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Dear November Friends:

Thank you for many letters, phone calls and especially donations!!! Yes, we depend on your help. Each letter is almost 300 envelopes, that many stamps, the ink in the printer and the collect phone calls. This time I will be answering some of your letters which arrived today by scrawling an answer at the end with a pen! We are so conscious of where many of you are, from county jails, to prisons, to solitary confinement, to halfway houses, to apartments or homes, to living on the streets! You are in our prayers and also in the prayers of the First Baptist Church of Tijeras. If you are able, please join us: Sunday 10:50, Wednesday, dinner at 5:30 and prayer at 6:30. This church loves you no matter where you have been.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING – Give thanks to God that you are alive, that He loves you, knows exactly where you are and what you need. Pray for those family members who seem to be too busy for you. Know God is never too busy to hear you.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN – Sunday, November 8, Foothills Church, 6 PM to 8PM – Bring your potluck items. We had some very tasty dishes last time! Drinks are provided. This group is for anyone concerned with sex offender needs – anyone 18 and over. We have helped with housing, jobs and in October celebrated Elflor and Doug's 1st anniversary! This is a safe place to talk about your struggles.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT FURRS! We have our room reserved! – Bring your family. If you are on Probation or Parole please first get permission to attend. The cost is on Titus House. That is Furrs at 2004 Wyoming NW (cross street Menaul). Mark your calendar for December 24th at 12:00 – 2:00 pm.

ANSWERS TO PRAYER – Jeff from New Mexico has been accepted to a Christian home called *New Name Ministries* in Texas, they don't call it a halfway house because God doesn't do anything halfway, can I get an "Amen". Pray that he can be released and get his parole transferred there. We are hearing of halfway houses in Mississippi were one of our guys has been released to. Bill Howden is feeling better. Joe is out of the hole, will be released in two months with no friends, family or support in Wisconsin. PRAY.

QUESTIONS WE GET: Help for drug use, places to work, to live, request to call their caseworker, or write to their parole board or Legislator or Senator on their behalf. To forward a letter to the media. If we can call their family for them. Can I come to New Mexico? Please realize we can't spend too many hours researching for you on the internet. We are going to visit someone's mother who has Parkinsons in an assisted living home. Pray for her – Lucia.

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. A

BLESSINGS FROM BILL: Your favorite Bible verse still has all the same words, but suddenly you discover a completely new meaning when you read it. For example: "Thou shalt not...turns from a prohibition to a promise. Spiritual life is an adventure, not a shackle. Embrace the Spirit's work in you.

RESOURCE LISTS: Here are some great and current 2015 resource lists by Prison Activist Resource Center (PARC, PO Box 70447, Oakland CA 94612, 510-893-4648) 24 page *Free Prisoner Resource Directory*.

The Sero Project (PO Box 1233, Milford PA 18337). A highly informative 35 page publication titled "Turn it Up". Mostly deals with HIV issues <u>but other medical issues too</u>. They have a great resource directory **covering different issues**. It is Free too, just write to the addresses above and ask them to send it to you.

A Note from Don: The captain of the ship looked into the dark night and saw faint lights in the distance. Immediately he told his signalman to send a message: "Alter your course 10 degrees south." Promptly a return message was received: "Alter your course 10 degrees north."

The captain was angered; his command had been ignored.

So he sent a second message: "Alter your course 10 degrees south--I am the captain!"

Soon another message was received: "Alter your course 10 degrees north--I am a seaman third class Jones."

Immediately the captain sent a third message, knowing the fear it would evoke: "Alter your course 10 degrees south--I am a battleship."

Then the reply came: "Alter your course 10 degrees north--I am a lighthouse."

There are plenty of voices shouting at us through the fog. What we need is the voice of a lighthouse in our lives. And that's the voice of our loving Father. Don't let the busyness of this world or time in prison hinder you from hearing Him. God has a lot of things to say to us. How do we discern what voice to listen to, which voice to follow? There are a lot of voices out there telling you who you are, what you should want, who you should be. What voice, whose voice are you listening to? There are voices telling us to do this, don't do that. You're too fat. You're too skinny. You'll never amount to much. You're a sinner. You are a sex offender. You don't measure up. You are crazy. Take these drugs. You are wrong.

I am telling you the truth. This is one thing I know for sure. If you are listening to the voice of God's love, — NOTHING in this whole world will be able to snatch you away — nothing will be able to knock you down, tear you up, turn you around — it simply can't be done — because nothing can separate you from the grace and love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord — I call on the name of Jesus for my strength and follow His voice. Will you join me?

NOW WHATS BEEN HAPPENING IN OUR LIVES.

September 30th: The Gaithers Homecoming Gospel Group came to the Kiva Auditorium at the Albuquerque Convention Center. Alice and I were blessed to be able to attend. Christian music has a way of refreshing the soul. I want to encourage you to turn on your Christian radio and TV station in your cell or dorm or home and be uplifted.



