

Titus House Newsletter

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LA PASADA SPEAKS UP

The group is now almost brand new. La Pasada is a halfway house with people coming and going all the time. It is hard to make good friends, care for some of their needs then have them suddenly gone.

Meet three of our new friends:

Martin Vasquez notes: "I find La Pasada a haven amongst a sea of uncertainty. My ego is slowly recovering from being perceived as a loser. I feel hopeful for the future and for myself."

Clayton Arellano tells us: "Here at La Pasada I have met a lot of good people trying to make their lives better. I have learned to control my temper and my

anger. I am a better person today than I was in the past. My faith has grown stronger. Thank you Lord for being there for me and my family."

Rudolfo Ronquillo (originally from Mexico) says: "Being in La Pasada is an opportunity of going and preparing myself to get back to society. But in this time it's in

the way of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, to follow him from my heart, to serve him and to be the light for my family and others. I would like to ask God to strengthen me and to keep me going and walking in his ways and in my everyday prayers and petitions that I may have in Jesus Christ's name I pray."



Gentleman Arrested Had A Troubled Background

By: Alexandra Petri

The crucified man had prior run-ins with authorities. He was born (possibly out of wedlock) in a stable. This jobless-30-something of Middle Eastern origin had had previous run-ins with local authorities for disturbing the peace, and had become increasingly associated with the members of a fringe religious group. He spent the majority of his time in the company of sex workers and criminals.

He was most noted for an incident of vandalism in a



community center when he wrecked the tables of several licensed money-lenders and bird sellers. He had used violent language, too, claiming he could destroy a gathering place and rebuild it.

At the time of his arrest he had not held a fixed residence for years. Instead he led an itinerant lifestyle, staying at

homes of friends and advocating the redistribution of wealth.

He had come to the attention of the authorities more than once for his unauthorized

distribution of food, disruptive public behavior and participation in strange aquatic ceremonies.

Some say that his brutal punishment at the hand of the State was out of proportion to and unrelated to any of these incidents in his record. But after all, he was no angel.



The Story of Gary Hardy, Arizona inmate, college educated, working on a doctorate

Gary was arrested in 2005 for possession of underage porn. Nearly everything in his life was gone, marriage, family, investment advisory business and the satisfaction of serving. When he turned to his local church, he was turned away and told not to return. Out of desperation he tried suicide. When that failed he was rescued, revived and imprisoned. He realized before long the arrest was not the end of his life but the beginning of a new and exciting journey. Now after 12 years in prison Gary has earned several advanced degrees, is working on a PhD in Christian Leadership and Biblical Counseling through Louisiana Baptist University. He is currently working on becoming an inmate facilitator/tutor in the Arizona Department of Corrections Sex Offender Education and Treatment Program.

Gary now writes: "It is easy to fall into the trap of raging and ranting against injustice. It is easy to see correctional

officers, probation and parole officers and even counselors as the enemy. It is easy to be frustrated and even angered by legislators who enact restrictive and oppressive laws. It is easy to fall into a



victim trap, and to engage in self pity leading to hopelessness and despair. But in so doing am I defining what sort of person I am? A victim. How do I break free of these chains? I choose to love. I choose agape. My Christian tradition taught that agape was God's

love, and it is. But it is much more. I am becoming a caring individual who impacts the world, even the lives of my "enemies" in a positive way. I may always have limited liberty. However, I can choose unlimited freedom when I choose to love. And in choosing to love, what I see and hear is being transformed, not necessarily by where I am, but who I am, a beloved and loving child of God."

Gary would like to hear from you. You can reach him at Gary W. Hardy #202334 Arizona State Prison Eyman Complex, PO Box 3300, Florence, AZ, 85132. Gary says to please send him your suggestions, answers you have found. The target deadline for completing the doctoral dissertation is January 2019. Most of all Gary covets your prayers.

