

# Titus House Newsletter

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## HORSE TRAINER TO BIBLE STUDENT – Jesse Otto

In a letter to me (Alice) Jesse writes: “You remember I asked you to pray for my brother and sister. I talked with my brother today. The last time I talked with him I tried to tell him about the Bible. He told me not to ever mention that

again. When I called today he was preaching to me. Man, if you only knew how our life was in Pomona, California, LA County! That wild neighborhood became ours.

When

we came back to New Mexico, to Alamogordo, we threw the biggest and wildest block parties in town. Step Dad would chase the women on his Harley. The poor cop next door was scared to death. And my brother was the wildest of them all. It was real bad. It was so bad and so wild that the outlaw bikers would back off and did many times, which also is to the same degree God will and does use us. There is no limit. Man I am so excited to hear my brother mention

Jesus’ name! I saw him jump on a 6 foot 7 inch German just for saying the name of Jesus. It took three of us to pull my brother off. My brother is only 5 foot 10. I can’t wait to spend time with my brother. And thank you so much for keeping us

as we were, black leather jackets and chains and no shirts. Girl friend wearing a half shirt. So bad 20 years later the pastor remembered. His name is Jim Ring. We used to call him Jesus Jim. He was always welcome. He did not party but always

ing our spirit perfect at salvation then healing wounds done by ourselves and others. Why would we cheat ourselves out of life eternal and just exist, looking for joy in all the wrong places and finding happiness just to fade away. God is an excellent communi-



all in prayer. I still have not heard from my sister but I am sure God is revealing Himself to her too. In Otero County the pastor of Christ Community Church is a volunteer. He recognized me on sight. I was 14 and had found the girl of my dreams – Rock N Roll biker chick. But she had a friend who invited her and myself to church. We went and I insisted that family come too. This is the biggest and richest church in town. Could you imagine how they looked at us! We went just

showed up at the parties. And would he pray! He never stopped praying. I can’t wait to see my friend again. I want to take him out to eat and share what God has done in my life. This is how he would share the Word of God with us.

How do we know the will of God? As it is in heaven, Christ did only what the Father told him to do. And this leads to all kinds of miracles in leading others to Christ. To start with there is healing of the wounds of the soul. The Holy Spirit mak-

cator. Thing is, are we?

Jesse added three more pages to his thoughts and commented: “The state is spending all this money to find a cure for SO’s. The answer is in John 17:3,” knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He had sent.” Jesse has learned that the answer is fellowship with Christ, even while sitting in prison. Jesse now has time to experience that oneness and that peace of mind. Pray for Jesse as he shares his faith in prison.



## MY STORY by Laurin Laney – Texas inmate

When Alice asked me about writing this, my concern was not whether I could write. I fancy myself a good writer. My concern is if I can do it without forcing Alice into the book publishing business just to put this copy of the newsletter out. So, as not to suffer her such harm, let me get right to it.

I was first exposed to deviate sex at 2 years old by my birth father. When I was 4 years old I was adopted into the Laney family where, within a month, a 15 year old male cousin got me to have sex with him through the kind of coercion which made the sex seem pleasant. Through the code of secrecy, etc. this launched me into a childhood of repetitive sexual abuse, including the Gatesville State School for Boys (the old TYC before it got shut down for excessive child abuse), going from adolescence into adulthood using homosexual male prostitution as a means to support myself.

In 1978, while living with the “sugar daddy” I lived with for 13 years before he died, I was led to Christ. It was not false conversion, it was real. Soon after, the Holy Spirit began convicting me for my abnormal sexual addictions. I knew something was wrong, because instead of being the chicken paid by the hawk, I was becoming the hawk looking for the chicken. I also knew that whatever was wrong, I didn’t have the power on my own to beat it. I went to my church pastor, met in a confidential pastoral

counseling session, gave him my sexual background and told him the Holy Spirit was convicting me but I needed help in knowing how to overcome my addictions. Bad idea. He did not know how to help me. I am sure the confidentiality was breached and I was slowly at first, but when I didn’t get the hint right away, the pace increased to ostracize me from that church. I wasn’t displaying any sexual misconduct or even scheming to set up abuse cycles, with anyone at church.

