



TITUS HOUSE MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

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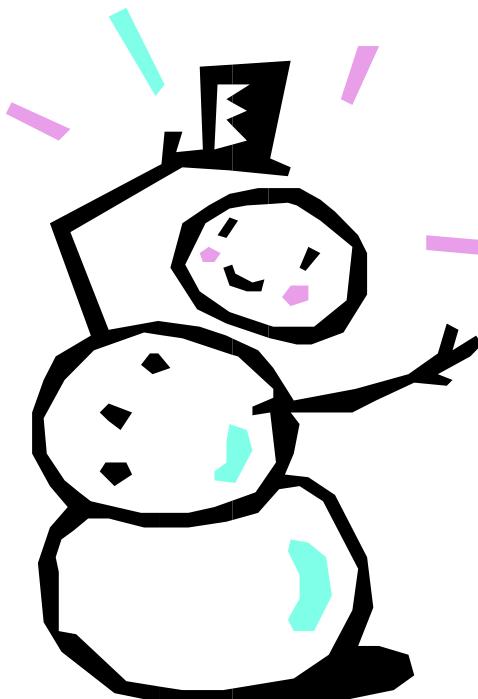
Special Christmas Edition

December 4, 2015

Merry Christmas Eve Celebration

Dear Titus House Friends: Don and I have reserved a special room at Furr's Cafeteria, 2004 Wyoming Blvd NE, just south of Menaul in Albuquerque for December 24th, 12:00 noon to 2:00. This is for those of you who would like to celebrate Christmas with us. The room holds 50 people; we have received some funds so you can be our guests. We must know exactly who is coming by Dec. 22th (RSVP). There will be a list

of your names on the desk where you come in. There will be special music and Magic



Feliz Navidad

by Don and all the food you care to eat. Please come if possible. Many thanks to those of you who have made this possible. We also consider this a fund raiser for those of you who would like to help Titus House.

To let us know of your coming you may call us at 505-286-8807 or one of our cell phones: 505 315-7940, 505 259-0867.

SUPPORTERS

We still need your help in this special Christmas party. Please mark your check "Christmas".

THANK YOU!

Membership in Titus House

At the last "Circle of Concern" we held a Board Meeting along with our potluck and regular Circle meeting, since we had 3 or our 4 board members present. We held an election for an extra board member. We want to welcome Lorraine Montoya on board.

She also blesses us at each La Pasada Bible study on Thursday with wonderful snacks and encouragement to all. We also decided to create a membership. We now have membership cards available. Membership dues are \$10.00 for those on the outside and \$5.00 for in-

mates on the inside (payable by prison checks or postage stamps). Mail this to us and you will receive a membership card. We have 6 members so far. Memberships are for the year of 2016. They will be available at the Christmas party

Special points of interest:

- *Information on upcoming move of New Mexico sex offenders to new prison facilities*
- *Report from Larry on the RSOL booth in Las Vegas Nevada for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers'*
- *A word from La Pasada*
- *Prayers needed*
- *"Blessings from Bill"*
- *Requests we receive*

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Blessings from Bill

"Personal, individual, private and regular

prayer is the key to spiritual maturity. If you are not praying, you are not growing. It starts as communication and changes into communion. Prayer wakes us up to that connection."

From Focus on the Family

Prayer is How We Communicate with God

Prayer allows us to worship and praise the Lord. It also allows us to offer confession of our sins, which should lead to our genuine repentance. Moreover, prayer grants us the opportunity to present our requests to God. All of these aspects of prayer involve communication with our

Creator. He is personal, cares for us, and wants to commune with us through prayer.

- " if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." -2 Chronicles 7:14

- Isaiah wrote, "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint" (Isaiah

40:29-31).

- Hebrews 4:15-16 reads, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

Prayer is not just about asking for God's blessings – though we are welcome to do so – but it is about communication with the living God. Without communication, relationships fall apart. So, too, our relationship with God suffers when we do not communicate with Him.

Success at NACDL Seminar (from RSOL Digest)

RSOL is excited to report that we had a successful exhibit at the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' (NACDL) sixth annual Sex Crimes Training Seminar in Las Vegas.

This is our second year attending this conference, and we intend to make this a yearly event.

