

Dear Friend,

We are blessed this month to have received the testimony below to share with you from Brenda. Please send us your testimony if you would like us to consider sharing it with others to encourage and uplift them.

From the Palace to the Pit to Paradise

Our 38-year-old son went from living a single dad's life to being completely dependent on his dad and me. What he didn't realize at the time was that his life would never be the same. On November 14th the police picked him up and carried him to jail for revoking his probation. Three weeks later, he was sentenced to one year in the county jail where he is still serving his time.

If his dad and I had not been strong in our faith in Jesus Christ we would not have made it. One of the Scriptures we stood on was 1 Peter 5:7: "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you". With a thousand thoughts running through our minds, and with pain, embarrassment, and questions, we held on to Jesus, the author and the finisher of our faith.

We found out very quickly how expensive and burdensome this could be. We had to make all of his payments, and move all of his belongings out of his apartment, all while visiting him through a monitor once a week.

Once on the way home from our weekly visit I googled "Jail Ministries" on my phone. We were very concerned about his salvation. Since county jails do not allow inmates to have a Bible we were determined to find a way to get God's Word to him.

I found a website that caught my attention www.freeprisonbooks.org. We emailed the author and he responded. This was God. Frank M. Bafford Sr. wrote the book, "You're Never Going Back"! He sent us a copy and I couldn't stop reading. Our son finally received this book and he loved it too. Our hearts' desire is for every inmate to receive a copy of this book. Please support this ministry.

Here are our suggestions for anyone who has a love one incarcerated:

- Pray for the inmate and your family
- Send postcards with Scriptures weekly
- Visit the inmate as often as you can
- Support this Christian jail ministry

Yours in Christ,



Pastor Frank M. Bafford, Sr.