Now in defense of the pastor, it was 1978, not a whole lot was known about sex offenders, and they were not nearly talked about as much as today. There was a lot of ignoring what was going on. Back then society seemed to think that if you pretended it wasn’t happening it would go away. That’s the society that cultivated me into my pit. All 3 of my sex offenses happened while I was an active Christian.

Ah you say, you couldn’t have been a Christian if you were doing that stuff. Wrong! What is salvation based on? How good you are? If so how good do you have to be? Well, I know I’m not as good as Billy Graham, Dwight L. Moody or Charles Haddon Spurgeon. All three of them made it clear they were such wretched sinners that outside of grace they could never get to heaven based on their good deeds. On August 22, 1978 God gave me eternal life. Based on my agreeing I was a sinner, and asking Him to save me. He does

not renege. The last I checked eternal means forever. It is not based on whether you are doing good.

If you truly belong to God you are filled with the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit tries to correct you and you ignore it, God will let you go down that road, but it will end up in the woodshed. Texas has some pretty harsh woodsheds. They’re called prisons, and I am somewhere in the middle of my 3rd trip.

Guess what? Just like any other stiff necked sinner I had to come to my end. In 2010 what I had learned from God’s Word all clicked together for me. I have been free from the bondage of immoral addictions since. Yes, I’m staying completely free and not because opportunity or temptation hasn’t been there. I have plenty of both. It is because I have learned how to apply the instructions of the Bible to win the spiritual battle of the enemy to defeat me.

I gratefully spend my time leading maximum security offenders to Christ. I remain in safe keeping where I take full advantage of opportunities to lead men out of homosexual activity through the grace of God. Through a mentor I use \$50 a month for my needs and to feed and supply hygiene to the less fortunate in the Name of Jesus. May you seek the Lord with all your heart: Jer. 29:11-14.

## Liberty and Justice Coalition, New Mexico Report

The 2017 regular session of the **New Mexico** Legislature ended at noon on Saturday March 18th. We are pleased to report that the session was less damaging that we had initially feared. We pointed out throughout the session several bad bills that keep making their way back year after year. We take these proposals very seriously because the proponents will not give up until they are enacted. The most dangerous bill LJC felt strongly about was

House Bill 353 sponsored by Representative Sarah Maestas-Barnes (R). Although the bill was cleverly titled on the Legislative Website as “Sex Offense Permanent No Contact Orders,” this title was disingenuous because the bill proposed to abolish the Statute of Limitations (SOL) for sex crimes against minors in addition to the permanent no contact orders. Fortunately, HB 353 did not make it through the House Judiciary Committee.

SB 91 sponsored by Senator Mary Kay Papen (D) began as a very troublesome bill that proposed to abolish the Civil Statute of Limitations (SOL) for alleged sexual abuse against a minor. The Senate Judiciary Committee substituted the bill with a different version that narrows the danger zone to three years from when the incident was first reported to a mental health professional. The improved bill did pass and is currently awaiting the Governor’s signature. **(continue pg. 3)**

## New Mexico Report from LJC continued

Elimination of the SOL is a nationwide trend and is dangerous for anyone ever convicted of as well those accused or suspected of a sexual offense. LJC has repeatedly commented on the hysteria regarding abolition of the SOL throughout the session. This agenda is being driven by victims' advocates because of high profile cases such as former House Speaker Dennis Hastert's abuse of young male wrestlers over a period of decades. Unfortunately, those advocating for abolition of the SOL are succeeding all over the country.

House Bill 443, introduced by Evette Herrell (R), would have

added five more lifetime registerable sex offenses to New Mexico's list of sex offenses. Representative Herrell has introduced similar proposals for several years now, and we have been successful in preventing the legislation from becoming law. The proposal died again this year. The bill was heard by the House Consumer & Public Affairs Committee (CPAC) who voted to table the proposal. In the hearing the DPS representative chose to mislead the lawmakers regarding juvenile registration requirements of the Adam Walsh Act (AWA). Despite the untruth told by DPS, the AWA does require registration of those adjudicated of committing an aggravated sex offense when

the juvenile is over 14 years of age.

