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**DEAR MARCH FRIENDS:**

**CIRCLE OF CONCERN MOVING TO HEIGHTS CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** – Many thanks to Albert Rios for arranging the mobile home park club house! It worked out well but the next day we discovered some of the senior residents wanted to know why they weren't invited. So we realized we had a problem. My longtime friend, Dr. Paul Collins not only arranged our new location but plans to attend our first meeting to guide us to Room 403. This church is a very welcoming church. In fact Don and I have spoken twice at a Monday morning group called "The Wild Bunch." They got very enthusiastic about our particular mission. Our Circle of Concern for Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 to 7:30 will be easy to find. The church is located at 8600 Academy Blvd, NE. It is easily accessed from Wyoming or Eubank. Drive around to the parking lot in the back on the south side and look for an entrance into the education part of the building inside you find room 403. It is OK if you want to bring a bottle of water or simple snack. This group is designed to brainstorm the answers to your problems – perhaps how to look for a job, how to find better living quarters, other problem solving. The first part of the meeting will be information gathering with questions from the group. The last part will be organized like a Tough Love group I used to lead. Everyone with a problem gets a chance to outline it briefly and the group will brainstorm answers similar to the Tough Love philosophy of some years ago. We also want to thank Larry Neely for sharing and answering questions in the first half of the meeting last month. This week Larry will share with us the history of sex offender registration for the first half of our meeting.

**BLESSINGS FROM BILL:** This month Bill wrote me some disconnected thoughts which I will give you here, showing the seriousness of his mindset. "Prayer – the kind when God draws us to him, rather than we drawing him to us. Silence – without words or thoughts – presence – The presence of Jesus in the tomb, with nothing left but God -- A continual resurrection away from self to selfless God. Prayer – be persistent – God will do the rest."

**STUFF:** Our garage has stuffing pains – we have some odds and ends that have been donated which you might like – a nice large office type table, some not so wonderful chairs, some assorted dishes, silverware (not silver I'm afraid), and a lot of knick-knacks and etc... If interested, make a date to come out and see for yourself. Leave your checkbook or money at home because these items are free.

**PRAYER:** The Bible study on Tuesday evening at La Pasada has become a solid concerned group – not big – but serious in praying for those awaiting sentencing and those already taken into prison. Prayer is needed for La Pasada right now as they are awaiting funding from the State. Pray for the director, Daryl, a believing Christian who is trying his best to encourage some 90 residents (40 of the beds are for State).

Pray also for several incarcerated men who are very discouraged, believing they will end their days in prison. Some have very long sentences and some are in very poor health, suffering from cancer and other serious illnesses. Some have no family to care for them and they see no way of paroling on the outside. Please pray for Tina, Jeff, Gerald B., Wolf, Hart, Eric A., Tony, Ryan, Phillip, Tiffany, Mike E., Frank B. and many more. Please pray for the over 200 S.O.s we write monthly and the 200+ emails.

I want to let you know Don needs a new computer. His old computer was a Windows XP. As you might know Microsoft is ending support for XP. Therefore, his computer is in risk of viruses and other problems. We really could use your help toward the cost of a new computer.

**SURVIVAL MANUAL FOR IMPOSSIBLE SITUATIONS:** (such as tasteless food, poor health, loneliness, hatred from some, freezing cold and not enough blankets) I have a bunch of letters on my desk begging me to solve the above problems. Often I can't and I find myself lying awake wondering what I can do. I have a little solar room attached to my kitchen window – and when it is still chilly in the house I go out there and let the sunshine bake me for a while and I read the Bible and pray that God will give us and you the answers. My Bible has given me a few answers so I will outline them below:

Matthew 19:26 tells us that it may be impossible for man but with God all things are possible. Luke 1:37 tells us there is nothing God cannot do. Matthew 18:19 if two people agree on what they will pray for it will be done for them. Get yourself a prayer-partner. James 2:8 tells us to love our neighbor (celly?) as we love ourselves. I know the one you have now is nothing like the wonderful one you lost! But instead of filing a grievance, why not help the one you have clean up the place and read the Bible together?

