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GOOD MORNING: Half an inch of rain here and 12 inches of snow in northern NM and we are feeling absolutely soggy. One hummingbird showed up looking confused and we quickly filled a feeder for him. We have the strange urge to plant something but wisdom says wait a bit.

GOOD NEWS – Some New Mexico registered people are busy putting businesses together, finding places to buy instead of rent and right out of La Pasada halfway house are getting good jobs. Others are getting married and moving on with their lives.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN is where we learn of these things. Come if possible. **MAY 10th, 6 – 7:30.** The location is Foothills Church, corner of Tramway and Candelaria NE. If you are on probation invite your PO to come with you. This is open to all adults.

KAIROS MINISTRY is a Christian weekend ministry within prison walls. I just met a woman who bakes cookies for this effort. Attend if at all possible.

BLESSINGS FROM BILL –God is not an option. Whether we ignore, deny or oppose or hide from God makes no difference. In God we live and move and die and have our being. Nothing and nobody is outside of God. So contemplating God is time well spent.

SING-SING PRISON IN NY – Jonathan writes from this prison. Let me share a bit from his letter. Jonathan committed his crime against a small child. He is torn up with regret and although he is a believing Christian and knows God will forgive him of his sins he isn't sure he can forgive himself. I wrote to him and quoted Hebrews chapter 10 where we are told that "Christ offered one sacrifice for sins, an offering that is effective forever." Continuing, "With one sacrifice, then, he has made perfect forever those who are purified from sin." Continuing again, "I will not remember their sins and evil deeds any longer." This is a comfort to all of us who believe we have crossed over the line and what we have done cannot be forgiven. Please say a quick prayer for Jonathan and everyone else we mention in our newsletters. Thanks!

SUPPORTERS – I had a great lunch last week with a long-time supporter, a woman whose husband used to be a well-known counselor in Albuquerque. You know how it is when two women get together. We used up an hour without noticing the time. Toward the end of our conversation she wondered what people were supposed to do if a known "sex offender" moved next door to them. This caused me to give her a pamphlet from SOSEN – an organization similar to RSOL educating people on the facts. I mentioned to her that 95% of future sex offenders were not currently listed on the registry. In other words, less than 5% on the current registry would offend again. I am not sure that was much of a comfort. What I am saying is: The chances of a registered neighbor being a problem is much smaller

than that some unknown person would commit a sexual crime in the neighborhood. This brings us to the subject of raising our children in today's crazy world. I am more than ready to speak to adult groups on the subject of current dangers to our children. Please call me!

PREVENTION FROM BEING VIOLATED – I will sound like a probation officer now. Yes, all you released folks, some at La Pasada, are so thrilled by your new freedom that many of you are not taking the long list of rules seriously. So temptations to come in a few minutes late, ignore the GPS going off, succumb to that desire to have just one forbidden drink, accept a ride in the wrong car or give the old girlfriend a hug, believe they deserve just one little break – Beware! Are you really ready for another two years in the big house?

WHAT TO DO??? Start the day with your Daily Bread and prayer, attend church or a Bible study, review your triggers (you know what they are), use your phone and internet only in the prescribed way. Ask your PO how you can succeed in school or work, how not to reoffend. After the shock is passed, they will give you some good advice.

ANNUAL RSOL CONVENTION IN Dallas – Don and I have attended four of these and we would LOVE to attend this June in Dallas. The speakers sound exceptional. Two days in a hotel, plus a \$200 fee, plus driving 2000 miles looks like at least \$1000. If you feel a nudge to send us, we would be very pleased.

JOE, OUR TENANT – sends regards to all his old friends in Santa Rosa.

Blessings, Don and Alice

