

Dear ,

Eagle News:

I hope this letter find you very well and filled with His peace and joy!!

This has been a VERY eventful quarter! (In a very good way)

This week, both Steve B and Dave got off parole! Everyone in our home is now paperless!

Steve had his ankle monitor removed on Wednesday. We went out to celebrate at Golden Corral and had a great time! Steve's friend, Jerry, was able to join us making it an even more special event. (Jerry is the man that helped us with donations for the storage in our backyard. He came over on weekends and helped build. We enjoy him.) Steve continues to work for Eagles' Nest Ministries. He is indispensable and able to do anything!

Dave had his ankle monitor removed only an hour ago and has left to spend the day with his family. He didn't touch the ground on his way out and barely took time to say goodbye (kind of just yelled it over his shoulder). They are going to the river to play and have a BBQ. He hasn't seen his children since he came home over a year ago. He is still working for Tradesmen, but will start looking for a higher paying job this week. We are currently looking for a home for him to share with his boys. I'm personally hoping for something near our home, but that is just my selfish wish... We are also looking other places further away. Please pray we find the 'perfect' place that is best for him. We will be going out to Claim Jumper for dinner on Tuesday to celebrate.

We purchased a house practically in our backyard and Sekou has moved in there! We are thrilled to have him back so close and able to fellowship with us. It's hard to express how blessed we feel to have him back. The men (Steve B, Dave, James, Henry, Mike and Sekou) are working to convert the garage into a sanctuary. So far, the outer walls have been insulated, the garage door is replaced with a wall (having a 2nd entrance that we will use as an emergency exit). We have all the building supplies ready to be used and will have the air conditioning installed soon. My sisters and Dad are making a beautiful stained-glass cross. The wall behind the band will be a white board for Sekou to use for illustrations while he speaks (those of you that know him, know how important that is – especially when he needs to draw a cow)

When Sekou had to leave us a couple of years ago, we made plans to celebrate at The Compass upon his return. We had that celebration a couple of weeks ago. It was extremely memorable! The Compass is on top of the Hyatt and rotates 360 degrees every hour. The view is beautiful, the food is wonderful, and the company was great!! Sekou, Ramsey, Randy, James, Dave, Henry and Aralia, Mike, Bob, Sarah, Marji, and my Mom and Dad were able to join us. Everyone told us it is something they will remember forever – and I know we will too!!!

Mike is leading our worship team. He plays bass, Steve B on guitar, and Sekou on keyboard. I think they are trying to rope Chuck into coming back on the keyboard. Mike is looking for a home and we are hoping it will be close to our home (again, very selfish of me).

We really enjoy all of our guys. It is truly a pleasure to look up and see one of them coming through the front door. Sometimes I just sit and ponder...just a short time ago all of our men were faceless letter writers – we enjoyed their letters and defined a good day by if we received a prison letter (we still include that in our criteria for a good day). Now they have faces...somewhat like the scripture about seeing dimly as in a mirror, but then face-to-face. God constantly gives us earthly glimpses into His realm. We are VERY blessed!!

Chuck and Gloria are doing very well. Chuck chose to start working with another ministry and spends less time with us, but they come worship with us and we cherish them.

James is doing very well and looking for a home to purchase. His son is in town and they have been spending time together. He plans to bring him to worship at our home next weekend. We are looking forward to meeting him.

Henry is doing good. He is still living in west Phoenix in a home owned by our sister ministry. He often participates in worshipping here and is enjoying his time with his wife.

Luis came home last month and is living in a home owned by our sister ministry. His last name on his birth certificate and his prison records do not match, so he has been having a great deal of trouble getting his social security card. Without a social security card, he cannot get a job. Please keep him in your prayers.

It is really important to have your birth certificate and social security card when you come home. Bob had the same problem and it took us several months to get things straightened out. Bob is doing very well. He continues to work at the airport. He has become interested in essential oils and health.

Kevin is still not allowed (by probation) to worship or fellowship with us. Please continue to pray that will change soon...

Travis came to worship with us a few weeks ago. He is living about an hour from us and he has no transportation, so he cannot come visit very often. He and his wife have found a church home near where they are living and are quite involved there. He is looking good and his spirit is good! It was great to spend some time with him.

Steve and I will be going on 3 vacations over the next 3 months. In October, we will be taking Sarah's children with us to San Diego. We have rented a house on the beach and plan to visit Sea World and take a 2-hour cruise. Catherine and her family are meeting us

there with 7 of our other grandchildren. In November, we are going on a cruise with my folks and siblings. I have really wanted to see the pyramids. It is offered as an excursion in Mexico, so I hope we will get to see them. In December, we will be taking our usual week at Kohl's Ranch between Christmas and New Year's.

So...how can you pray? Our prayer requests do not change, but are so very important to us! Thank you for praying and not growing weary. God answers these prayers (like you don't already know that) and they are essential to our well-being and success.

Please pray for God's people, that they will focus on God, listen carefully and always obey. Pray that we will all love Him with all our hearts, souls, and minds, that He will make us feel and see what He feels and sees and that we will all represent Him VERY well!

Please pray that in addition to loving and supporting each other, we reflect Our Lord so that those not already in relationship with Him will be drawn to Him.

Steve and I are feeling VERY blessed! God is faithful. God is more than capable. Please pray the we keep our focus on Him and that He receive all the praise and glory!

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

Blessings!

Steve and Deb Schmidt