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Dear Friends,

Have you seen Shriner's kids??? This very cute smiling boy sitting in a wheelchair says, "I can shoot baskets!" He goes on to suggest you send some money to Shriners Hospital for disabled kids like himself. You won't find a more smiling enthusiastic person on TV. Don has written such an enthusiastic letter about some of our recent "good news". Here it is:

DON'S GOOD NEWS –"We got our 2nd car donated recently and gave it someone in our Circle of Concern. The recipient was in need of a car. Participants of our Circle of Concern have helped each other in a number of ways, for example, one person sold a house to another for a very reasonable price or we found land to purchase for another or gave tools to one person who started his own business. We helped find a bed for someone in our Circle and delivered it. We helped with a sewing machine for Jose who had learned to sew in prison. We buy and give away bus passes. We have given a number of bikes and backpacks, also canned food, and used clothes we collect for men and women at La Pasada and those out from prison. We have people released from prison for their first outside meal at *Golden Corral* – always a fun time for them and for us! Once a year we hold and fund a Christmas party for all at Furr's Cafeteria. We have housed a few registered citizens in our R.V. We visit the sick in the hospital and recently went to Robert Montoya's Memorial Service. We write and send out 240 letters and 180 emails each month. We answer all the letters received from inmates. We take collect calls from many once a month. We pray with each one and sometimes intercede for them with government officials. We have called family members for those in prison. We send information from the internet to those who request help. When released we try to connect them with a church. We always try to encourage them to obey all Parole or Probation rules. We help them get registered with the New Mexico Public Safety at the New Mexico Sex Offender Registry Office. We often help them apply at Human Services, for food stamps and general assistance, for social security and for the free phone program. We may take them to La Pasada or a homeless shelter. We show them free meal sites and share a list of apartments that will rent to former sex offenders. We help with setting up an apartment with furniture, kitchen utensils, pots and pans, bedding, towels and knickknacks. We help them get into medical, dental, psychological assistance and drug free programs. We aid in getting an I.D. and driver's license and birth certificates. We have been known to loan a vehicle to take a driver's test. We share a long list of employers who have hired former sex offenders. We lead a Bible study each Thursday at La Pasada and hold a monthly support group called Circle of Concern at Foothills Church."

CIRCLE OF CONCERN – The recent potluck was so successful we have decided to have one at every meeting. We meet at Foothills Church, corner of Tramway and Candelaria, on the second Sunday of the month, September 13 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Bring whatever you enjoy and I am sure we will too!

BLESSINGS FROM BILL—Blessings like beauty are in the eyes of the beholder. To one person a prison sentence is a curse, to another person prison is a blessing. So if you want to be blessed open your eyes to God's presence in everything. Remember Joseph, "You meant it for evil but God meant it for good."

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.](#)

CONNECTING WITH CHURCHES – We have a desire to share the ministry of Titus House with churches in the area. What would we do or say? Don is ready to amuse you with a bunch of magic tricks – always a good entrance to more serious topics and concerns. We would give you some factual information about sex offenders, the laws, the number of people who reoffend and how to insure the safety of folks at your church. We are prepared to speak to a group of adults and we would also like the chance to speak to a group of high school kids. We all know of the prevalence of sexual activity among teens today and we have facts as to the extreme danger they are in. Years ago it was common for a 15-year-old to marry a 19-year-old. Times and laws have changed. Your youth group needs to be helped in this regard. They need to know the extent of current laws and the danger they may be in. Give us a call at 505-286-8807 or Don’s phone at 315-7940. This is on a donation basis. We want to be of help.

FINANCIAL NEEDS OF TITUS HOUSE – We don’t take salaries but we are reimbursed for travel expenses, part of our car insurance, the cost of paper, printer, envelopes and stamps in which we turn out over 200 letters a month and write answers to many of them. We also send out a large number of emails and keep our web page current. We accept collect phone calls (65 cents for NM prisons) and up to \$4 for our 16 out-of-state prisons. We try to limit calls to once a month. We make a special effort to encourage those who say no one else writes or calls them. We are also in a friendly relationship with the C.U.R. E. organization, a national effort to lessen restrictions on prison inmates. Occasionally we include their newsletter as we have this time. Incidentally we are a 501©3 non-profit organization and we give receipts at the end of the year. I will send you a personal receipt also for each donation. Please consider donating. We can’t do any of the above without you. We have a few inmates which donate/tithe each month. Even stamps or a \$5.00 gift would be of most help in helping others.

PRAYER NEEDS – We ask you to pray for Tiffany in Texas who with a very long sentence is subject to much discouragement. We ask the same for Tony in California facing the same long sentence. Both are Christians trying to trust the Lord. Pray for my husband’s health as he is facing bariatric surgery this fall sometime. Pray for our country and Christians facing increasing opposition to their Biblical faith.

**CONTINUING TO GREATLY ENJOY WHAT GOD HAS CALLED US TO DO:
DON AND ALICE**

Robert Montoya, now in the hands of the Lord. R.I.P.



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