If you are in the Albuquerque to Los Lunas area why not come to Circle of Concern Sunday night March 9<sup>th</sup> and make some new friends and have the good feeling of reaching out to others.

**From Don-** I just want to say hi to all the Native American brothers in Hobbs. I hope by now you received the package from Doug L.(thanks Doug). Let me know if you need some seeds again this fall for the garden this goes also for Yazie in Los Lunas. Alice went to Sandoval county jail last week and picked up some stuff for an inmate and stored it along with the many other items we have stored for other inmates. We have been on the phone with hurting parents from Maine, Los Lunas and here in Albuquerque. We like to get out and speak more. Alice and I have been invited to Deming for a Revival.

Now the space on the back of these letter is left for you to write us a note and tell us how Titus House has blest you and what you hope to do for someone else.

Our love, Alice & Don

## **THE ONCE FALLEN HOUSING GUIDE**

A Guide by Derek W. Logue

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The two most common questions that are asked of me are how to find housing and how to find employment. This page will cover finding general tips on how to find sex offender housing as well as provide info on specific programs that assist in housing or halfway houses. This page does not address [the legalities of residency and housing issues](#); those issues are covered in other parts of the Once Fallen website.

### **THE BAD NEWS**

The bad news is housing options are very limited especially in areas with strict residency restriction laws. Even in areas not enforcing residency restrictions, few people are willing to rent to those on the registries, [as noted in my own study on obtaining housing](#) in 2006.

### **THE GOOD NEWS**

The good news is that there *are* ways to find housing. Below are a few general tips on finding housing.

#### **TIP #1: FINDING LEADS**

The most important tip is using any local leads to obtain housing in your area. Many of the larger churches may offer leads not generally offered by HUD or other government agency. HUD is a waste of time, and there is [actually a law in place that gives HUD the authority to reject tenants with lifetime registration requirements](#). During registration, talking to other registrants there may give you a lead. I have found that rural areas and low-income areas within metropolitan areas are more likely to have property owners willing to rent to registered persons. (Of course, this likely means property owners are less likely to properly maintain their properties and in the case of urban areas, this means higher-crime areas).

#### **TIP #2: USING THE REGISTRY TO YOUR ADVANTAGE**

Ironically, a good way to find available housing in your area might be to get on the registry and see where the registrants in your area are living. Many registry sites also have mapping software. For once, the registry actually *has* a useful purpose.

### **TIP #3: DON'T GET DISCOURAGED**

Finding a place to live is like finding a needle in a haystack, so expect a *lot* of rejection, especially in places with residency restrictions. They are out there, its just a long, difficult process.

### **TIP #4: BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY**

It is aggravating, but be sure you check with the sheriff's office *before* you move in, because sometimes cities, townships, or counties have residency laws that differ from the laws imposed by the state. Also, be honest with your landlord. Those two things will save you a *lot* of headache later on. Better to be rejected for honesty than arrested for dishonesty. Also, be sure you have enough for rent and deposit. Generally a deposit is equal to a month's rent. Chances are, you may even have to pay an application fee. Be ready for this, and work on your credit rating if you have no credit or bad credit.

### **TIP #5: C-Y-A (Cover Your @\$\$)**

If you find a place, consider yourself lucky or blessed. However, it is important to remember wherever you find yourself, remember there can be complications even after you've settled in. It should be a no-brainer, but be sure to register with the Sheriff's office ASAP; don't delay, as many areas have short registration periods.. I suggest getting Renter's Insurance; most Insurance companies offer Renter's Insurance for around \$15 a month, and it will cover you in case of theft, fire, or other problems. Also, I suggest keeping about three month's rent in a savings account. Even if you are on disability, keep about \$1200 or so in your account at all times (Rules of Social Security Disability/ SSI allows you to keep up to \$1500 in savings without penalty. This applies to those on SSI, the rules to those drawing from the lifetime earnings fall under different rules. You can contact Social Security for specific rules on property and savings issues). I'd also suggest you improve your credit rating. Keep in mind also that there is always the chance that the feds will swing by

for compliance checks; under the controversial Adam Walsh Act, the US Marshals have been given jurisdiction in compliance checks. Remember just because you are on a registry does not mean they can come in and check your residence without a warrant. That being said,

