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DEAR APRIL FRIENDS:

CIRCLE OF CONCERN CONTINUING AT HEIGHTS CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN, ROOM 404 Our March meeting went very well. This time we are across the hall and we will meet the FIRST Sunday of each month. So let's see all of you promptly at 6:00 on April 6th, 8600 Academy NE to hear ---

TOM TAYLOR, M.A. OF CHRISTIAN COUNSELING. He will be speaking to us on self-esteem, how to function in society as a sex offender without imagining everyone hates us. We have tried to encourage many to attend church, apply for a job and find a decent place to live and we hear arguments that it is too difficult to stand up to people who are judging us.

BLESSINGS FROM BILL: Sometimes you feel like the whole God thing is driving you crazy: too much to learn, no real change, a failure compared to others. With a tormented mind and a broken life, you wait for a bus that never comes. But ask someone who knows you. They will tell you a different story. Try it. There is real change. God is at work in us, for our good and His glory.

SOME TITUS HOUSE BUSINESS: Many thanks for those of you who donated to our new computer. We found a good buy at Best Buy and Don is using it right now to add his part of this letter. Also if you have changed your address please try to inform us. We hate getting letters back, wasting valuable stamps. Also if you have never sent us any mentoring sheets, please request them and <u>when you finish the final</u> <u>three-way pack, please phone us collect!</u> We want to know you better so we can help meet your needs. I am receiving quite a few letters now from those who think we are a residential program. We are not, but we encourage you to apply to La Pasada. If you are off supervision we can help you with low income apartments that take SOs. There are also minimal places you can land such as rescue missions and the Albuquerque Opportunity Center. We can mail you a list. If you do arrive at La Pasada and don't bother to attend our Tuesday Bible study you are in big trouble! One more housekeeping item: We have an assortment of socks, kitchen ware, a good table and other stuff so let us know what you need. We know bunches of ladies' groups who love helping out also.

PAROLEES AND PROBATIONERS: We are tired of seeing some of you violate your parole or probation thinking ALL THESE SILLY rules are optional and you can pick and choose. Seriously, there are those who will tell you differently. Larry has just supplied us with the latest rules of behavior and if in doubt you had better ask us for a copy. We have been told a parole officer can tell the first day he meets you whether you are going back to prison or not. We are here to encourage you to do the right thing and get on with your life.

FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS: We are expecting 100 new booklets. Recently one man excitedly told me he had prayed the prayer on page 10. We will happily send you one. I personally enjoy talking with you all on the phone. Do your mentoring sheets and call me. Much love, Alice

NOTE FROM DON: I hope this letter finds all in good spirits and walking strong in the Lord. God is good, (all the time) but sometimes we are not. It gets hard for me at times to walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh. I just thank God for the cleansing power of the cross. The weather up here in the mountains of Tijeras has finally turned warm and the flowers are starting to pop their heads up. The wind has been another challenge. The other day the wind blew so hard it took the window cover on the RV off and the magnet busted my side window. I was able to go to the junk yard and get another and some guy put it in for \$50.00. As you know my mother blessed me with the RV and we have housed those who are not on parole or probation.

Robert M. the other day gave me a call and told me he was at MDC county jail. He was violated because he moved from Albuquerque Opportunity Center and was living homeless and did not let the S.O. registration know that he moved within 10 days. It is very hard for those who are on the registry and homeless. One reason is they are moving from shelter to shelter or under a bridge or wherever they can lay their head and are required to notify them every 10 days. Anyway, Robert was released from MDC because the judicial system did not file a Grand Jury indictment within the 10 days after he received his target letter. So Robert called me and told me he was getting kicked out. So I went to pick him up at 1:00am. I brought him home and he stayed the night in the RV. He still is not in the clear, they have 5 or 6 years to indict him and they probably will in the next few months. Please keep Robert in prayer as he is very sick. I knew Robert when I was in Hobbs prison.

The reason I related this story to you is that I want everyone to know that we all need to follow the rules. When you go to register make sure you get a copy of the rules you sign and study them. I feel so sorry for those who are sick and cannot comprehend all that is required of them. I know I never want to go back to prison. May God bless and keep you. May God's face shine on you. May God be kind to you and give you peace.

With the love of Christ

Don & Alice

Happy Easter