NACDL is the premier organization of criminal defense attorneys in the United States, which means the attendees are committed to improving their knowledge in this area of the law. The event exceeded our expectations because more than 400 from across the

United States attended the seminar. We estimate that at least 100 visited our exhibit and engaged in dialogue with our representatives.

Reform Sex Offender Laws (RSOL)
"The most common response from the visitors to our exhibit was excitement that RSOL exists"

Janice shared her experience fighting presence restrictions in California with dozens of attorneys, encouraging them to recognize that these battles can

be won and that attorney's fees would potentially flow as a result. We brought stress-reliever sharks containing the

slogan "You Can Win" as a marketing tool. The sharks were very popular because those receiving them understood the subtle message. The most common response from the visitors to our exhibit was excitement that RSOL exists. The overwhelming majority took literature with them and expressed a willingness to work with us on future projects.

RSOL is fortunate to have had Janice Bellucci, CA RSOL president; Kathleen Garner CA board member; and Larry Neely, National board member, representing us at the seminar. We are grateful to all three for taking time away from their lives to attend this event.

Circle of Concern, Prayer Requests and Diersen

Our next "Circle of Concern" is December 13th, 2015 at Foothills

Church at Tramway and Candelaria, at 6:00pm-8:00.

Potluck if you want to bring something to share. This meeting is to share concerns and help each other. This is for people, family and friends 18 or older. Please mark your calendar for Dec. 13th.



Please pray for the following people and needs. Ryan at Otero who fell from his top bunk and injured his back and shoulder. Vernon in Texas who was almost killed and had to be airlifted to the hospital. S.O.s who are in prison settings with hostile inmates. Joe T. who had his truck stolen and now totaled his new truck a week later by someone who ran a red light. He got injured please pray for a fast recovery.

Diersen Charities is a non-profit Federal housing program in Albuquerque, NM which houses 120 people. They have a 80% success rate for those who complete. They do take those who are on the sex offender registry. We had two people that we have been dealing with go there, Bill and Russell. We were able to help them with work clothes, work gloves, belt, wallet, beanie and scarf. Without your support we would not be able to do this.



New Mexico Sex Offenders Moving

GRANTS - New Mexico officials are planning to devote a prison in Grants just to sex offenders.

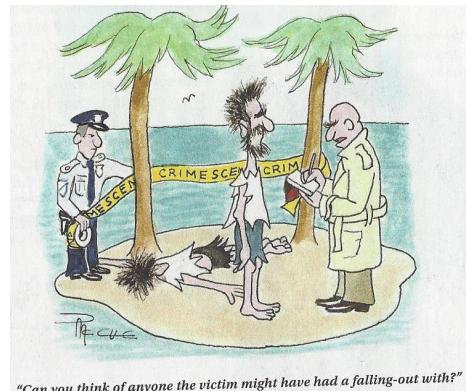
Officials plan to shuffle hundreds of inmates around the state in hopes of alleviating overcrowding at the women's prison, [KRQE-TV reports](#). Female inmates will be split into two prisons, Western New Mexico Correctional Facility in Grants and Springer Correctional Facility.

Women will be moved out of the current Grants facility, and male sex offenders will move in.

New Mexico Corrections Dept. Deputy Secretary of Operations Joe Booker said devoting a prison to sex offenders will

give those inmates more access to treatment options. He also said sex offenders can be targets for other inmates who resent their crimes.

Alice and I attended a Prison Fellowship and NM Corrections Conference at Legacy Church with 350 prison volunteers. We were informed by Deputy Director Anthony Romero with Adult Prisons and a follow-up phone call that the sex offender population will be moved to the present Grants Women prison and will still be housed at Otero County/Chaparral prison. The move should be done in the first quarter of next year.



"Can you think of anyone the victim might have had a falling-out with?"

