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The cherished Christian writer, C.S. Lewis once said,

"We live in the Shadowlands. The sun is always shining somewhere else.

Round a bend in the road."

Never were these words truer than when they refer to men and women who are incarcerated, who live behind stone or brick walls and deadly barbed wire. To be sure, the sun will shine in their minds only as the day of their release approaches. Many mark the days on their cell walls and others actually have calendars to watch and count down. In any case, they live in the shadow of the walls and the guards who watch them day and night.

Not only do they live in the prison's shadows, but also within the shadow of the pain that precipitated their crime and sentenced them to gray darkness. Living within those cold walls does not offer them light, but often depression, resentment and increasing anger. It's not that they shouldn't be there for the crimes they committed, but rather than just being locked up more than they are, they should be taught how to walk out of the shadows and into the light of God's love and forgiveness.

Well- meaning pastors, laymen and women go behind those walls to reach out to these hurting ones, but what they offer does not satisfy. Science has confirmed that the great majority of those who are imprisoned are there because they are suffering the results of the anger they feel having been rejected in their early character-forming years. Early rejection, especially by parents, and criminal behavior seem to go hand in hand.

We at Fixable Life are determined to relieve the prisoners of the causes of their behaviors. Different than offering religion as a Band-aid, we plan to offer the light of freedom from rejection's detrimental effects. Once the baggage we carry is off their backs, they'll be free to turn toward the light of the Gospel and the Greatest News on Earth – that they are loved by a Heavenly Father.

As we speak, we are writing a book that will assist clergy and laypersons to minister in a way that will begin lightening the load prisoners carry and giving them the directions needed to turn toward the light of God's love. We need your help!!! Yes, we are writing the book and will have to pay for its editing and publishing, and we are going to present to chaplains and prisoners in August of this year, but all this is costly! Please help us light the way for these prisoners.

Your donation of \$25.00 or more toward this project will offer you the book, once it is published and a Fixable Life keychain flashlight, to remind you that you are offering light and relief to

Upcoming Events

- May 6-9 Private Consulting
- June Writing
- July 23-August 7th Montemorelos University, Mexico teaching Master's Students
- Aug. 22-27 SDA Chaplains Convention and Seminar for Prisoners - OHIO
- **Sept** Seminar Pending
- Oct Seminar Pending
- Nov Open for seminar

prisoners. Your \$15.00 dollar donation will guarantee you the keychain flashlight.

Our great thanks to those of you who have already contributed! We so appreciate your kindness and your help in publishing this book.

May God bless you as you consider what you can do for the thousands of hurting men and women living in the "shadowlands" of emotional pain who are experiencing incarceration.

Donations should be made to:

Fixable Life, Inc. P.O. Box 1062 Alto, New Mexico 88312

From Our Hearts to Yours

"NEWSY NOTES ..."



God is so good - all the time!

As many of you know, Ron was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease a couple of years ago. It has been an interesting 2 years of research and trial & error, regarding what will work to assist

him, other than the usual pharmaceuticals, which have very negative side effects. He has been taking herbal supplements with good results.

We now know that glutathione, a substance made in the body, begins to diminish with age and certainly in those with Parkinson's. A physician (neurologist) in Florida has been using this supplement for 16 years via IV push, with fantastic results. It majorly slows the progression of the disease, and that's what we need for Ron, so that we can keep on, keeping on in ministry!

We've been putting it off, attempting to sell our second car, for the funds to make the trip and pay the physician. However, in a recent seminar, three grateful folks handed checks to Ron with instructions to hurry up and get to Florida for the treatment. So arrangements are made – miraculously – and on May 13th, Ron will have the IV injection and will then receive the glutathione weekly for twice a week injections. Both our daughter, Sara and me (wife, Nancy) can do the injections.

Please do pray for us as we travel and as Ron receives the needed treatment. It will cost us \$300.00 per month to continue, but no price is too great for Ron's health and well-being, in my opinion!



Sample Blog

BLOG #7 - CAUTION . . .

For days now, media has continued to report what they have and what they speculate regarding the Boston Marathon bombing attack. Being a New Englander and having schooled in the Boston area for nursing, delivered our two daughters in a Boston hospital, and then studied in Boston proper for our Master's Degrees, we were horrified and glued to the television reports of the attack.

We have come to the point of deciding that the two brothers allegedly responsible for the attack, one a husband and a father, had to have been indoctrinated by a weird and hateful group of people who believe that their god expects them to inflict death upon all who do not subscribe to their beliefs and practices.

What a drastic difference from what we as Christian people believe! The message from God, delivered through Jesus Christ when He was on this earth, is diametrically opposed to the message of hate and destruction. His message is one of kindness, consolation, compassion, empathy and love. In every case of one who came to Him with a horrific past, Jesus spoke words of rebuke in the kindest way and pointed them to the relief of their inherent feelings of rejection, through a message of love and personal acceptance.

Granted, it is our tendency to spew words of hatred and disgust regarding the carnage that took place in Boston on April 15th. We must however, be careful to not adopt the attitude of the radicals, because the Good Book tells us that as we think, so we are! So many maimed there will never be the same, to be sure! Emotion packed memories will haunt us from what we saw, even though we were not at the scenes of the day or of those that followed. Let's use those memories to pray for the maimed and wounded and the families of those who lost those precious to them during this horrific event.

Have You Signed Up Yet?

First of all, have you seen our new and improved website? Take a look here..

Now then, having seen the new website, have you signed up for a FREE, SILVER or GOLD membership??? Look under <u>LEARNING CENTER</u> to discover what each offers. Note that you'll get the newsletter plus (including a free video to watch) . . . just for signing for the FREE membership. The silver and Gold allow you to view whatever video seminars we put online.

ALSO: Have you viewed the <u>BLOG</u>. A new blog is added each week, usually on Monday, and has some interesting thoughts and a place for you to make comments. Comments are valuable to the ministry, and help to get conversations of value going on the website. <u>You can find the BLOG here</u>. Do become a member so that you can contribute your thoughts!