

My recent letter to the Inmates

Greetings and blessings to the Churches on Facilities A & B. Mama Rose & I greet you in the name that is above all names. We greet you in magnificent and marvelous name of Jesus ... AMEN. Overall, we are doing well and cannot, will not, shall not complain. God has been too good, even in the midst of trials and tribulations. We talk daily about how much we miss our sons and brothers in Christ! We miss watching you all march to the Chapel from your buildings. Moving like the tribe of Israel...now set free from Egypt! We miss the joyous, hugs, and loving greetings we see you give to each brother ... unsolicited ... not asked for just given. I hope you continue to greet each other lovingly. We all need a hug right now! We have already been out of the Chapel for such a long period of time; an unbelievably long period of time. No one planned for this but now the thing I want us to remember is, "The Church is not the building...it's the people. WE ARE THE CHURCH!". It is not about the steeple ... it is and always will be about the people! AMEN!!

Let's commit to building the Church one by one, brother by brother. Every Yard Pastor and other volunteers due to this Covid 19 environment is faced with the question and is evaluating "what do I do with this extra time I have now?". I've decided to commit, and I ask that each one of us commit to coming back a stronger Christian and being closer to Jesus than ever before.

What does becoming a stronger Christian entail and look like in your and my lives? So glad you asked. Let's call this, "5 STEPS TO BECOMING A BETTER CHRISTIAN".

- 1) Pray more
- 2) Study bible more
- 3) Pay attention to who you are around
- 4) Let your light shine
- 5) Tell others about Christ

Of course, this is not an exhaustive, all-inclusive list in its entirety, and not everything we can and should do. BUT LET'S START SOMEWHERE...AMEN!

I sincerely believe if we commit ourselves to improving step by step in each one of these areas that we'll attain the ultimate goal of becoming closer to Christ...but also the Church will grow one by one, heart by heart, mind by mind and spirit by spirit. I am committed to coming back stronger in Chris than when I left. Closer to Jesus than when I left. A BETTER CHRISTIAN THAN WHEN I LEFT...AMEN!

I desire and have it in my heart and mind to expand on each of these 5 points in more detail individually in the following letters. Let's embark on this journey of Christian improvement together and I'm excited about where it's going to take us! As always...STAY PRAYED UP...HEAD UP! Don't walk around that yard like you don't know JESUS! AMEN!!

With all the Love of Jesus...Mama Rose and Pastor Elliott

