



County Corrections Gospel Mission

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Dear

"Blessed is the man who heareth me, watching daily
at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For
whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favor
of the LORD." -- Proverbs 8:34,35

In the above verse a man is pictured who stands outside the dwelling place of God available and anxious to hear the word of the LORD. This man is blessed as he discovers the daily guidance and strength for all his decisions, thoughts and attitudes. Jesus said it another way: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

I again want you to know of the great esteem we hold towards you and our most wonderful privilege of encouraging you in the difficult days of your ministry as you serve in a capacity carefully delegated to your care and authority. Once again I would remind you of the rich depths of God's Word, the Bible, and assure you that it is the backbone of justice, law and mercy.

Out of the midst of the Corrections burden we are constantly reminded of man's need to be rightly aligned to his God. As men look to you as their keeper and authority, I pray that they might experience in you the wisdom, love and justice of God. It seems a rather large stewardship when men and women such as yourselves are given place to represent the order and government of the offender.

This summer you could spend one week in the Adirondacks of New York, from July 12 to 19, in fruitful fellowship with professional Corrections personnel from all over America. I would be happy to give you more details of this great conference established just for you. Scholarships are available, and we personally will share the inspiration and training under Assistant Police Chief of Los Angeles, Mr. Bob Vernon.

I trust that soon you will be receiving from our office a helpful statement on Capital Punishment and also know we will plan on seeing you at the Warden's Spring Symposium at Lancaster.

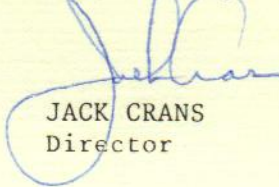
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In closing, I leave you a tremendous Bible verse that promises so very much:

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God (the Bible is God-breathed) and is profitable for doctrine (TRUTH-- knowing right from wrong), for reproof (convicting, bringing wrong to light), for CORRECTION (improving, conforming to right standards) for instruction in righteousness (teaching or training in Godly living) that the man of God may be perfect (whole, mature, well-balanced), thoroughly furnished unto all good works (equipped to be the very finest under God.)" -- II Timothy 3:16,17

I feel this is quite an antidote for what so often grieves our hearts in the field of Corrections! It may not be popular opinion, but it sure works!

Respectfully,



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