



# County Corrections Gospel Mission

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"He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness and honor." (Proverbs 21:21)

Dear Warden:

I want to take a moment and write to you concerning my continued burden on your behalf. I was greatly privileged to address your Association on Saturday, October 19th, and in a few minutes share my heart. Some of my comments were:

- 1) You as a warden behold the desperate tragedy of so many lives...(THE CHURCH NEEDS YOUR EYES!)
- 2) You as a corrections professional, represent a field of employees who nationally rate high in personal and family breakdown (suicide, divorce, alcoholism)...THE CHURCH NEEDS TO PRAY FOR YOUR WISE LEADERSHIP!
- 3) You as an authority under the state and/or county government, have a God ordained function: "that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." (I Tim. 2:2)...THE CHURCH NEEDS TO HONOR YOU!
- 4) You as a warden still remain part of a secular institution which still allows the Bible and prayer in your facility...THE CHURCH NEEDS YOUR JEALOUS COMMITMENT TO THIS GREAT FREEDOM!

I am still anxious and hopeful as I look forward that Corrections shall become a stronghold, not only for the offender, but a stronghold for what we're quickly forgetting in America as the critical elements of GRACE and TRUTH.

The Apostle Paul said of the law: "It is holy and just and good." (Rom. 7:12) BUT, he admits: "...that which was ordained to give life (the law), I found to be unto death." What is he saying? He is admitting that the law is a preserver of life and society when obeyed, but who can keep the whole law? He discovered that all men are lawbreakers (sinners), and that God provided full pardon in the great love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. (What the law could not do, Christ did! (Rom. 8:2-4)

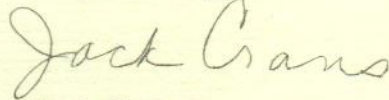
In this season when soon the death penalty shall become an issue for Pennsylvania, I want to remind you that the sinless one, Jesus Christ, paid the price of His life's blood on a cruel Roman cross of execution...That's right, the death sentence was executed against the Christ -- why? He paid the penalty for my sins, your sins, and every incarcerated individual's sins--Is this important to know? Yes, because now, as risen Lord and loving, available Savior, He invites us to acknowledge that we're lawbreakers (sinners) and that we know our need of His Grace.

May the Lord give you strength and wisdom as you labor on our behalf and His. Your comments, reactions, and questions are always welcome.

Most important, Warden, I trust we can continue in a ministry of encouragement with you as the days are becoming most critical!

Thanks for reading!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack Crans". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jack Crans