

Alpha Prison Ministries Newsletter

March 2016 Edition

"I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:36

Inmate Letter with His Donation

Hello to all my friends at Alpha House. I cannot begin to explain the joy God has put on my heart today as I fill out my tithes to you. Knowing God gives me the privilege to help out in one of the most important programs he has.

The joy I get out of being allowed, or called, by God, to be in partnership with all that Alpha House offers to men returning to the community, well, I just want to jump for joy! I know that when I left the program we both may have looked at it like a failure. But as God says in Romans 8:28, "All things work for good to those called according to his purpose."

So because of your love and desire to see the best God can offer me, I am able to see the importance of you and all you offer through him. I truly cannot express fully the joy I have being able to write to you and the desire that God has put on my heart for Alpha House.

I do hope and pray your new year is one filled with blessings and joy for everybody who is there. All the people who help out, and especially for your family and yourself, I leave you with these two verses today:

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. (Psalm 32:8)

I do love and appreciate you.

Happy Jack

Hand Written Thank You Note Received

*Greetings to all who serve in
Alpha Prison Ministries.
You helped our friend Greg V.
get back on his feet and he seems
to be doing well. God bless you
in your efforts. Keep up the good
work.
Yours in Christ,
Don & Rita*

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- ◆ Please pray for Norm, a former Alpha Bible study volunteer having much needed back surgery in April. Pray for a successful corrective procedure to eliminate his pain.
- ◆ Pray for both Hanson and Marcell, new Alpha House residents this month who both served long prison sentences. Pray for their smooth transition into church, society, and work.
- ◆ Also pray for Elmer, another resident who is also having surgery. Please pray for a successful surgery and a quick recovery.
- ◆ Praise God for all the companies who have provided jobs for Alpha House residents. Honest work is instrumental in helping men succeed in their transition back into society.

Prayer Requests

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Please cut around these prayer requests and use this as a bookmark in your Bible.

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New Alpha House Resident Writes From Prison

As you receive this newsletter, Alpha House will have a new resident as of March 1st. Before leaving prison, APM received his final two letters as an inmate which are excerpted below. Hanson is being released after 35 years in prison!

Hanson's January 3, 2016 Letter

Happy New Year

I pray as always that while reading this letter, it finds you, brother Bill, and all of Alpha House at peace. As for me, I am blessed by the best. God is good all the time, and by saying that, please let me testify to the power of prayer.

The morning I was scheduled for my parole board hearing (November 4, 2015), I prayed reluctantly. I say reluctantly because even though I believe in prayer, it was to me hard to pray for freedom. However, I did, but my prayer was that his will be done.

Well brother, God's will was done on December 11th. I was granted parole after 34½ years in prison. My release date is March 1, 2016. I look forward to fellowship and learning everything I can and sharing that knowledge with believers and non believers.

Know that as I close this letter, never will I close my heart and prayers for you and the wonderful work you are doing with Alpha House and Alpha Prison Ministries. Let me say again, God bless you all.

Peace and God's continued grace,
Hanson

Hanson's February 4, 2016 Letter

God bless you, brother Bill, and all the brothers at Alpha House. All is well here at Carson City and the APM Bible study. As always, it's a pleasure hearing from you. I would like to take this time to thank you for the inspirational newsletter titled, *Men on the Beach*. Also, for the tract, *Free From Fear* by Duane Vander Klok.

I would also like to thank you in advance for picking me up at the parole officer's office. On that my dear brother, I'll close for now with this:

As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain.
For he says,

"In the time of my favor I heard you,
and in the day of salvation I helped you."

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. (2 Corinthians 6:1-11)

My prayers are with you, brother Bill, both Alpha Houses, and APM.

God's peace and continued grace,
Hanson

Alpha House Gets Great Reviews In Prisons

My name is Anthony and I am currently incarcerated at Newberry Correctional Facility. I have been incarcerated for 4 years and will be seeing the parole board sometime this summer.

I learned of your ministry through my bunkie who went to placement with you for his parole in September. My old bunkie **had great things to say about your ministry.**

I had told him how Christ had changed my life and if I was given the opportunity of receiving my parole, how I couldn't return to the old environment and people I used to involve myself with because the chances of a relapse are too great. My sobriety is the most important thing to me in my walk with my Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus.

I had asked the chaplain here about your program and **he gave awesome reviews.** I asked him for a referral to your program and he stated that I had to write to you first. Thank you so much for taking the time out of your busy schedule to read this letter. I truly pray that there can be a place for me so that I can grow more in Christ at your ministry. Thank you Alpha Prison Ministries.

Love,
Anthony

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APM Financial Summary January-December 2015

Total Income: \$95,351.00

Total Expense: \$98,548.12

Net Income: **(\$-3197.12)**



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