

Hello friends far and near; and my loving family.

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By the fuzzy math of inmates this year is now half over, and as of Wednesday June 11 is almost gone.

As summers go some are traveling to visit friends and family in various places. HOORAY for all who are able to travel.

I have no news on the legal front; silence from IRS at the moment; and still biding my time to start the next process to try to get home sooner.

My most recent thoughts have been at getting away from La Tuna to another facility; with lots of mixed feelings and thoughts; so I patiently wait upon the LORD to clarify for me what I should do and where.

I got news this week that the researchsociety.org website is down at this time. And that news was not from the friend who has faithfully maintained it this long. I know that he has had a tough time financially and family with his wife being ill, facing foreclosure, and relocating; but was not told about website; so those of you who have been told to go there found out before me that it was not available.

The girls seem to be settling into their new home in Idaho just fine; and while it seems a little strange to hear them call Dallas dad, it is a good strange. I am quite content as grandpa, and hope for them to have a happy and successful family.

My considerations of a transfer are very mixed so I put them out as a prayer request. I have ignored, or shunned Karyn and her family for years, and readily confess that I was wrong; so my thoughts go to getting reacquainted with her and getting to know Dallas, who has been my son in law over 10 years and remains a stranger; again my error. Hurlong, near Reno, and Sheridan in Oregon are the two camps closest to them. I have not investigated Sheridan as far as jobs are concerned but know that Hurlong has no UNICOR jobs that pay enough to self support for phone and stamps; so I could become dependant again on outside charity, and have no ability to save for my release.

My first thoughts of transfer were centered on getting to a place farther away from Phoenix, so for the last part of my sentence I could again try to get to Tucson for visiting and getting closer for phase in back to that area. For that and possibility of visits I have considered ElReno Oklahoma and Texarkana which are nearer to my brothers and leaves open the possibility of visits. My loyal friends from Black Canyon have and I expect will again visit if I stay here.

Yes; I know it sounds like I am whining about no visits again; yet it turns out perhaps to be to my advantage. LaTuna interprets the new Second Chance act as only benefitting those inmates whose families have abandoned them in visitation and financial support as eligible for additional halfway house time or home confinement.

Yes! that is la Tuna logic; only the truly homeless could be eligible for home confinement... DUH! Welcome to BOP (backward on purpose) thinking.

After finally getting above a hundred dollars a month in pay, it will be an adjustment to go back under 20, which will occur in most transfers, at least for a time. El Reno has some Unicoe jobs, though I am told it is hard to get hired. I have not investigated Texarkana.

The constant turnover of people continues to provide definite ministry opportunities. Mr. Lucero leaves Monday for Flornece Colorado to be closer to part of his family that is divided between Colorado and Albuquerque.

I remain grateful to God for every day and every opportunity to share with others, or to be an example for younger men that there is peace and love in good behavior. Too many have never had a father at home, or one who cared to set a good example.

There is little doubt that you are going through trying times of your own.

This week the staff here has been on a particular tear to overwhelm inmates with their uncaring and impress us with their power. Each quarter we rotate staff on different jobs and shifts; so right as that happens we often have one or two who want to turn this into a fenced prison with extra restrictions. Last quarter the big announcement was that we were going to turn this back into a camp that operates like other camps; but we keep the same Case Workers and Counselors who really want to be tyrants, and add to the punishment of being in prison. Lesbians, divorced or abused women are not the best candidates for counselors and case workers for men in prison.

Next week we will see the transition to the new quarter; and another set of bureaucrats who want to establish their own form of injustice.

Last Friday one of my co-workers was dragged off for giving a female officer a compliment. We are informed that he has been moved to the FSL behind the fence at the Army base in El Paso. Some women just can not accept a compliment when they are 20 or 30 pounds from their goal. Actually this happened on a day when she was just really stressed out over a supposed tour by retirees and Regional Inspectors, and he had bad timing. Anything said in that kind of bad timing could be disastrous.

I know I missed saying happy fathers day to many as I also failed to say Happy Mothers day to all I could have or should have. Have a happy every day in the Lord Jesus Christ is what I really need to say to all of you.

It is only my peace in my relationship to King Jesus, and the Father who raised him from the dead that I can and will do this and whatever time comes my way, knowing that my grand and glorious future for eternity is secure, and certain. I hope and pray that each of you has such peace as I in this great knowledge of HIS magnificent Love for all of us.