



County Corrections Gospel Mission

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Dear

Joyous Greetings! I look back over a wonderful year and can only praise God for allowing me to be a very small part of your multitude of relationships.

I believe the story of Christmas with all my heart and life. It is always so wonderful to know how real the first Christmas was as I sit with my own family and anticipate Christmas morning. The shepherds, the angels, the city of Bethlehem, the wise men and, of course, the Savior, all capture the sparkling eyes of my three special sons. Christmas brings a joy that so many either never experience or so quickly forget. The Christ of Christmas is the reason for the season, and I have found a daily joy in knowing Him!

As we are so graced to enjoy another festive remembrance of the Savior's birth, I know with you the deep and continuous unbroken heartaches represented within not only prisons but countless empty, struggling lives throughout the world. I trust that God will give the wonderful balance to each of us of a life lived in joy, yet characterized by compassion and sensitive intercession on behalf of the countless troubled majority.

I recently heard a very poignant statement which raised the need for being sensitive to the balancing of a caring lifestyle. "We'll never lighten any burden until we feel the pressure in our own souls!"

As the world cries for a Comforter, Counselor and King, may we at least agree on this, "...His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace!"

It is my greatest longing and prayer that Corrections continues to be one of the leading American institutions that unashamedly proclaims to its dear residents the very real account of a Savior born. I cannot think of a greater hope for 1987 than the continued freedom to share this truth.

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Please accept our small gift which is given in your honor. We chose the theme, "A True Correction's Professional" as our way of exalting the leaders who would still be so wise and yet humble to admit their personal reliance on the living God.

The entire staff of County Corrections Gospel Mission and my family wish for you,

A Most Blessed Holy Season and New Year,

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