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Dear November Friends:

What happened to October? As I look back certain events pop out and I would like to share them with you. On October 21 Don and I along with friends from Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE) made our way to the Star City Casino (yes, we had a good reason!) The NM Courts, Corrections and Justice committee of the Legislature had an all day session. Of special interest to us was "solitary confinement" taken up especially by ACLU who gave a report on what prisons around the country are doing. For example in NY it is banned for the mentally ill, in Mississippi they have closed their super-max prison with decreased violence down, Illinois closed their super-max and there is a 7-day limit on solitary confinement. They declared that after 7 days there is damage against the goal of rehabilitation. In NM Level 5 and 6 at PNM are all solitary with no longer open visiting rooms. In NM the average stay in solitary is 3 years. Over 1000 inmates are in solitary. At the end of the presentation, the public was invited to speak and Don spoke for 5 minutes stating that he had been in solitary for about a total of 50 days and that after 7 days he heard voices and it felt like someone was sitting on his bed with him. The conclusion of several legislators was that all human beings need personal interaction with people, TV, radio and such. We hope the Legislature deals with this problem soon. This is why it is important that if possible you attend such meetings and express your opinion. All state meetings are open to the public. Don went on to tour the women's prison and played waiter for the legislators at lunch. Don left then in his RV to trying some fishing at Blue Water. His neighbor caught a too-small Muskie but Don left without fish two days later, dreaming of spending the rest of his life by the lake.

SPECIAL NOTE: Please reread our brochure and note our specialty is to sex offenders who contact us six months prior to release if at all possible. We can't do a lot for someone who says, "I am being released this month. What can you do to help me?" Our mentoring sheets are important and the phone calls you make are very important. We do all kinds of things for you who work closely with us. We have recently sent out "Four Spiritual Laws" to many of you. We get very excited when you tell us you prayed the prayer on page 10. If you need one or more booklets, let us know. We believe a change in relationship with God makes a change in attitude toward your crime, toward your cell mates and family.

BLESSINGS FROM BILL NOW IN CHAPPARAL: What good is God, if He doesn't do good things for us? What good is faith if nothing happens? Why believe if there's nothing in it for me? Absolute honesty enables love and releases a power that passes all doubt. What good is God? Much in every way, especially when we seek Him for who He is, not just for what He can do for us.

DATES COMING UP! November 28 (Thanksgiving) we invite you to join Don, Larry and me at Furrs Cafeteria on Wyoming just south of Indian School at 2:00. This will be a pay it yourself date (sorry). December 24th is our really special day of the year – Christmas Eve from 12 noon to 3 PM. You are

invited to be our guest and if you love Titus House we ask you to help out with donations for this meal, as many of you did last year. When you sit down to Christmas dinner with your family you can be happy that a number of people are forming a new family of friends. Thank you in advance for your help this past year!!! On December 6 and 7 there will be a craft fair at Rock Rio Church in Rio Rancho. If you have crafts we can sell please let us know and thank you for your donations. We appreciate all of you.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS: We enjoyed a morning speaking with the Wild Bunch at Heights Presbyterian about Titus House Ministries. We also spoke on a Sunday morning at Rock Rio Church in Rio Rancho. They will be hosting a crafts fair on December 6, 7. We will be displaying prison art and crafts, some of Don's paintings. Please donate to us any homemade craft items, with proceeds going to Titus House.

PRAYER NEEDED: Here is a list of names and God will know how to bless them: Jeff, Tina, Robert, Frank, Donald. Many are doing well in school or in jobs. We thank God for all the blessings we have experienced this year! We have had three weddings this past year; one man has started his own company. Don't ever believe that you can't succeed in whatever God has put in front of you.

SUPPORT NEEDED: We have stayed above water this year financially with much effort. We have picked up new supporters also. Thank you!!! We recently had my computer bite the dust and for \$200 we had it completely overhauled. Then the printer fouled up and we replaced it! Stamps, paper, and just about everything has gone up but we continue to help new releases and get the letter out and answer the phone.

I guess it is time to close down this letter but I do want to give thanks to our Friday evening Bible study at the Saul's home. These folks have helped Titus House not only with some financial support but especially in prayer support, signing petitions for people needing release from prison and simply going way out of their way to encourage us. Thank you friends!!!

Our love, Alice (the words this time) and Don (all the fantastic tech knowhow!)