Judge rules molestation conviction requires proof of intent

A really bad law in Arizona, one that actually had the potential for the parents of an infant to be charged with sexual assault while changing his diaper, has been overturned. The law was written so that no sexual intent or motivation

was required. [According to the Arizona Republic](#), "The statute defines sexual contact as 'any direct or indirect touching, fondling or manipulating' of a child's genitals or private parts. But there is no additional clause

requiring that the touching coincide with intent to harm, violate, or arouse."



Editorial

By Alice Benson

Many thanks for your prayers for my knee replacement surgery! I may be able to hike up the mountain again someday. I have a little message about letters to us. Let me say, we LOVE getting your letters and completed mentoring sheets. BUT please do not send us your completed homework for a college level course you took in prison unless you send along a stamped self-addressed envelope so we can send it back. Please do not send us any

legal mail. We have no room for



storage. Please send us one-page articles for the newsletter. We will choose what we can use and destroy the rest. Several inmates have thought we were a transfer station to forward letters the postal service at the prison didn't want to handle. We can't do anything that would jeopardize our relationship with either the prison system or the US postal service.

Meet David Caldaron

I moved to this city (Albuquerque) in December of 2011 almost at the very end of the year. By January seventh I had a job at Octopus car wash. I couldn't believe how much God had blessed me. I was living at the half way house but my P.O. wouldn't let me move until I was off parole in another six months even though I had the money to get my own place. I had managed to save a little bit of money after doing almost ten years in prison. Then I was released from the S.T.O.P. program in Las Vegas NM. It was a long tough road, but I am living proof that if you trust in God and believe, everything will work out.

I have to be one of the biggest doubters on the planet and worried all the time about stuff. I am also a work in progress lol. By April of 12 I was a manager and by October of that same year I was promoted into sales. All of these things were from God. Of course I continued to stumble and God would always pick me up and put me back on the right path. I was making really good money but not always doing what I should with it.

I went back to jail twice on violations of probation, but not because my P.O. was a jerk, which by the way he was. It was because I made the wrong decisions. If I had just kept on doing the right thing and everything I was supposed to I

would have completed probation, no problem. But temptation came along and I jumped at it like it was the thing to do. I lost my job and had to go back in front of a judge in Las Cruces both times which is where I caught my case in the first-place years ago, lost pretty much everything, job, apartment, car. Which was a Cadillac by the way, which was a very humbling experience. Well I got out but had to start all over. My boss really liked me, and she even asked me if she could bail me out. This really touched my heart and I realized that I must be doing something right.

It took every bit of money I had saved including my 401 K to get me back to Albuquerque and back to work right away cause my boss hired me back from Cruces. After almost a year I got violated again, but this time I wasn't coming back out on any kind of paper. I was able to get my job back again but the car wash was no longer Octopus, but Mister.

Everything was different now with this new company. In 2013 I made just under fifty grand, only working 4 days a week. With this new company I was working more days and took a pay cut of about 14 grand a year. Needless to say I wasn't very happy but lazy at the same time not really looking for another job. I was pretty negative about a lot of things. About three weeks ago I was let

go because of this attitude. I had bought a 2001 Dodge Ram four-wheel drive, from a friend who let me make payments. Well the clutch went out a few months ago and I really couldn't afford to fix it. I also recently purchased a new car about a week before I was let go. It is a 2007 Infiniti g35, and by far the nicest car I have ever owned. Well after I lost my job I had a new car payment, insurance and no income coming in. Wasn't really sure what I was going to do. God opened a window when my current job door was closed. In fact, I stopped by a truck stop to get my friend's phone number because I reset my phone and lost his number. This friend of mine had already told the General Manager of this place what a great worker I was and the kind of work ethic that I had. Well, the guy hired me on the spot and I have been working there ever since. I have impressed my boss and recently had an assessment with the district manager. Well, turns out they have a great management program and want me to be a part of it. The reason I am sharing my story with you guys is because God really is good. I continue to make mistakes, but he is always there to hold my up. I stumble all the time, but as long as you trust in him, everything will always work out. Best of luck and all the blessings possible. Take care

