

Shortly after our last letter, we called CA parole and found out that Shawn has 2 ½ years of parole left to serve. They will not transfer him back to us without an excellent plan of how we will take care of him. AZ parole will not allow any parolee to live with us, so we will have to wait until we move or Shawn finishes his parole before he can come home.

Greene's Services is a set of services designed to help inmates while they are serving their time and after they are released. There are other services that provide much of the same services, but we will be much more affordable. Providing these services will save those inside financially and provide work for some of those already released. We hope to provide good wages, safe work, and an environment of respect for our brothers.

Aerie Services is still a handyman and commercial cleaning service. With Shawn's experience, we were able to license, bond and insure this business, so it will be easier to obtain work. We will be hiring mainly those from our brothers that are released, but we will have others that have never been to prison for the residential work and to help with skills not yet available from our brothers.

We have not shut down Greene's Services or Aerie Services and are waiting to see what God has planned.

Because we no longer have Shawn's expertise in construction, we did not pursue the property on Northern. We did pursue a different property on Monroe. It was zoned R5 and had another R5 property next door that we were also able to pursue. Then we met one of the neighbors. She came unglued with hostility and ugliness after hearing our plans. She says the entire neighborhood will come against us. Because of our experience with probation and parole, we know they will not allow their people to live with us in a hostile environment, so we are no longer pursuing those properties. We have found a finance broker and commercial realtor that both are supportive of our ministry. They are now looking for a commercial property surrounded only by other commercial/industrial properties for us.

The neighbors received the notification about Shawn 2 days after his arrest. The signs pointing at our house saying Dangerous criminals and Child molesters have been up since the notification.

We are quite tired with all the hate and hostility directed at us because of God's plans. We are encouraged to know we represent those God loves so VERY much and to be counted as His, but also tired...

A week ago Monday, our brother-in-law, Jerry, went home to heaven. His was a slow and difficult passing taking several months and we are happy for his gain. We miss him a lot.

Patrick came home a couple of weeks ago. He is staying in a hotel downtown until he can find a better place. He found a job at a new restaurant within a couple of blocks from the hotel the same day he came home. He got his first check yesterday and will be self-sufficient in a couple more weeks. He has promised to keep us up on his progress even after we are not supporting him regularly. He has only 5 months of parole left and will then be paperless. He has a food truck and thinks he can have it up and running within a year or so.

My work is doing good. I recently got loaned to my old team and am now getting to do more challenging (so more fun) work. We are taking data collected and sent by robots and putting it in a data warehouse, so the customers can see the causes for machine/robotics downtime. It was only released to them for testing last week and they are already using the data to make improvements!! That's exciting!

On Valentine's day, our 20<sup>th</sup> grandchild was born! She and her mother are doing good.

The Eagle Family Support meeting was last week and I made lasagna. It went over well and the meeting was successful. Since lasagna is a rather time intensive project, I made a whole lot more than we needed. We have been delivering it to God's guys all week.

C and Gloria continue to have many health challenges and would really appreciate your prayers. Gloria has a shadow on her brain. It had diminished in the 2 weeks between tests, so we are hopeful it will just go away. C has been diagnosed with colon cancer. They cannot do the surgery right away because his diabetes is very out of control and they think he has a blockage to his heart. After they fix the blockage, it will be 6 weeks before they can proceed with the cancer surgery. They plan to do it laparoscopically. They anticipate he will be in the hospital for 2-7 days after the surgery. Gloria doesn't drive and the hospital is in north Scottsdale, so that will have to be overcome. They have an appointment with the diabetes and heart doctors this week. They are both feeling that this is a bump in the road and know that God is totally in control. They are at peace.

Sekou is meeting with probation on Wednesday and will ask to be able to see his brother face to face – they have been limited to phone calls for a very long time now. We have a celebration BBQ planned for next Saturday at Sekou's temporary trailer (he calls it his hut and will do nothing to make it into a home). We will all be home, when we have our nest again.

Kevin (Raymond) is doing very well. He is attending a church service on Wednesday evenings and is leading the worship.

Mike is looking into purchasing a double wide modular home in Mesa.

How you can pray? Please continue to pray that we will recognize where and when God wants us to act.

We pray for your health – physically and spiritually – continuously. Keep your hope in Him and you will not be disappointed!!! Keep moving forward, do not be discouraged. Shine Him through you, so all will see and want to know Him! We are proud of you.

May God bless you above and beyond your imagination!

Blessings!

Steve and Deb

**Jeremiah 29:11**

“For **I know the plans I** have for you,” declares **the** Lord, “**plans** to prosper you and not to harm you, **plans** to give you hope and a future.