



Brother Rick

It seems like yesterday when you visited me in jail. Thank you for giving me hope. I asked God to place good brothers into my journey and he has. One of them says I have the gift of counseling. What does that mean? You need a ducat (pass) in order to attend church here. I haven't been able to go since April and would try to sneak in. I was finally given a pass and have been attending the services. I am on the list to go to fire camp but have to go to my annual committee first. I will write more after that.

JP

Chaplain Rick

Thank you for your card and Happy Birthday too. We have been on a modified program for the past four months but tomorrow things will get back to normal. I will be able to use the phone and give you a call right after I get ahold of my family. I have 55 days left until May 30th and will be paroling to a program in Costa Mesa. I am happy that I don't have to go back to my hometown which wouldn't be safe. The only time I need to be in Santa Ana will be to visit my family. I am both nervous and excited about getting out and can't believe it's been so long. I feel ready to do what I have to do. For the past two years I have been clean and have not been in trouble, thanks to God.

AH

Chaplain Rick Johnson

I hope and pray all is well with you and your family. This yard is getting deactivated so because my points dropped when I went to committee a few days ago, I qualify for a Level One Yard. I requested to go to Ironwood or Chuckawalla and am excited about leaving. Someone in Sacramento granted my request to move my Parole Board Hearing up to October 16th. Because of that I am redoing my support letters and wanted to know if you can please help me out by writing one like last time. Thank you so much and God bless you.

RF

Brother Rick

You're a special blessing! We've known each other for 28 years and you have been a gift from God to me and to plenty of other brothers as well. I pray that this season of your life will birth new ideas, dreams, visions, goals, relationships, and a new anointing. God's mercies are new every morning. May the Lord renew your strength.

AR

Dear Chaplain Rick

When I received your letter from the deputy, I was taken back and it took away the stress of being in jail for a few moments. I enjoy hearing from someone since 95% of the letters I write are never responded to. According to my sister, the letters I write to my grandfather get thrown away. I have been doing drugs since the age of 14 and for the last ten years I did not know what I was doing. I have been sober for the past seven months and am starting to feel stable. I can't stand who I have become and when I think about sinning, it makes me scared and sad. I believe in hell and heaven too. I pray God will take me into heaven and at least let me be comfortable there.

JM

Hi Rick

I would like to express my appreciation for reaching out to me and for the birthday card. I am attending bible study every Tuesday and doing the Narrow Way lessons too. My cellmate and I are also reading the bible together. I want Jesus as my Savior and have surrendered my life to him. The Lord's presence is something I feel in my life but need to know what else I can do to fulfill his purpose for my life in this facility.

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Incarcerated Youth

Talking to you feels better than talking to a therapist. Thank you for meeting with me.

Church Member

Your dedication and humility are admirable. Thank you for all you do for our church.

Army Recruit

I feel blessed to be where I am and couldn't have made it this far without your help.

Former Volunteer

It's a blessing to see how you mentor so many youth. You have truly won the lost for Christ.

Mother of Youth

My daughter calls every Sunday and always says positive things about your church services.

Incarcerated Youth

My grandmother put your card on the refrigerator so I would call you.

Former Parolee

Every person I meet that knows you has something good to say.

Church Leader

Thank you for everything you've done. You continue to bless me with your faithful preaching of the word.

Adult on Probation

I really appreciate our talk because it lifted my self-esteem and made me feel hopeful again.