WIN in Wisconsin – federal judge strikes down banishment law

Win in Wisconsin: A federal judge struck down a Pleasant Prairie ordinance restricting where individuals forced to sign the sex offense registry can live, ruling the ordinance unconstitutional. Laws like this are euphemistically known as 'residency restrictions,' but their purpose is banishment. Officials in Pleasant Prairie, short on humanity, had made just about the entire town off-limits, loosening the law only as a lawsuit loomed. The court's opinion has plenty to say about 'banishment' and there's even a fascinating chart which explains, chillingly, that under the law some, "Must leave the Village by

Oct. 18, 2016, and may never return", while others are simply "Permanently banned from the Village." Located between Chicago and Milwaukee, Pleasant Prairie's official website declares the town a "progressive municipality" with an array of "opportunities," striving to "provide the best quality of life for our citizens." No mention that anyone with a scarlet letter best hit the road. Congratulations to the nine plaintiffs who stood together fighting for their rights, and their Chicago legal eagles, Mark Weinberg and Adele Nicholas. There's more, a jury trial for damages is coming up in several weeks so stay tuned. A Kenosha News report is

linked below along with a smart on-point essay by Jesse Singal. If you want a copy of the court ruling, drop me a line. –Bill Dobbs, The Dobbs Wire





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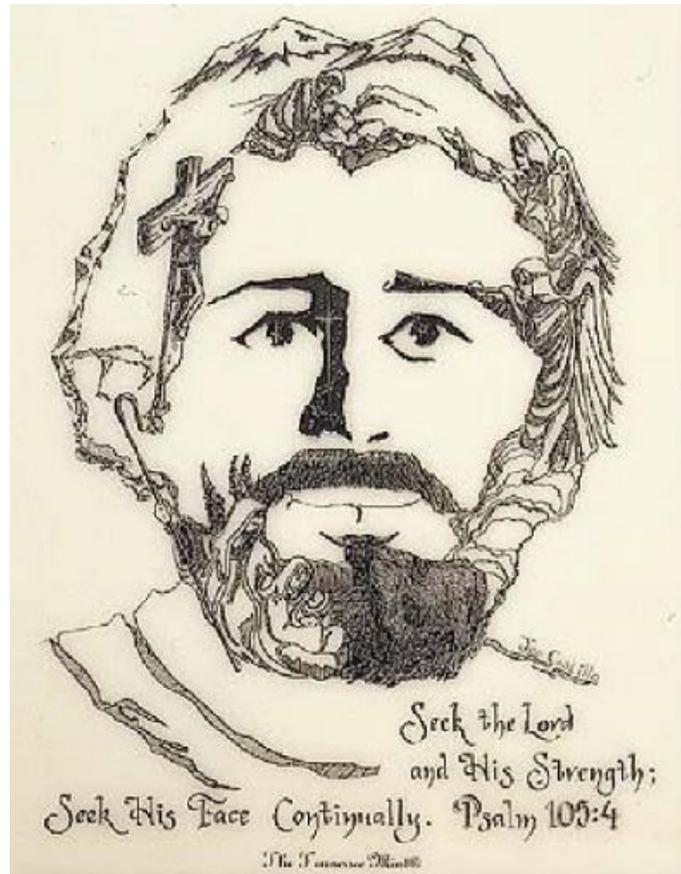
Hebrew 13:3 - Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Remember if you change your address you need to let us know if you want to continue to receive this newsletter



Thanks to Stephen Illich (See Genesis 6-8) 05-19-2003

WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE TAKING CREATURES THAT CAME TO YOU IN PEARS



A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though they were a very large mammal their throat was very small.

The little girl stated Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

The teacher reiterated a whale could not swallow a human; it was impossible.

The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah."

The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?"

The little girl replied, "Then you ask him."

Circle of Concern

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 offenders, family and friends that meet together on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We are meeting this month on May 14th, 2017 at 6 pm—8 pm. We will be having a potluck. We

meet at Foothills Fellowship 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.