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"...I was in prison
and you came to
visit me."

Matthew 25:36



House of Hope Ministry

Don't get discouraged...

By Fred C... Mason County Jail

Dear Pastor Michael, I just want you to know that what you are doing is so powerful and it is right. Don't get discouraged! You are doing the Lord's work and He will most definitely provide. Stay faithful. Know that I appreciate everything you do and thank the Lord for it because it was through you and your ministry that I know Jesus now. I'm very limited in here but if there is anything I can do to help, just let me know. God bless & thank you!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO
SHOW THYSELF
APPROVED UNTO GOD?

Dear Pastor Sgobba,

I take the Bible very seriously. This is the reason I majored in Theology. I want to know and understand God's Word and Plan to the very limit of my finite human intellect. It is the beginning of my stewardship, which I believe bears grave responsibility (Acts 21:13, Matt 25:14-30). God has given me an unquenchable thirst for His Word. There is nothing I love more than spending time with the Lord immersed in His life-sustaining Word.

The Bible is very clear that we should follow the Bible's model of how a church should run. Christ Himself gave us many instructions on His church. A poignant example is given by Apostle Paul in 1 Cor 4:18-5:13. The members of that congregation were so arrogant, prideful, and fleshly that they were willing to excuse even the most extreme wickedness (5:2). Paul would have the offender delivered over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh before he were to tolerate and accept this evil into the church (5:5). Paul also warns that their proud sense of satisfaction (their boasting) blinded them to their duty in regard to blatant sin that devastated the church at Corinth (5:6). Paul emphasizes the importance of judging (with right judgement (John 7:24) those who are inside the church so as not to corrupt the body). God judges those on the outside and believers can evangelize those on the outside. But in our church service where we gather to praise, worship, and enter into communion with Christ Himself, we are thus commanded to "purge the evil" from within our ranks (5:9-13)

Thank you, Michael, I appreciate you...

Derrick - Clallam Bay Correction

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and... "SET FREE."

"This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it..." Ps 118:24

Another year, spring is upon us, and I am surprised at how quickly the year has flown by!

Margie and I are making necessary plans, moving to eastern Washington, preparing, listing our home for sale. It has been much busy work, efforts to make our house more saleable to home buyers, and much time to do this job; and other plans at the same time, as we minister!

Looking back on our past 10 years in Kitsap County, praising God for 1000's of men, women, and children touched by the Gospel (Good News), both inside jails and prisons and on the outside as well. The Lord's Kingdom has grown and 100's of prisoners and ex-prisoners have been radically changed by the power of God: The Blood of the Cross of Christ. We praise the Lord for all He has done in people's lives and it has had a profound impact on myself, as well as volunteers too. We are very grateful to you, whatever you do.

On the front side of this newsletter: "Fred" and "Derrick's" letters are openly shared for others to rejoice and pray for them. Personally, I rejoice over the past 20 plus years, writing 350-450 letters every year, and discipling men into closer walks with Jesus Christ through the mail. My wife also writes several women in prisons, and is blessed to be "A Godly, Christian pen-pal" to quite a few ladies. We have need for more people to write to prisoners. If there is any interest in this, please contact me.

The ***"Word For You Today"*** devotional is being mailed out to 100-150 men/women in prisons and to ex-inmates, Pastors, etc. Our volunteers distribute this same devotional to another 150 or more prisoners in other jails and churches. We get several new requests for the ***"Word For You Today"*** every week. We get letters from inmates in prison, letting us know they prayed to follow Jesus, resulting from studying the ***"Word For You Today"***.

House of Hope Ministry now has volunteer chaplains, pastors, and servants who minister in King County, as well as Pierce, Snohomish County prisons (DOC) and Jails. God is spreading "His Word", "The Truth" - to many lost souls and discipling so many, it's impossible to even count! What an amazing and awesome God we serve.

Dear Mike and Margie, Thanks for sending me the current devotional. It's still #1 for me!
From Steve Alexander - Retired Kitsap County Judge & Pastor

Thank You for all you have done to help spread the Word!



I have been working with Doug G for over 13 years
Michael visiting at Clallam Bay Correctional

A LITTLE KNOWN FACT...

A little known fact of House of Hope is how financial support is calculated from faithful supporters to this growing ministry.

Most of the money donated to House of Hope comes from prisoners in prisons, and from ex-prisoners in several states. We always are thankful when a prison inmate mails a check of support for \$5.00 or \$10.00 or more.

There is never a gift too small...

"Little is much when God multiplies the Gift!"

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