

# Titus House Newsletter

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## Recently Released

Hi! My name is Barry Borst and I have a Titus House success story to share with you. But first let me tell you a little bit about myself. I'm a 45 year old felon who just got out of solitary confinement at Level 6 Santa Fe. After 11 years protective custody (my Dad is LAPD), con-

querque, NM.

The day I was released from Otero Prison I went straight to La Pasada halfway house. The main and positive reason I only stayed there 45 short days was solely due to Titus House assistance and unselfish help. Readers, if you get anything



victed of sexual assault on my then 36-year-old girl friend. My last four months were spent at Otero Prison, open dorm, where an inmate showed me a monthly newsletter from Titus House and said I should contact them. I wrote Don and Alice an intro letter, they wrote back and a professional relationship began through their non-profit organization. To be seriously honest with you readers I was very doubtful that anything positive could come out of Titus House. NOW I'm writing in their newsletter after only being out of prison for 70 days in my own 1 – bed apartment, thanks to the Veterans Department, my own 2011 Chevy Malibu with only 24K miles (thanks to Dad and sister) and I'm working at the Veteran's Hospital in Albu-

querque, NM. out of my story I want you to know firsthand from me that Titus House is 100% for real, and they will help you in or out of prison. Don and Alice helped me go shopping at Walmart and Kohl's and we ate at Outback Steak House (my treat to show my gratitude).

When I moved into my apartment they came over and brought me much needed house hold items. Their advice throughout my start process has been "priceless". Their weekly Bible study at La Pasada has been a great religious routine experience.

Readers, Titus House has multiple board and staff members to physically help you succeed in every type of category...if

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### Prayer request and answers to prayer

Bariatric surgery for Don on July 27.

Brendan-lost job due to getting bike accident. Needs another job.

Ira in Milwaukee for a job and a place to live.

Tracy family driving 600 miles to visit her at La Pasada.

La Pasada people who are going to court.

Henry from La Pasada to MDC.

New arrivals at La Pasada to know the Lord.

Frank B. for health issues.



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you just ask. Sometimes they can't grant every request but most times during my fresh start they had.

Lorraine (board member) helped me go to the Goodwill, Work Force Connection, and to appointments at the VA Hospital she has a great positive attitude and awesome personality. Jack (Titus House staff member) generously put his time aside and helped a felon out of prison succeed. He is gratefully appreciated.

Readers, we felons need all the assistance possible due to the unfortunate circumstances we all put ourselves into and even if you have a decade to go in prison till you are free, Titus House is truly there to help you religiously, mentally and physically. I hope this story has reached everybody behind bars in good health.

To Otero Prison Inmates: I had the \$1200 for La Pasada but it still took from Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> to April 5<sup>th</sup> to get released to La Pasada.

Very Truly Yours, Barry Borst

## The Story of Jesse—Horseman Turned Believing Christian

Jesse is residing in the Santa Fe penitentiary and hopes for release in another year. He filled in all his mentoring sheets with the smallest size writing. He has been a horse trainer, has contacts with race horse farms, sends me pictures of horses from time to time. I believe he would like to train race horses and be an evangelist at the same time. God certainly has a job waiting for him at all the state fairs and race tracks in the country!

27 years of marijuana use led to a sexual crime which gave him over 18 years in prison. He is very regretful, has put God in the center of his life, prays for his

family. He is finishing his G.E.D. and believes he is preparing for the ministry. He wants to work with Titus House, believes he is called to helping the country



and especially those in prisons. For him the answer to the rest of his life and the problems of our country is prayer. He talks about Joseph and Daniel and others who spent time in prison and God worked it all for good. He says it isn't that prison is good but God can work it for good.

I love talking with Jesse when he calls. He just found a horse ranch for sale about two miles from us in Tijeras, 3.6 acres for only \$310,000! Jesse has unlimited faith and who knows what God will do!

## Circle of Concern

The Circle of Concern is a group of concerned registered offenders, family and friends that meet together on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We are meeting this month on July 10th at 6-8pm. We will be having a potluck. We meet at Foothills Church, corner of Tramway and Candelaria on the far east side of Albuquerque. We encourage and try to help each other. It is a safe place to share our strengths and struggles. We hope you will join us.

## Follow-Up

Follow Up Concerning Sex Offenders attending church. Sandy's letter this time will inform you on the specific dangers of revealing past charges. Don and I recently told a pastor of his conviction of over 20 years ago. The pastor immediately replied, "You won't have any ministry here." I replied with as pleasant an answer possible: "He already does." I believe the most common approach to church now is to find a good sized church where the preaching, music and atmosphere is pleasant, join the crowd, usually avoiding Sunday school classes, greet the folks in your row, go out for lunch and call it a day.