We are saddened that SB 216 failed to pass the House of Representatives after passing the Senate by a large margin. SB 216 would have required the Parole Board to provide a reason for denying parole for those individuals serving life sentences after the person has served a minimum of 30 years. Even though individuals serving life sentences are eligible for parole after serving 30 years, the Parole Board denies release because it believes that life means life.

## EX SEX OFFENDERS NOT WELCOME IN HIS CHURCH

One of our correspondents, guy named Rich, wrote us that not a single Christian church in his town would allow sex offenders to attend. After doing some research on the internet I found literally hundreds of accusations of sexual assault charges against senior pastors, youth pastors, seminary students working in churches. What does this tell us? Sex is prevalent everywhere, no one is exempt, sexual interest is not confined to age, sex or church membership. Isn't it time to stop pretending that a seminary degree makes us pure? Or a church leadership position? The church I attend has welcomed "our people" but at the same time has hired another security guard. This is the world we live in. We have been programmed by the media to hate sex offenders. But only 10% of offenders have even been caught, fewer still charged and incarcerated. Even so our state prisons are overflowing with "sex offenders". That asks the question: Where are the oth-

ers? The answer becomes obvious. God has a plan for us as individuals and He has the only answer. Instead of judging others perhaps we should look in the mirror.

We at Titus House are very conscious of the fears churches have these days. One might think listening to them that former sex offenders are their biggest threat. There are many possible threats to a collection of all kinds of people. If everyone is welcome at your church who could possibly show up? This opens up the same concerns that might be in a public supermarket, a mall, a convenience store or even your own neighborhood. Placement of entry, restrooms, area of free literature, and easy access to the worship area are prime concerns. Classrooms and all offices should always have a window in each door. A restroom for children should be close to nursery and small children classrooms, separate from adults restrooms. Leadership of chil-

dren and adolescents must be background-checked. Leaders of youth should have some formal Christian education and theological training. Why do I bring this up? The ideal youth leader is in a position to counsel adolescents and should have a mature knowledge of both the Bible and the age group he is working with. In today's world, churches are running scared. They worry about their insurance coverage, and possible abuse of their members. As a result they become a "huddled community" and they do not grow. In my "other life" I was a pastor's wife, a Christian education director and a Christian school teacher. We had not heard much about sex offenders and we didn't imagine they would be any threat to us. I challenge you now to trust God who gives us challenges, do our best and trust Him with the outcome. Blessings, Alice





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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.

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NEXT TIME WHEN I PREACH ON TITHING,  
DON'T SING 'JESUS PAID IT ALL' AS OUR  
INVITATIONAL HYMN

## THE WOODPECKER MIGHT HAVE TO GO!



*Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark...*

- **One** : Don't miss the boat.
- **Two** : Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- **Three** : Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- **Four** : Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- **Five** : Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- **Six** : Build your future on high ground.
- **Seven** : For safety sake, travel in pairs! !
- **Eight** : Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- **Nine** : When you're stressed, float a while.
- **Ten** : Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- **Eleven** : No matter the storm, when you are

## Circle of Concern

Circle of Concern is aimed at breaking down isolation and fear by providing a safe place for registrants and their loved ones to get together, build community, and learn ways to step out and take charge of their lives and overcome the stigma

they face. 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 April 9th, 2017 at 6 pm—8 pm. We will be having a potluck. We

meet at Foothills Fellowship 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.

Please pray for Greg Scarpella in hospital, he might need a heart transplant (lead author in March newsletter)

## Thank You Channel 11

Titus House would like to officially thank TV station KCHF for several hours of broadcasting a discussion of our ministry. We very much appreciate their efforts to broadcast the gospel and Christian programming. They are in the midst of transferring their operations back to Albuquerque from Santa Fe and need Christian support to completely build their station and enlarge their ministry. Tune in to Channel 11 to receive a blessing at any time of the day here in New Mexico.

I hate to be the bearer of bad news but the halfway house for sex offenders called Casa De Caridad is NO longer planned. It has been eliminated because the News Media got ahold of what was projected.