"No police agency or even the US Marshals can come into any residence without a warrant, if a person is off of supervision. The only time they can is, if it is an emergency (fire, or other such emergency) or they hear someone being hurt..." [assist goes to eAdvocate. I had forgotten to add this to my initial article]

### **TIP #6: MOVING TO ANOTHER STATE**

Moving to another state is a greater hassle than moving across town. Because cities, counties, and states have differing laws, the best way to find out what laws are applicable in your area is to contact the Sheriff's office in the county you want to move to. You may have to fill out a "notice of intent to move/ reside" form. Another major problem is states register offenders differently. You may live in a state that gives you a "Tier 1/ Low Risk" designation with 10 year registration in one state, while another state gives lifetime registration or may reclassify you a Tier 3/ High Risk" because of the circumstances of your crime. Once you are raised in Tier levels, it is hard to go back down. Also, some states do not simply restrict where you live, but restrict who you live with, which is especially important if you are planning on moving to a residence where a minor resides. This applies to any registrant, not always ones with child victims.

### **POST RELEASE HOUSING**

Post-release housing is difficult to find. I've found a few, listed below. I'll post more as I find it, but even after years of doing this, the housing listed below are the only leads I have. The contact info can be found below. Listing them here does not imply any mutual endorsement, and each program has differing standards regarding admission, fees, and regulations, so contact them directly for more information.

### **ADDENDUM 5/12/10: WARNING CONCERNING COPY MACHINES AND PRIVACY**

Another assist from eAdvocate, something you may want to keep in mind since many Realtors and renters use copying machines. Copying machines could be storing *your* personal information, which could be accessed

by Law Enforcement,  
or worse, by identity thieves and data miners.

See the story here: <http://sexoffenderresearch.blogspot.com/2010/05/are-police-and-other-registering.html>

**Post-Release Housing Options -- Transitional Housing or Shelters open to Registrants  
[Any leads on more housing GREATLY NEEDED! If any of these leads are no longer valid,  
please contact me  
immediately so we can remain current for others in need. Simply being listed here is no  
guarantee of  
accuracy or service. For more info and on rules and restrictions, find the contact info on each  
site]**

## **HOUSING BY STATE:**

### **CALIFORNIA**

HOLY GROUND CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP  
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PENN-MOR APTS.  
1272 PENNSYLVANIA ST.  
DENVER, CO 80203  
Contact: Dusty Rhodes  
Office: 720.327.4591  
Home: 720.287.0969  
Rent: \$470/mo. for small rooms, \$540/mo. for large rooms. + \$100 security deposit.  
More Details: all utilities paid, stove/oven and refrigerator, no AC, no furniture, except a bed  
some rooms are cable ready, if not then tenant pays for any install. Phone, cable, and internet are at  
tenant expense as  
well.

## **FLORIDA**

### **LAKE SHORE VILLAGE**

Sex Offender Housing of Orlando  
4127 North Orange Blossom Trail,  
Orlando FL 32804  
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SOHOFLA@gmail.com  
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### **HOUSING FOR OFFENDERS**

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West Fargo, North Dakota 58078

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**OHIO**

**THE EXIT PROGRAM**

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 233

Brice OH, 43109

Administrative Office: 897 Oakwood Ave.

Columbus, OH 43206

Phone: 614-253-8969

Fax: 614-824-1143

Email: [info@theexitprogram.com](mailto:info@theexitprogram.com)

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**OKLAHOMA**

**HAND UP MINISTRY**

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Oklahoma City, OK. 73129

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