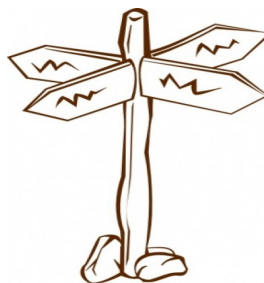
## Editorial

Is Titus House totally Christian? Are all the news items or the contributors to the newsletter 100% Christian? No, all board members are Christians but we may include comments, articles, comedy or whatever in our letter from all kinds of people from atheists to seekers to preachers. The ministry would like everyone to be like us, we preach the “Four Spiritual Laws” on occasion. However we are involved with contributing atheists, with people who hate what the various state governments have done to sex offenders ‘s freedoms and we are encouraging people who feel called to the ministry. Don and I love what we do. We love our friendships with horse trainers (see Jesse’s story), with seekers like Trevor recently released to home in Canada, with longtime friends of Don still in prison and with the new friends we have just met. Alice, Titus House Executive Director



## The Unexpected Life

By Sandy Zalecki



September 8, 2003 was a very exciting day for me. It was the day I was to be married to the Godly man of my dreams. I had known Greg since he was 14 years old. We grew up together. Not only did we share the same upbringing but we shared the same spiritual soul. He was my soul mate and after 30 years of being separated we were to be married. I knew he wore the label of sex offender before we were married and I knew according to the world he was the scum of the earth and a monster. But surely the church didn’t feel that way. Surely we could find sanctuary there, or so I thought.

I had been attending a large church of about 5000 people in the Phoenix area for about two years before we were married. When Greg joined me he also started attending the church. He is a very accomplished guitarist and singer. He had been leading worship at sev-

eral special events, attending Bible classes, and volunteering for other ministries and events. Finally, two years after we were married, the ministry that we wanted to be a part of was beginning. That was the prison ministry. Greg had always wanted to go back into the prison and tell the prisoners of God’s love and protection to His children once they were released from prison walls.

We had to disclose his background. We did this willingly not believing there would be a problem. However, a couple of days later we received a call from the Congregational Minister requesting an appointment with us. When we went to the appointment the good reverend told us that Greg was no longer allowed on the church campus without an escort. He could not volunteer for any ministries or events. He could only attend the Saturday night service, which was

the least attended service, and he must be accompanied by an off duty police officer. I was shocked that the church would have such a reaction to a fellow sinner. Needless to say we never attended that church again.

This was not the life I expected. I had no idea the church had joined the world in their beliefs about sex offenders. Doesn’t the Word of God say we are all sinners saved by grace? Once we are saved we are a “new creation, old things have passed away ; behold, all things have become new.” (2 Cor. 5:17) Jesus doesn’t care about what earthly label you wear. His grace, love, and salvation is available to all. No matter what the world labels you, in Christ you are called a child of God, the Bride of Christ, and child of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.



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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.*

Remember if you change your address you need to let us know if you want to continue to receive this newsletter



"I SOUND FUNNY? YEAH, I'M CALLING FROM MY CELL PHONE!"

# HOW TO RUN A MINISTRY TO 500 PEOPLE ON \$800 A MONTH

## HOW TO RUN A MINISTRY TO 500 PEOPLE ON \$800 A MONTH

What is included in this ministry you ask? We send out 450 letters a month, half of which go to prison inmates who either have no money or who are restricted on who they can send money to. If our recipients in the outside world sent us \$5 each a month we could start sending our own gifts to The Daily Bread for all the booklets they supply us with, we could be of more help to those coming out of prison to get new clothes instead of used ones, and we could enjoy taking new arrivals out to eat, search for better housing. Now we already do some of this stuff but we could do it better! I am sure you are also asking --- You have been doing Titus House for several years and we haven't heard a plea for funds. The reason is we were very generously funded by an individual at several thousand dollars a year and we became complacent, dependent upon this one person. We have never dared to have a public fund raiser as many ministries do. Here is what the publicity might look like if we did: "You are invited to a banquet at Such and Such Hotel to benefit Titus House, ministry to sex offenders.

Come and learn how you can encourage someone who had sex with his teenaged step-daughter not to do it again." In contrast to a ministry to children of inmates, complete with new toys and clothes for Christmas, there is something lacking in the appeal.

We know many of you believe in this ministry, some of you are incarcerated with little spending money. However we believe that God who told us to do this work will supply our needs by working through some of you. That sounds vaguely like a Scripture verse doesn't it? Thank you for your prayers and doing what you are able to do. You may be supporting future Christian servants who feel called to the ministry. Yes, there are some already preparing. A few weeks ago a man at La Pasada pushed several bills into my hand as he told me God had called him to the ministry. Later I unfolded those bills to reveal he had given \$100 to Titus House! We are being blest all the time. We would like to share the fun with you!

## STUFFED PRISONS

The United States has five times as many people in prison as any other civilized country. One reason, aside from some very unreasonable laws, is violations. When an inmate is released to a halfway house he or she is confronted with a long list of rules. Such rules are things that are perfectly legal for the rest of us. Common violations involve coming in late, going to an unapproved destination, entering a restaurant that serves liquor, chatting with an exfelon outside of the halfway house, improper use of cell phone to contact disapproved people, chat rooms etc.

The consequence of being caught with a violation is immediate arrest, without warning, leaving one's personal items behind in the halfway house. The consequence of a violation is at least 90 days in the county jail and for sex offenders it may mean two to five years back in prison.

