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Dear October Friends!

Can Fall actually be here? It is still warm, the Fair is over but the balloons haven't flown yet. Don had a Magic with a Messaged show at the Fair with several hundred people watching. That was fun and we spent the rest of the day at the Fair until we almost got rained out and had to run back and grab the rabbit we had stashed! Some of us realize we need to get a load of fire wood, the house needs more weather stripping and we need to buy a new snow shovel! Yes, the prediction is for a hard winter in New Mexico. However, our biggest joy is getting good news from a lot of you! We hear from 15 states now. Some of you are prone to discouragement, high cost of registration in especially the southern states, lack of family support, feeling that you are getting older and family doesn't seem to care about you. This letter is designed to cheer you up, with both testimonials and news on getting legal help, job help, housing help and general encouragement. If no one else seems to care, we do! If you are in this area, the **Circle of Concern** is for you. Later on we will give you info on that group.

**NEWS** Chaparral Prison is on the move with a new building, fresh paint, and new programs. Best of all is the progress of the Soldiers of Christ Church led by Monte. Monte says: The church has 50 in attendance, George has put together a band and choir and a few people have given their life to the Lord. He continues regarding his personal life: "This has been a hard road, many obstacles, let downs, feelings of worthlessness, but God has taken all that mess and destruction and turned it into great blessings. Through all of this I have gained the deepest, richest friendships I could have asked for." He continues to be thankful for many new friends and the support of his own family. Please pray for his mother, our Circle speaker two months ago, who is having some heart problems.

Chaparral Prison has produced their first newspaper called **THE INSIDE STORY**, with lead articles by our own people: Bill Howden, Roger Carl and others. This fantastic paper includes news, crossword puzzles and even recipes. Congratulations staff!

We have a report from Mike of a number of changes going on in Hobbs/Lea County Correction Facility with a new warden there. Lets hope it is all for the better.

Bill Howden of **Blessings From Bill** has written a book and needs a writer and publisher! If you want to help him at \$8.50 an hour please write him at Chaparral Prison. His number is #74073. The prison address is: 10 McGregor Range Rd. Chaparral, NM 88081.

**DON'S TRIP TO BLOOMFIELD** – This past month Garner was released and he and Don went to the bus to pick him up after an 8 hour delay and drove to Bloomfield, NM, where Garner has family. Pray for Garner as he seeks God's will for the rest of his life.

**HELP FOR YOU** Good friend Vince Lipinski has sent us some addresses you may want to contact: Albuquerque Human Rights Office – 505-924-3380 –(Housing discrimination) – free service. Landlord/Tenant Hotline – 505-983-8447 – Housing code enforcement – free service. Legal Aid Society of Albuquerque – 505-243-7871 –legal services to low income residents. Senior Citizens Law Office 505-265-2300 -- Free legal services for Bernalillo County residents 60 and over.

### **NEW MEXICO WORKFORCE CONNECTION**

Contact Avelina Borrego at 843-1905 or [aborrego@wccnm.org](mailto:aborrego@wccnm.org) She was the speaker I recently heard at the Returning Citizens meeting. She emphasized that Workforce Solutions will train you, help you find work and perhaps subsidize the first six months on the job. If you are looking for work, call her.

**BLESSINGS FROM BILL** – I can't say enough about how important prayer is – not because God knows nothing until you tell Him but because prayer is the Holy Spirit praying in you and for you. Give Him 5, 10, 15 minutes a day to speak to you as you sit silently. Do it daily and make it as routine as brushing your teeth before bed. God is there in the stillness.

**CIRCLE OF CONCERN – SUNDAY, OCT. 5 – 6:00 – 7:30** **New Location** God's Café, next to Jack's Vacuum, 1315 San Mateo NE, south of I-40. Jack Smith will share and bring some music to us. This is a much more central location for those of you coming from Rio Rancho and Los Lunas.

**SUPPORTERS, FAMILY MEMBERS, LA PASADA PEOPLE** – We want you to know how much we care **about each of you**. **Some of our supporters are facing retirement, health needs, some are still** incarcerated sending us stamps and money orders! Every one of you is vital to this ministry. Some of you are married to inmates or recently released folks. It is all tough and it is all full of blessing when done with the help and joy of the Lord. That is my personal testimony! So keep on praying, supporting, sharing your love with others and help us uplift those who are struggling. Please pray for prison inmates who think they will never exit prison. Pray for me as I attempt to answer that kind of letter. Do I look forward to retirement some day? Actually, no as I expect to retire in heaven. Billy Graham has said the same! He is a good model to follow.

**MENTORING SHEETS AND PHONE CALLS** -- After you fill out the last of the mentoring sheets (3-page -one) give us a phone call. The out-of-state calls are pricey but we do want to know you. Please limit your calls to one a month. And if possible please call during business hours and especially not at 7:00 in the morning or at 9:30 at night! If you never received all the mentoring sheets, please ask.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY IF YOU HAD A BIRTHDAY IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER!!!** I confess I got way behind sending out Birthday cards. Can I hide behind the fact I had eye surgery? Or that I was a little bit lazy? Anyway, I hope it was a good one and I plan to do better starting with October!

**OUR LOVE TO ALL OF YOU, Don and Alice**

**New Mexico Code**

**Chapter 31 — Criminal Procedure**

**Article 13 — Civil Rights and Pardons, 31-13-1.**

**Section 31-13-1 — Felony conviction; restoration of citizenship.**

**A. A person who has been convicted of a felony shall not be permitted to vote in any statewide, county,**

**municipal or district election held pursuant to the provisions of the Election Code [ 1-1-1 NMSA 1978],**

**unless the person:**

**(1) has completed the terms of a suspended or deferred sentence imposed by a court;**

**(2) was unconditionally discharged from a correctional facility under the jurisdiction of the corrections**

**department or was conditionally discharged from a correctional facility under the jurisdiction of the corrections department and has completed all conditions of probation or parole;**

**(3) was unconditionally discharged from a correctional facility under the jurisdiction of a federal corrections agency or was conditionally discharged from a correctional facility under the jurisdiction of a**

**federal corrections agency and has completed all conditions of probation or parole; or**

**(4) has presented the governor with a certificate verifying the completion of the sentence and was granted a pardon or a certificate by the governor restoring the person's full rights of citizenship.**

**B. When a person has completed the terms of a suspended or deferred sentence imposed by a court for**

**a felony conviction, the clerk of the district court shall notify the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall notify all county clerks that the person is eligible for registration.**

**C. A person who has served the entirety of a sentence imposed for a felony conviction, including a term**

**of probation or parole shall be issued a certificate of completion by the corrections department. Upon**

**issuance, the corrections department shall inform the person that the person is entitled to register to**

**vote. The certificate of completion shall state that the person's voting rights are restored.**

**D. When the corrections department issues a person a certificate of completion, the corrections department shall notify the secretary of state that the person is entitled to register to vote. The**

**secretary of state shall notify all county clerks that the person is eligible for registration.**

**Additionally, a**

**county clerk shall accept the following documents as proof that a person has served the entirety of the**

**sentence for a felony conviction and is eligible for registration:**

**(1) a judgment and sentence from a court of this state, another state or the federal government, which**

**shows on its face that the person has completed the entirety of the sentence;(2) a certificate of completion from the corrections department; or**

**(3) a certificate of completion from another state or the federal government.**

**E. A person who has been convicted of a felony shall not be permitted to hold an office of public trust**

**for the state, a county, a municipality or a district, unless the person has presented the governor with a**

**certificate verifying the completion of the sentence and was granted a pardon or a certificate by the governor restoring the person's full rights of citizenship.**

**Thank you Jack for this information**