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DEAR AUGUST FRIENDS,

Thanks for all the responses to our news about the RSOL convention in Dallas. Progress is being made here and there. If you are incarcerated don't give up hope. God is also still in control as often emphasized by Bill there in Chaparral. Inmates he knows believe they would be better off if they had killed someone. That is a sad commentary that our legislators think they are making people safe! On our second page read a sad story from Jeff's parents.

BLESSINGS FROM BILL: God is not a lie, the truth is not a fact. It's a person! "I am the way, the truth, the life." Bill is making some gorgeous jewelry and he is selling necklaces for \$20 and up. They can be sold to visitors at Chaparral.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Tiffany H. in a new prison in Texas serving 30 years with the help of God. Tony G. in California prison broke his leg playing soccer, medical only x-rayed it after 10 days and saw that it was a clear break of the fibula. He then went to see an orthopedic surgeon who refused to touch it! He is in a wheelchair 5 weeks later and it is still broken. Pray for Ira Joe who desires to put together a branch of Titus House in Wisconsin and David L. who is planning a restaurant with his sister in Louisiana. Lloyd's workshop ideas are paying off to be self employed! Pray also for seriously ill inmates such as Maximo in Los Lunas.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN – August 9, Foothills Church, Tramway and Candelaria NE in Albuquerque will take extra time – 6PM to 8PM for a POTLUCK. Bring whatever you choose. We will supply coffee and plates and fried chicken. Come and share about the church you attend as some are looking for one.

JOBS, APARTMENTS – We are trying to make lists of these. Give Don a call at 315-7940. He also has a list of businesses that have hired SOs.

PHONING TITUS HOUSE – We are happy to chat with each of you on the phone but we have had to make some guidelines. We try to keep business hours. 8:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday. I understand inmates have tight restrictions which is why we occasionally take phone calls at odd hours. If you call and get no answer during regular times, please try again. We combine Titus House with household chores and trips to the post office etc. If you are in NM we may take more than I call a month but from other states, since the cost is several dollars please limit your calls to one a month. Of course if you are paying for your call that is another story!

HALFWAY HOUSES – We have a few names in other states. If you have a need call us and we will do our best to connect you with the help you need. For SOs in NM La Pasada or Diersen if you are federal.

DON: As you all know I was in prison for 14 years labeled as a sex offender. I was looking back on my life thinking of what I was like and all the mistakes I've made before I knew Christ and the many that I've still made since I've come to know Jesus. As they say God isn't finished with me yet.

Then I started to look at the twelve disciples Jesus hand-picked while he was here on earth. They were "ordinary" men, uneducated but God used them. Seven of them were fishermen, possibly the smell of fish was soaked into their skin and clothes because they'd been doing this profession for a long time.

Matthew was a professional cheater an extortionist getting something by force as a tax collector. He was manipulative, a survivalist who was selfish, cared more about his needs then the needs of others. He belonged to a group despised by the Jews and thought as a traitor. A good Jew wouldn't even associate with tax collectors in their private life. He wasn't even allowed to tithe at the temple due to his reputation of having dirty money; he was not even allowed to testify in court. As reformed sex offenders and registered people I think we can relate to Matthew and Jesus' disciples. God can use us with all our baggage. He can use you and me right where we are. We do not have to wear the label society places on us. We can hold our heads up high and let Jesus shine through us. What do you think? We have all sinned and deserve God's judgment. God the Father sent His only Son to satisfy that judgment for those who believe in Him. Jesus, who lived a sinless life, loves us so much that He died for our sins, taking the punishment that we deserve, was buried, and rose from the dead according to the Bible. If you truly believe and trust this in your heart, receiving Jesus alone as your Savior, declaring "Jesus as Lord" you will be saved from judgment and spend eternity with God in heaven. What is your response?



It seems that God goes out of His way to choose the most unlikely candidates. God sees your potential, even when you don't. God sees you for what you will become in the days ahead. Therefore grow where He has you planted.

We were sent this letter from a hurting mother and father.

Our son Jeff is an offender on in-house parole. He has served close to 5 years of a 5 to 20 year parole along with the 6 years year prison term that has been fulfilled. He has been out two times in the public. He violated both times because he fell in love with a woman who also was waiting for a federal court trial. He has over the last several months put in 5 addresses that have been turned down for various reasons, such as being too close to a park, address too close to a bus stop, people not being at home at time of parole officer's visit or the possibility of the prospective sponsor losing his job because of being a school bus driver in another city. The parole officer told my husband and myself that he would only call one time to visit and if we didn't answer we would automatically be turned down. The day of his visit he called us after the fact that he had come out to see our home and property. We were turned down because our property is bordering a bus stop. It makes no difference that we are retired and would be with our son. It has been impossible to find a public or private home of faith that would accept a sex offender here in New Mexico. The one place that will accept offenders, in Albuquerque, has both men and women residents and is the place where our son met the person he fell in love with. We feel that we are facing a wall and the doors all seem to be slamming in our faces.

Gary and Rosemary.

Don: Having spoken to Jeff he wanted it to be known that he is sorry for not following the rules of his parole and knows he was wrong. If he is given another chance he would abide by the requirements of his parole. He understands the Parole Officers mean what they say.

Blessings, Don & Alice