian school teacher and leader of a Toughlove parent sup-

While I do have regrets about the harm, embarrassment and shame I inflicted on those I love, much good has come from this tragic event, reminding me that all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose (Rom. 8:28). I was paroled in 2014 and am currently working on developing a Christian Prison After-Care Program for men and women (who have committed sexual offenses) that have embraced their journey through the DOC and immersed themselves in the available treatment, self-help programs and the renewing of their minds through God's Holy Word. Finally, after all these years I am very close to being reunited with my daughters through a Restorative Justice program. All PRAISE, HONOR and GLORY be unto my LORD JESUS! Be encouraged and remember that every son or daughter that God loves HE corrects.

May God's peace rest upon you,

In Jesus name.

port group, dealing with families where drug abuse has ruined teen lives. I will bring pertinent information with me on how to deal with children already exhibiting out-of-control behavior. Call me at (505) 286-8807 or 259-0867.

We appreciate you folks who are helping us financially. We are progressing toward being able to pay all our monthly bills. We are non-profit and give you year-end receipts.



## Federal judiciary finally sees light: Restrictions are punishment

• September 8, 2016 •

By David Post

... I wanted to add a few words to co-blogger [Jonathan Adler's posting](#) about the [recent 6th Circuit decision in Doe v. Snyder](#), in which the court voided application of the Michigan Sex Offender Registration Act (SORA) on the grounds that it imposes retroactive punishment on previously convicted sex offenders in violation of the constitutional prohibition against Ex Post Facto laws.

The decision is an especially important one, possibly signaling, in Mark Stern's words over on [Slate](#), that "the judiciary has finally begun to view draconian sex offender laws as the unconstitutional monstrosities they obviously are."

Here's the case, in a nutshell. The Michigan SORA is typical of the schemes in place in all of the 50 states. Beginning in the mid-'90s, states (with federal encouragement and financial assistance) began requiring all those who had been convicted at any point in the past of having committed a "sex offense" — typically defined, as in the federal statute (42 USC 16911), as "a criminal offense that has an element involving a sexual act or sexual contact with another" — to provide a wide range of identifying information (names, addresses, places of employment, schools being attended, vehicle make and model, etc.) to law enforcement officials. This information was then placed in state-operated, publicly accessible sex offender registry databases.

\*\* Definitions of the "sex offenses" that require registration vary state by state. While a number of truly heinous and deplorable crimes — rape, assault, child molestation — are included, so too, as detailed in a survey by Human Rights Watch, are many lesser crimes, such as soliciting or providing adult prostitution services (five states), public urination (13 states), consensual sex between teenagers (29 states) and exposing genitals in public (32 states).

Several of these early SORAs were challenged on ex post facto grounds, on the theory that the registration and public notification schemes imposed additional punishment retroactively, i.e., on individuals whose crimes had been committed, and who had been convicted, before the SORA legislation had taken effect (and, indeed, on individuals who had completed serving whatever period of punishment and probation or parole had been imposed upon them, and who therefore, at least in theory, possessed the same constitutional rights as you or me).

The Supreme Court, however, disagreed. In *Smith v. Doe*, 538 US 84 (1999), the Court held that the registration and public notification provisions of Alaska's SORA didn't constitute ex post facto imposition of punishment because they were not "punitive," but rather "regulatory": "clearly intended as a civil, non-punitive means of identifying previous offenders for the protection of the public." The "stigma and adverse community reactions" that could result from registration did not render the Act punitive because "the dissemination of the registration information, which was largely a matter of public record, did not constitute the imposition of any significant affirmative disability or restraint."

Please see David's full analysis at [The Volokh Conspiracy](#) in the Washington Post.



## California IML challenge dismissed as premature

September 23, 2016

Associated Press . . . A lawsuit challenging a law that requires a marker to be placed in the passports of people convicted of sex offenses against children is premature because the marker provision is not yet in effect, a federal judge said Friday in a ruling dismissing the suit.

U.S. District Court Judge Phyllis Hamilton said it was also not clear yet who would be subject to the passport identifier and what form the identifier would take.

The Department of Justice has said the passport identifier provision of the International Megan's Law will not go

into effect until officials have developed a process for implementing it, submitted a report to Congress and taken other steps.

President Barack Obama signed the legislation in February. It also requires that other countries are notified that registered sex offenders are traveling there.

The DOJ says the law attempts to address cases where people evade such notifications by traveling to an intermediate country before going to their final destination.

Opponents of the marker have called it a "Scarlet Letter" that would wrongly imply that passport holders had engaged

in child sex trafficking or child sex tourism and subject them to danger.

Janice Bellucci, the attorney challenging the law, said she plans to file another lawsuit in a different district court.

"It really is our goal to prevent anybody's passport from being marked with a conspicuous, unique identifier," she said.

Hamilton also rejected constitutional challenges to the law that were raised by the lawsuit, including the claim that it would unlawfully compel speech. (source: [The Washington Post](#))



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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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### Romans 8:37-39

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, [b] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Updates

Hi this is Don Johnston. I've received a number of inquires of how I am doing after my bariatric surgery (stomach cut and stapled smaller). It has been 7 weeks after my surgery and I've lost 50 pounds. I still got a long ways to go but I am on the right road. Alice and I have been exercising over at the Senior Center. Keep us in your prayers.

## Christmas Party

For the past 4 years we have been holding a Christmas celebration for those on the S.O. registry and their family and friends on Dec.24, 12-2pm. We have been holding it at Furr's on Wyoming. Titus House covers the cost but we really need your help this year financially. If you would like to donate please make your check out to Titus House Christmas. We have 30-40 people attend. Thank you for your help in reaching others.



## Are you out there?

We love hearing from you! This morning we got a phone call from Missouri from a newly released man. He already has a job, a place to stay and a church. We want to hear from all of you. I have to say we have been sending letters to people we never hear from. Are you still there? Do you read our letter? Please contact us in some way by the end of the year or we will save the money we spend to send you our letter. Take care wherever you are and God bless.

## For your Information

Listed below are places that will take sex offenders in. There is a cost in order to stay there and other requirements.

**New Name Ministry**  
PO Box 11694  
Ft. Worth, TX 76110  
Phone: (817) 920-5886

**Matthew 25 Ministry**  
11060 Kenwood Rd, Blue Ash, OH 45242  
Phone: (513) 793-6256



## Circle of Concern

The Circle of Concern is a group of concerned registered offenders, family and friends that meet together on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We are meeting this month on October 9th, at 6-8pm. We will be having a potluck. We meet at Foothills Church, corner

of Tramway and Candelaria on the far east side of Albuquerque. 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.