Cartoon from the Readers Digest

News From La Pasada

How do we deal with Parole and Probation? Anthony at La Pasada and his friend Lucio are two great examples who have overcome barriers. They are both dedicated to the Lord and committed to obeying all the details of pleasing their Parole & Probation Officers. Lucio has left La Pasada for a successful year and attends Central New Mexico (CNM) community college. Anthony has

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spent about a year at La Pasada and also attended CNM and now has a job. He is considered a spiritual leader at La Pasada. Each of them goes out of their way to follow all guidelines for their behavior. When people do that it convinces

parole or probation officers they are serious. This especially means a very careful use of phones, computers, and notifying officials of all events in their lives. If they

can do it, so can you! Anthony is an older gentleman who was able to find work. Anthony wants everyone to know that "It isn't as bad as some make it sound. A number of people are finding jobs from La Pasada. There is work out here if you really want it and look for it

Our Thursday Bible Study group is growing so big that we cannot fit in the Chapel. We are now meeting in the chow hall. Two of our ladies got baptized this last Sunday at New Beginnings Church. God is moving in peoples hearts.

A Contrast Between Two Releases from Prison

This last month I went and picked up two people who recently got out of prison. One person I will call John Doe. I've been working with John for some time. I even went to one of his hearings here in Albuquerque to be of support. Once he was sentenced he has called me collect once a month. I tried over and over to encourage him to attend Church in prison but he insisted that once he got out he would start going to Church. He also stated to

me about his struggle with drugs and how he never wanted to go back to it. Anyway once he got out of Hobbs, he had no "tail" which means he was not on parole or probation because he did all his time in-house. Anyway, I went to go pick him up to take him to get registered, to give him a months bus pass



and take him out to eat at Golden Corral Restaurant. Once I picked him up I noticed he was high. He said he was and showed me a strip of paper he had which he called Suboxone which he got from a friend. He told me he was depressed because he broke up with his girlfriend.

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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.

Titus House is a Christian ministry. We believe that everyone is a sinner before God, unworthy of coming into God's presence until we repent, confess our sins, accept the payment of Jesus upon the Cross. We do not classify sin as mistakes, human error or just something we can't help. In God's eyes it is all wrong, whether it be sexual sin, murder, greed or telling little white lies. We believe that since Jesus spent much of His earthly life with "sinners" he would want us to also reach out to those around us, with love, concern, forgiveness, compassion and assistance in making Jesus Lord of our lives. In return we accept the love and help from those we help. In this way our love for others spreads to many who are desperate.

We choose sex offenders who are incarcerated or released from prison who desire to change from their past unsuccessful lives. We do our best to help with immediate needs and directing them to a Bible teaching church, to Christian friends who will become some of their best friends. We try to encourage finding jobs, housing and a bus pass.

While someone is in prison we carry on correspondence, occasional visits, phone calls and help when released. We may intercede with officials when necessary. We start periodic fellowship groups for others on the registry, their relatives and friends

Two Different Releases from Prison

He got out of my truck and went to go get registered As I sat in my truck and prayed, I wondered how I could help him. God spoke to my heart and told me that you can lead a horse to water but you can not make him drink. I thought to myself perhaps I could put some salt in his oats to make him thirsty. Once Joe came back to my truck I went to go get him a bus pass at New Beginnings Church for \$12.00 for a month. On the way I reminded him about his goals he had written to me when he was in prison. I told him his drug problem would only get worse without God in his life. He listened, hopefully I planted a seed. After the bus pass we went to get him a meal at Golden Corral. He sat there at the table and kept running around and looking out the window thinking he saw his girlfriend. I knew it was time for me to go. I prayed with him and left. I tried calling him at him mother's house but their phone is now disconnected. Please keep this person in prayer.

Now for some better news. Last week I got a phone call from David Caldoron who just got out of prison from Chaparral. He did not want to wake me up at 2:00am to pick him up at the Greyhound Bus. He stayed at the bus station and then walked to Workforce in the morning. He was already at Workforce looking for a job. He had a smile on his face and was so happy to see me and to be out of prison. I had brought him a used coat and a cap for him. We then went to New Beginnings Church and got him a bus pass. He told me he had already gone and registered. He also was off parole and probation. We then went to Wal-Mart and bought him a small backpack, wallet, and a belt (his pants kept sagging). We then went to China Wok and ate all we wanted. I took him up to Tijeras to meet the person that he was going to stay with. The next day he called me, He already got a phone and gave me his address so I could

keep sending him our newsletter. The following day he called me and told me he had a whole bunch of stuff he and his friend wanted to donate to Titus House to help the next person who gets out of prison. They filled my truck up really high. Boy what a different story than John Doe. Here is a photo of David Caldoron. He wanted to let all his friends he left behind know he is out and doing well.

