

Yesterday we participated in a Prison Fellowship meeting. They honored us by having us come onto the stage and introduced us with a lot of compliments. It was very nice. After the opening session, we split into 6 different rooms representing the various ministries of Prison Fellowship. One of the sessions was for SO related support. We met another man, Ed Higgins, with the same mission and heart as ours. We also met many hurting family members and collected email addresses, so we can invite them to our next family support meeting. It has been a few months since we had a meeting, but will be scheduling another one soon. We are feeling led to join Prison Fellowship, but we need to pray to make sure it is truly His leading. Please pray we will know without a doubt that it is His leading.

Ed Higgins will be opening a home for registered citizens within the next couple of weeks. He is considering taking one of our men that is coming out early October. Please pray for his success!

We have moved into the new home at **1315 W. Fillmore St. Phoenix, AZ 85007** – please spread the news of this change...

Community supervision approved Steve B to move home with us, so he has been living here for a few of weeks. It's so much easier than sending him home each night!! James and Bob come over for dinner nearly every evening. We're enjoying having some of the family home (at least some of the time). Randy, Bob and Phillip joined us for dinner about a week ago. I'm having a lot of fun cooking for everyone – they are so very easy to please! ;-) We're having meatloaf with baked potatoes (sour cream with chives), salad and a jello/peach/cool whip dessert tonight. Baked spaghetti with garlic bread and salad tomorrow night. Pork chops with potatoes and corn last night...anyway, I'm having a great time!

Sekou's brother, Scypio, has been arrested. Please pray that they determine his innocence and release him as soon as possible. Please pray that Scypio figures out what he needs to do and moves forward with his life.

James' hand continues to heal. He is participating in physical therapy and returned to work last week – he's loving it!

Gloria's husband will have surgery to reconnect his healed colon on 9/25. They have been evicted from their apartment of 4 years because the new owner does not allow registered citizens. Please pray that he heals quickly from his surgery next month and that we find the home God intends for them quickly. We thought we had found the right place a couple of weeks ago, but while we were waiting to open escrow, someone stole the kitchen – the whole kitchen, plumbing, counters, cabinets, sink, appliances... We have now had contracts on 3 houses and all have fallen through for one reason or another. Please pray the one we currently have made an offer on is approved by probation and the offer is accepted.

Our brother-in-law, Bill, continues to slowly recover after having a heat stroke in Indiana. Please continue to pray God's healing and blessings for him and his family.

Last week we looked at a building that may be perfect for the church. It has an 8000-square foot building with office carpeting. There are several office type rooms – maybe one could be converted to a sound/recording studio? There is a large barn like building with high unfinished ceilings that looks like it would be good for the Aerie Services to work in... There is also a large garage and quite a bit of parking (covered and not covered). Please pray we know what God wants us to do when funds become available.

Steve B has made himself essential – he fixes EVERYTHING!! He does not know how to fix the dryer, so we asked James to donate it to his friend at Mercy Hill, but he told us Henry will be able to fix it. I said, 'Our Henry?' – he said, 'Yep, our Henry!' We will keep it until he gets home to see if he can fix it – it breaks the breaker every time we try to use it.

James and Steve played the guitar a couple of nights ago – it sounded fabulous! They are so very talented.

Sekou, Shannon, Mike, James, Eugene, Steve B, Bob, and Cameron continue to do well. Please continue to pray we all spend time listening and talking with Him.

Bob was released last month and is off paper. After being in prison for 37 years, he feels a bit overwhelmed. Steve has been helping him learn how to use a cell phone. He has been looking for work, but got diagnosed with scabies, so has taken a break from his search until he healed. Now CASS will not allow him to take any training or even prepare his resume until he can get a copy of his social security card. Please pray that he can get a copy of his social security card, finds work and grows in his faith.

Steve and I are both in good health and good spirits. We went to visit family in CO last month and met our newest grandson. It was a great deal of fun and very hard to leave them!

Housing News:

While looking for our new home, we met with zoning to determine which zoning designations would work for our purposes. We have an email confirmation of the information given to us by zoning several months ago telling us to look for R4b, R5, C1, C2 or C3. They said if we purchased within those zoning designations, we would be approved for our purposes by them. Our new home is R5, but probation told them we are a prison transitional home (this is entirely incorrect). Based on that information, zoning told them we are not properly zoned. Probation notified us that until zoning approves our

home, they will not allow anyone to live with us. They suggested we purchase another property zoned commercially and get a special use permit. Before we purchased this home, we asked probation for approval and they told us they would not approve until we purchased the home, moved in, and a person requested to live here with us. We have done everything they have asked us to do and have been extremely patient in waiting for them to respond.

We sent an email to zoning asking the woman that sent us the email to find out who was giving incorrect information to probation and help us straighten it out. We have not heard back from her yet.

We have several guys scheduled to come home soon, but now have no place to house them. Please pray our problems with probation will work out to God's plans and to His glory.

Sekou's probation officer called him to tell him they had a staffing for him and determined that he is allowed to move, but not to live with us.

We had a letter from Henry. He met with his prison release officer and was told our home is not approved and he cannot live here.

Kevin was released on Tuesday, but also was told he cannot live with us. He is currently staying at a hotel in Mesa and trying to get accepted into the East Valley Homeless Shelter.

Willetta has been on the market for a few weeks. We will lower the price tomorrow. We had one very low offer, but will wait for a different offer closer to our break-even point. Please pray that the 'right' buyer finds our house.

The neighbors in our new neighborhood have been very friendly. Please pray God's continued favor in that direction. We are hoping to make a positive impact, not only for the registered citizens, but for the rest of the neighborhood as well. We do not feel adequate, but we do know God personally and He is totally able!!

We want to be exactly where God wants us, doing exactly what He wants us to do – all the time.

Thank you for your prayers.

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.