



## **TITUS HOUSE MINISTRIES**

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### **DEAREST TEAM PLAYERS FOR 2014:**

I know you all want to know how our Christmas Eve dinner at Furr's went! Well, it was full of surprises. We had a total of 39 people, from small children to adults, some of whom are on the registry for life, spouses, mothers, CNM students and lonely people who stayed the whole three hours and had the greatest time eating, listening to Christmas music played by Art, chatting with friends, laughing at Don's magic and a more serious portrayal of Ezra, the innkeeper of Bethlehem. We were happily surprised by the visit of two NM Senators who said they could only stay a few minutes but stayed through much of our programming. Thank you all for making this our best dinner ever! After the dinner Don and I rode a city bus as part of the famous luminaria tour. Don was inspired to burst out singing Silent Night and several fellow bus riders joined in. For those of you in other states, luminarias are paper bags filled partly with sand and a candle glowing inside portraying the way of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

### **UPLIFTING LETTERS WE RECEIVE:**

From David, an inmate in Colorado, just given permission to parole to NM): "All praise, honor and glory unto our Lord, King and Friend, Jesus! I am not sure to what extent or what exactly you (Titus House) did but I know you did something. Again "Thank you!"

From Chaparral: "I'm praying for this place to start doing things they are supposed to do or send us to a facility that will follow DOC policy and the law. But even when things seem bad, I know that God is with me, and I will forever thank Him for saving me and doing everything like dying for me and loving me and just about everything....and in the end He did promise me a rose garden. I only pray I never let Him down while I'm here on this earth."

**BLESSINGS FROM BILL:** Your annual Christmas party sounds wonderful. I remember the one at a little restaurant on North Fourth St. 2010? (Bill talks about forgiveness) We forgive because we have lost nothing. Today we forgive out of completeness. In Christ we have all that God has.

We did pretty well for 2013 but in this coming year we are going to be known as the gang that never gives up, that really gets things done. I am encouraged right now as my desk is covered with letters from friends who feel as I do. Someone said we need to be much more visible in New Mexico. Another (Brother Terry whom many of you know) encourages me with his newsletter. Someone asked him about his ministry. I found out for the first time that Brother Terry is 69 (just a kid), was a hippie hitchhiking along a road in 1975 and "Jesus reached down and saved my soul right on the highway in Quebec, Canada." Also I found out he sends out 50 Bibles a week and writes 25 letters to inmates. He goes on one mission trip a year (just back from building a house church in India) and supports the whole enterprise with a roofing company!

Don and I want to thank all of you who in many cases (prison inmates) have donated to Titus House from your sacrifice. Last year we told you we took in about \$8000 in donations. This year we have happily received over \$11,000. Thank you more than we can express! We have one distinctly new goal for the coming year and I will elaborate on it on the next page. We put on a special push in April

and May for my travel to a prison conference in Wheaton, Illinois. I was blessed and learned a lot while there. However we plan to stay at home this year and launch some projects that will better benefit New Mexico. One of them, learned from the success of RSOL Texas, is a Circle of Concern. This would be a monthly two hour meeting for anyone related to the sex offender registry, registrants, family members, concerned citizens, anyone over 18 years of age. The first hour would be a learning time, with perhaps speakers. The second hour would be strictly working for those present. My experience a number of years ago with the ToughLove program will be put to good use. I received training from Dave and Phyllis York in their methods which work amazingly to get people unstuck and moving ahead in solving problems (such as relationships, jobs, church, family etc.) We are searching for a good place to meet. It must be private, warm, no food served. Let us know.

We recently began a very friendly, cooperative relationship with the CURE organization. Together several of us have attended meetings of the Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee. This committee is working on improving and changing corrections laws for New Mexico. They hope to make significant changes in the next two years. If you are an inmate with serious suggestions please channel them to us. We will pass them on.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** We believe God answers prayer and He cares about those who are hurting. La Pasada people are looking for jobs. Ryan found a good one and the boss changed his hours to please his PO. Our Bible study there at the halfway house is encouraging with a number of Christians coming and praying for their families and of course their own futures. At La Pasada we have people straight from many years of prison and others awaiting sentencing. What a challenging group! We love it and always drive home joyfully on Tuesday night from this group. Many thanks for donations of clothing for these people. Keep them coming! Pray for those who appear to be overstaying in prison because the halfway house is full most of the time.

Pray for Don and me, for our three board members. We will be meeting in a few days to talk about 2014. Keep writing to us (checks are always welcome), inmates keep calling us and we will pray together on the phone. If you haven't done mentoring sheets please ask for them.

Our love to you all, Don and Alice Johnston

\*Special note for those of you facing release into parole or probation: On the enclosed sheet you will find the specific rules generally enforced by supervisors. It is sad to spend years waiting for release only to violate the terms given you and be put back into incarceration.

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### ***Supervision Conditions & Special Programs***

The following are the conditions for probation and parole supervision programs. In addition to the supervision conditions listed below, most offenders are required to comply with special conditions of supervision that relate specifically to their case. Restitution and counseling are examples of commonly imposed special conditions. In addition to the standard conditions of Probation and/or Parole, offenders assigned to a special program must comply with additional supervision conditions.

