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Dear Friends;

**Everybody needs a friend! Everyone needs someone to believe in him or her! Glen is no exception.**

Glen was seven and he was out for a ride in the car, with his family. Glen and his siblings were playing in the back seat when his stepfather stopped the car and hit Glen in a fit of rage. Little Glen's nose started bleeding and he couldn't stop crying, so his stepfather took him home and whipped him with a razor strap to "Give him something to cry about."

Glen's abuse by his family continued as he grew up. His mother in an angry rage even tried to run Glen over, with her car, when he was only 13 years old. Glen escaped, but finally ended up in the custody of social services, where he began to "act out" his pent up anger, pain and the hurt he felt. Glen felt all alone, with no friends and no one to help him deal with his feelings of abuse and with the worthlessness that he felt.

Finally, at the age of 15, even the State gave up on Glen, released him from state's custody and placed him on his own. A year later he was arrested and began life as an adult criminal, in and out of jail like a revolving door. No friends, no one to help him or encourage him. Glen needed a friend, but he had no one.

But when Glen turned 36, a miracle happened. Glen found a friend, who would never leave him, nor forsake him. Yes, at the age of 36, and in prison, Glen accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and most importantly, he found a faithful friend, who believed in him.

Glen's life has been changed and transformed because Glenn has a found a friend in Jesus Christ. Glen also found through the staff of The Church at Prison, other friends, who believed in him and encouraged him and have mentored him in his growth as a new Christian. Glenn's life has changed for the better, because of God's love and the love and concern of people like yourself, who have worked with him in prison and through The Church At Prison.

But, today, Glen needs some friends outside of prison, because soon Glen will be released from prison to begin his new life in the community as a Christian. Glen needs some friends, who will believe in him, encourage him, and be part of a support team of people, like you, who live-in the community and will help Glenn make the transition to 'life outside of prison.

With The VT Department of Corrections, Prison Fellowship, and The Church At Prison working together to form a trained support team for Glen, the hope that Glen has

*"A bruised reed he will not break...  
In faithfulness he will bring forth  
justice." Isaiah 42:3*

for successfully making the transition back into society is greatly increased. He will no longer be alone. He will have God and God's people to love and support him and to be his friends.

The Church At Prison is excited to be joining forces with the national ministry of Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship in developing a mentoring program for people like Glen. We would like you to consider becoming part of that network of Christian friends and mentors, throughout Vermont, that will work with us to help prisoners, like Glen, start their lives over and be able to live the victorious life, that Christ died for them to have.

We all need a friend from time to time. Glen is only one of many men and women in prison today who want to change their lives through Jesus Christ and start over. With the help of Prison Fellowship and The Church At Prison, and people like you, working together, we can help them succeed in their lives and become a positive part of our society and culture.

**Please consider attending a free informational meeting sponsored by Prison Fellowship and The Church At Prison.** The meeting will be an opportunity for you to learn more about becoming part of this great team of friends and mentors that God is raising up to help people like Glenn.

Please fill out the response card and return it to The Church At Prison. We will let you know when there will be an informational meeting in your area.

Thanks so much for being a friend to prison ministry. We look forward to hearing from you.

May God Richly Bless You,

Jon Vining

Pete Fiske

Prison Fellowship

The Church At Prison

**PS: If you have questions feel free to call: Prison Fellowship at 1-860-257-8282, toll free outside of CT 1-888-690-4857; or The Church At Prison at 1-802-524-2234 and ask about "The Mentoring Program."**

**YES! I want to learn more about being a mentor.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**Please invite me to an informational meeting in my area.**

Notices for the meetings will be mailed to your address (above)

**I would like to talk with you. Please contact me:  phone  e-mail**

Note: The above information will be shared between The Church At Prison and Prison Fellowship Ministries.

Please send the above card to:

Mentor Program  
C/O The Church At Prison  
P.O. Box 1128  
St. Albans, VT 05478

Thank you!