



# Alpha Prison Ministries Newsletter

## July 2017 Edition

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

## Otis - An Alpha House Resident

My name is Otis. I grew up going to church. My mom made sure we were at Sunday school and morning service every Sunday. If she had to work she made sure someone came to pick us up for church. I enjoyed Sunday school, the singing and the Bible stories. I think at age 13 or 14 I got saved. I really didn't know what I was doing or what it meant to be saved.

At the age of 20 something I left my mom's house. I was put out because I didn't want nothing out of life. Never married, kids out of wedlock, started sleeping and living with different women. I got into drugs and heavy drinking more.

I became homeless, working at different temp agencies just to support my habits. I moved to Detroit with a woman I was dating to take care of her grandmother before she died. The whole time we were dating, our relationship was about doing drugs and drinking.

One day I decided I had enough of that life and left and became homeless again. I met my pastor and his wife who live in Pontiac. I know God sent them into my life because he heard my prayer. I prayed that I'm tired of living this life and wanted to live for him.

I rededicated my life to Christ. Ever since that day, God has been restoring my life and my family back into my life. I enjoyed serving the Lord and people. While in Pontiac, I was my pastor's armor bearer. I would take him to his appointments, escort him to the pulpit, etc.

I also was in charge of the House of David Help Center. I would open the building and cook breakfast, lunch, and dinner for the homeless or people in need. After 4 years there, I ended up going to prison. To be truthful, those were the best 12½ years, in prison.

I got closer to knowing and understanding who I am in Christ Jesus. I met a lot of brothers in prison, and an outsider (volunteer) who taught, knew the word of God, and lived it.

I still make mistakes. I fall down but I get back up because of God's grace and mercy. The life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in Jesus Christ who loves me and gave himself for me on the cross.

On the other side, we've published hand written inmate prayer requests in their hand written form.

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- ◆ Take time to pray for some or all of the hand written inmate prayer requests featured on the back this month. Larger copies that don't require eye strain can be found on our web site.
- ◆ Please continue praying for our annual banquet on October 9, 2017 at Resurrection Life Church. Our scheduled speaker had to cancel due to conflicts but an evening of celebrating the impact of APM and changed lives will take place unhindered and your advanced prayers will help make that happen.
- ◆ Ask God for favor on prison ministries among prison officials. Faith based initiatives have a consistently proven success rate for creating true rehabilitation, but not all prison officials embrace that reality. Pray that personal objections can be put aside for the good of everyone.

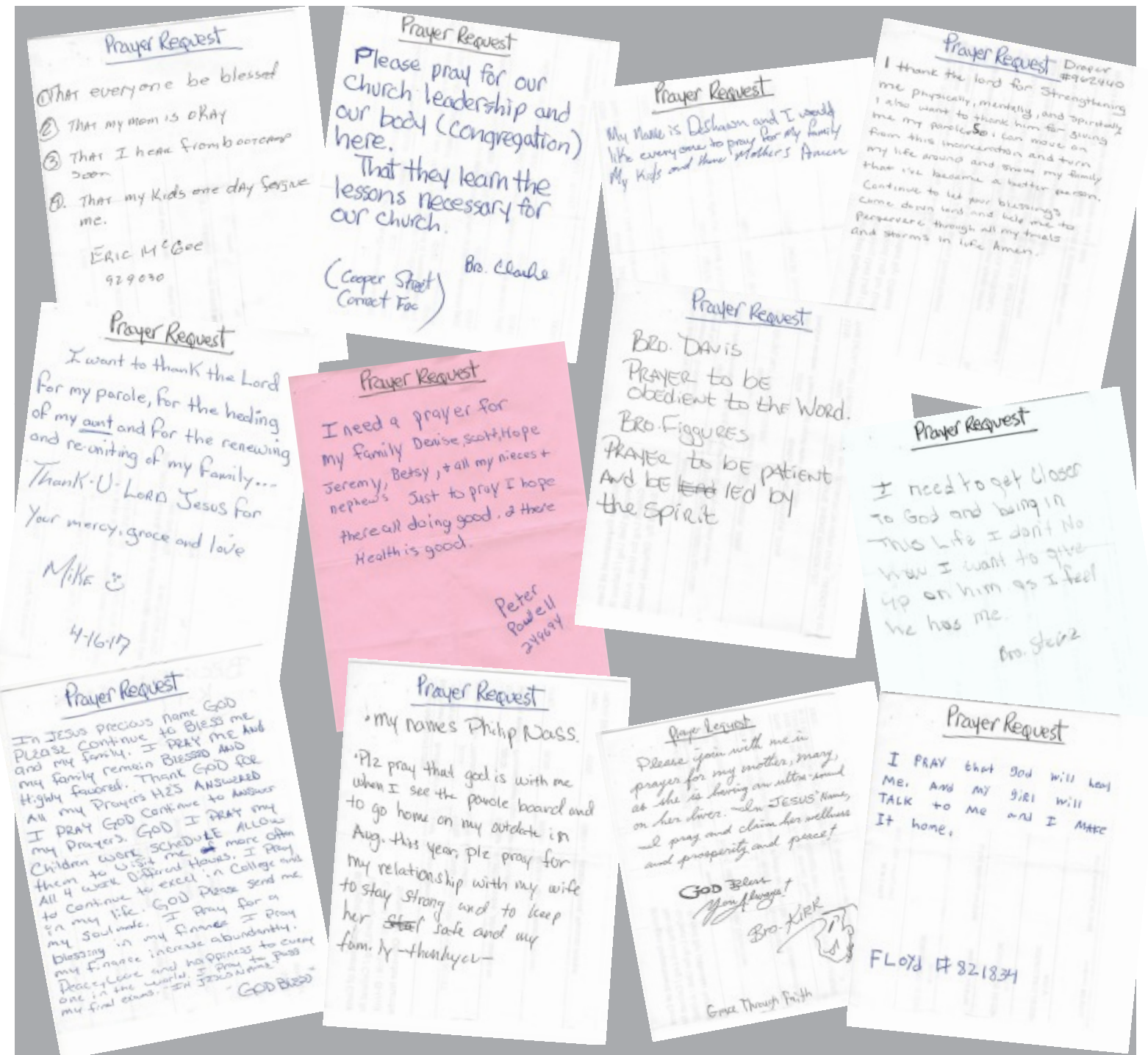
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Prayer Requests

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

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APM Financial Summary  
January-May 2017

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Total Income: \$29,277.58

Total Expense: \$43,393.92

Net Income: **\$-14,116.34**

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