La Pasada News: We put on our 2nd yearly Revival at *La Pasada* on 10-22-2015. As you know we have a Bible study there every Thursday. We held the Revival in the chow hall instead of the small chapel and about 40 men and women attended. Our *Hillbilly Jug Band* came and played the music. We consist of 11 people, average age is 80 (see photo). All the younger people enjoyed themselves and got a kick

out of the Hillbilly and Gospel music. Pastor Rod from our church in Tijeras gave the message and 10 souls raised their hands and accepted the Lord. One person after the Pastor's message came up to Pastor Rod and told him that he did not raise his hand but said the prayer to have Jesus come into his life, Praise God! I then did my *Magic with a Message* and this was well received. Our regular church group at *La Pasada* was a big help in arranging the tables and chairs, helping the band and Alice and me with unloading and loading back up the equipment. In the kitchen they also served up pizza and orange drink which *Titus House* provided to everyone and passed out gospel tracts. Our faithful outside volunteer, Lorraine was a great help and bundle of joy and encouraged the whole group. We were dead tired that night from all the preparation and ministry but it was well worth it.

The next day: Friday, 23, we went to Son Broadcasting 31st Anniversary banquet at the Albuquerque Convention Center. They operate the nation's first full-power Christian TV station, KCHF Channel 11 here in New Mexico and the first Christian radio station in New Mexico, AM 730 KDAZ which has been operating for over 40 years! After a great meal the Shofar was blown and the key speaker was Chris Mitchell. He reported from the front lines of the Palestinian Intifada, the Lebanon War, the "Arab Spring" and the rise of ISIS. He has also chronicled the return of the Jewish people to the land of Israel and the tragic rise of Christian persecution. In addition to his reports for The 700 Club, Chris is also a regular contributor to Christian World News and also hosts and serves as executive producer of Jerusalem Dateline. He has been with CBN News for almost a decade. Alice and I along with our guest who is a fellow S.O. were invited and sat at the table of the Trumblys who helped Blackie Gonzales put the TV station together. Alice's late husband, Don (yes his name was Don too), was the Chaplain of the radio station. When he passed away, my Alice became the Chaplain for the radio station. I am so grateful for God bringing Alice into my life to help me in my walk with Our Lord! She and her late husband were also missionaries for 14 years in the Philippines and started a few churches there and here in the United States. Her dad was a pastor also her grandfather and her brother Bruce. Her other brother Dave is an author of Christian books. Her daughter Connie has a Master of Divinity from Harvard University. I am so proud of Alice and her family. I am just relating this to you because God could have a godly woman waiting for you if this is part of His plan.

On Saturday, 24: I did my *Magic with a Message* at St. Stephen's Methodist Church in the basement at *Solid Grounds Coffee House.* That Saturday they had an Open Mic where I have presented my ministry before. Alice and I attend Solid Grounds quite often; they have musicians from all over the United States

perform a variety of family friendly music. They have free admission, coffee, drinks and snacks. They have a box for donations. Rosalie Johnston (no relationship) gives an inspiring message at the break. If you ever get a chance come and join us, every Saturday at 7:00 pm.

Besides me performing during the week with my *Hillbilly Jug Band* for Senior Centers, Rest Homes and Assisting living and even a funeral, Alice attends a women's brunch at her church and I a men's breakfast here at Tijeras Church. They even asked me last week to collect the offering and say the closing prayer. This church is very welcoming to me and other citizens that are on the registry that regularly attend. Wednesdays we have a wonderful dinner at the church followed with a prayer group. The group

sometimes helps fold all the newsletters we send out. We also attend *Micah Fellowship* in town which is made up of Prison Chaplains, Judges, Pastors, Lawyers, and other ministries that help those who are getting out of prison. We also attend *Returning Citizens Collaboration, (RCC)* which is organization headed up by Ann Edenfield (from *Wings* which is a great group that works with prisoners in prison and families of prisoners). RCC is another group that helps returning citizens from prison. We have a special speaker at each monthly meeting and share what each group that attends is doing. I attend a Bible study each Tuesday in Cedar Crest (10 miles from Tijeras) called



Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) which is a group that has been in existence for over 50 years, on 6 continents and in 39 nations. We are studying this year an in-depth study in the book of Revelation. On the 30th we had at our church Kornbread Review, a southern home cook potluck followed by a talent show. Alice showed her 3 minute video where she drove an Indy car around a race track in Las Vegas Nevada for her 80th birthday. I presented my Magic with a Message. I just want to let you know although we are busy in the Lord's work and doing a lot of things we are NOT saved by our good works but by God's grace in what Jesus did on the cross for a sinner like us.

With the Love of Christ, Happy Thanksgiving

Don & Alice