Standard supervision serves those offenders in the community who are less likely to re-offend and who do not fit the criteria of special programs. Some offenders are placed into standard supervision if they are pending acceptance in special programs. The following are the conditions of Standard Probation Supervision.

- **State Laws:** I will not violate any of the laws or ordinances of the State of NM, or any other jurisdiction. I shall not endanger the person or property of another.
- **Reporting:** I will report to my Probation/Parole Officer as often as required and will submit completed and truthful written reports as required by my Probation/Parole Officer. All communication with my Probation/Parole Officer will be truthful and accurate and I will promptly reply to any correspondence or communication I may receive from the Probation Office.
- **Status:** I will get permission from my Probation/Parole Officer before: a) Leaving the county where I am being supervised and/or residing; b) Changing jobs; c) Changing residence; or d) Engaging in any major financial contract or debt.
- **Association:** I will not associate with any person identified by my Probation/Parole Officer as being detrimental to my Probation supervision, which may include persons having a criminal record, other probationers and parolees, and victims or witnesses of my crime or crimes.
- **Visits:** I will permit any Probation/Parole Officer to visit me at my home or place of employment at any time. I will permit a warrant-less search by the Officer of my person, automobile, residence, property and/or living quarters if he/she has reasonable cause to believe the search will produce evidence of a violation of my conditions of probation.
- **Employment:** Unless exempted, I will make every effort to obtain and hold a legitimate job and fulfill all financial obligations required of me including support of my family. I shall cooperate with my Probation Officer in any effort to assist me in obtaining employment. If I lose my job for any reason, I shall report this fact to my probation/Parole Officer within 48 hours of the change.
- **Weapons:** I will not buy, sell, own or have in my possession, at any time, firearms, ammunition, or other deadly weapons.
- **Drugs:** I will not buy, sell, consume, possess or distribute any controlled substances except those legally prescribed for my use by a State Certified Medical Doctor. I will also provide urine or breath test specimens for laboratory analysis upon request of the Probation and Parole division.
- **Arrest:** I will report any arrest, charge or questioning by a Peace Officer to my Probation/Parole Officer within 48 hours of the incident. The toll free number 1-800-428-5686 is available for emergency contact with my Probation/Parole Officer.
- **Transfer:** If my probation supervision is transferred to another state, I will abide by any additional supervision conditions required by that state.
- **informant:** I will not enter into any agreement to act, or act as an "informer" or special agent for any law enforcement agency without the permission of the Director of the Probation and Parole Division and the sentencing judge.
- **Probation Costs:** I will pay probation costs as determined by my Probation/Parole Officer on or before the designated date each month to the Corrections Department in the form of a money order or cashier's check.
- **Photo:** I will submit myself for photographing and fingerprinting as directed by the Probation & Parole Division.
- **Alcohol:** I shall not possess, use or consume any alcoholic beverages and will not at any time enter what is commonly known as a bar or lounge where alcoholic beverages are served or sold for consumption on the premises.

### **Standard Parole Supervision**

Per statute NMSA 31-21-5, parole means "the release to the community of an inmate of an institution by decision of the board or by operation of law subject to conditions imposed by the board and to its supervision".

- **Monthly Reporting:** I will report to my Parole Officer no later than the 10th of each month in person unless otherwise instructed and submit a full and truthful monthly report on the form provided for that purpose.
- **Other State:** If I am paroled or transferred to the custody of another State, I will abide by any rules in effect in that State in addition to the Parole Conditions imposed by the New Mexico Adult Parole Board.
- **Travel Permit:** I must secure a travel permit from my Parole Officer before: (a) Leaving the state of New Mexico; (b) Leaving the County to which I have been paroled, unless otherwise determined by my Parole Officer.
- **Personal Status:** I must consult with my Parole Officer, and secure his/her consent before: (a) Changing my residence; (b) Changing my employment; (c) Entering into a civil contract; (d) Enrolling or withdrawing from an educational institution or program.
- **Conduct:** I will demean myself as a law abiding citizen, including obedience to all rules and regulations of any educational institution or program. I will report any arrest to my Parole Officer within 72 hours.
- **Controlled Substances:** I will not illegally possess, use, or sell any narcotic drug and/or controlled substance or related paraphernalia.
- **Drug Test:** I will submit urinalysis testing at my Parole Officer's discretion.
- **Association:** I will not knowingly associate with any person whom my Parole Officer has identified as a detriment to my parole.
- **Weapons:** I will not buy, sell, own or have in my possession, at any time, firearms, ammunition or other deadly weapons of any kind.
- **Employment:** I will obtain and maintain full employment/school and notify my Parole Officer in the event of termination thereof.
- **Informant Role:** I will not enter into any agreement to act, or act as an "informer" or special agent, for any law enforcement agency without the permission of the Director of Probation and Parole Division.
- **Home Visits:** I will permit my Parole Officer to visit me at all reasonable times and places.
- **Searches:** I will submit to warrant-less searches per Probation & Parole Division policy.
- **Alcohol:** I will not possess, consume or buy intoxicating beverages at any time.
- **Enter Bars:** I will not enter what is commonly known as a bar or lounge where intoxicants are sold.

Here are two other resources that you might take a look at from your prison library.

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