

Dear Friend,

On visits to different prisons during the month of February, something stood out to me and I wanted to share it with you. Many times it's hard for those that have not been incarcerated to relate to what is of great value to an inmate. One thing that is of great value is a letter or a visit from a friend or family member.

One inmate shared a testimony with great excitement of how for the first time in fifty (50) years he saw his mother and father together on a visit to see him. This meant so much to him and it almost brought me to tears. Another shared how he had not seen his daughter in 20 years, and she visited him with his 13 year old granddaughter. The impact this visit had on him cannot be described with words. Another inmate realized I knew some of his family members and begged me to tell them to write him or to visit him. I've heard of inmates waiting for mail call and how they get excited when their name is called, but not until now have I ever seen the importance of a letter or visit from a friend or loved one.

As I continued to think about this, this scripture came to me. **Proverbs 25:25- As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.** Please visit and send letters to your incarcerated loved ones; it is refreshing and of great encouragement to them.

If you know anyone that has a family member, friend or loved one that is incarcerated and would like to receive this monthly Newsletter please email or mail their address to us. You may submit their address on our website as well. Don't forget to read about our coming monthly Bible Study for inmates coming by April 2017, on the website. Also, you may view old Newsletters on the Archive section of our website.

If you would like to share with our readers how you deal with a loved one or friend being incarcerated please email us your testimony. We will go through the ones we receive and use some for the Newsletter. Please limit your testimony to one page and include a picture of yourself if possible.

We send the books and this Newsletter free of charge. Pray about helping us on a monthly basis by donating \$5.00 a month. Anything you are able to do will be greatly appreciated.

Yours in Christ,



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