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**DEAR FRIENDS:**

One morning recently I was basking in early morning sunshine and looking over all our Christmas cards and photos, some from dear friends of long ago and some from inmates and recent friends. Several hundred of you have become very special to us. We enjoy reading your mentoring sheets, your letters, some discouraging, some very uplifting. The verse on one card says: "The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." That describes the basic goal of Titus House. We don't apologize for promoting true Christianity as the ultimate solution for all discouragement. One of our financial supporters writes: "Hi you two wonderful workers in the Vineyard...as usual a terrific December newsletter!" She helped fund our Christmas dinner. I am going to the bank this morning to deposit a \$5.00 money order from an inmate in Colorado and \$50 from someone who can more easily afford to help us. Each gift is equally appreciated and inmate gifts are very special. Some send us a few stamps. Some can only pray for this ministry, and of course that is greatly needed.

**CIRCLE OF CONCERN** seems to be a great help to those attending. If you are in the Albuquerque area please come: February 1, Foothills Church, Tramway and Candelaria, 6:00 to 7:30. Speaker: Lloyd Swartz, founder of our local RSOLNM- Reform Sex Offender Laws New Mexico (now Liberty Justice Coalition) will tell us how losing a good job forced him to form his own business which is now extremely successful. Come and throw your questions at Lloyd.

**BLESSINGS FROM BILL** – I am going to take the liberty to quote part of Bill's letter which is not his spiritual thought this time. He writes: "For the prison newspaper, we are doing an issue on La Pasada and parole conditions. Is there an on-line map on where SOs can or cannot live in the Albuquerque area?" Here is my answer to Bill: There are no restrictions on where one can live unless you are on parole or probation. Those individuals are to be at least 1000 feet from a park, school and place where children congregate. Parole and probation officers will give out a list of such restrictions.

**FINANCIAL HELP FOR 2015** – I am not one to talk on this subject but I believe you need to know our need. Our income this past year was \$11,000. With that small amount we sent out 12 newsletters, taught a weekly Bible class at La Pasada, assisted several new releases in the Albuquerque area with clothes, bus passes, general caring and support. We organized the Circle of Concern, spoke at several civic groups and answered a bunch of collect phone calls from 15 states. We send out mentoring sheets to new contacts and recently launched our NOW program. We participate in the local RSOL (LJC) program which is a legal-based group tackling the laws of New Mexico. Occasionally I run to Santa Fe in this regard. It will help us a lot if a number of you will make a monthly pledge to this work. We budget a little under \$1000 a month. Since Don and I don't take salaries a little goes a long way. On the end of

this letter you will find a tear off sheet to return to us, giving us some idea what we can expect this year of 2015. There is a lot we would like to do but we will not go into debt.

**NOW** - Our newest program is designed to catch discouraged inmates. I have received the first reply all the way from Mississippi! Please pray for those in this program.

**TIFFANY**, former preacher's kid, was in our La Pasada group. I was a preacher's kid too and got into so much trouble in high school my mother shipped me to a Christian school. So I relate to Tiffany whose past troubles caught up with her and she is now incarcerated in Texas. Her recent letter proclaims in large print: **"LIFE'S CHALLENGES ARE DESIGNED NOT TO BREAK US BUT TO BEND US TOWARD GOD."**

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Thank you! We can't do it without you. Our love, Alice, Don Johnston