

Email Letters from Marie

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Dear Email Friends,

This is John's letter written to one of his sisters in Christ in Prison. If you find it interesting to hear more of our correspondence with God's family in prison let us know.



Marie Kolasinski

Hi Jessica,

My name is John and it would be an honor to be your pen pal. I hope you are well when you receive this letter. I can tell you a little about myself. I'm 52 years old and grew up in Costa Mesa. I've been together with everyone here at Piecemakers for almost 30 years. My life growing up was "normal" until I was about 22. That's when my life took a 180 degree change. I was asked by a friend of mine if I wanted to go hear a Christian rock band at a church in Santa Ana, (It's hard to remember exactly when). Anyway, I went to the concert and really enjoyed the music. I've always loved music, so it wasn't hard to keep going back to hear a free concert. They would sing about this Jesus whom I knew nothing about. The concerts were every Friday nite and after every concert someone there would ask the crowd if there was anyone who would like to have Jesus come into their heart. I didn't understand what they were talking about and who this Jesus really was. I didn't think I was going to the concerts except to hear good rock music. I can look now and see how God had watched over my life and was preparing my heart until this time in my life. So I kept going to these concerts not knowing what was really being sung about in their songs. Then one Friday nite at one of the concerts God sent his Holy Spirit into my heart to open my eyes. For the first time I could hear what they were talking about — this man Jesus the Christ who came and died to show me the way back to a loving God that had His perfect time for everything in my life. That nite my life had changed forever and is still changing daily as God molds and shapes me into the image of Christ. This was the start of my "real life." When my life actually began.

I hope this letter encourages you a little. Part of me cannot know what you have been thru and are going thru now, but there is another part that can, knowing that the

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same God who so graciously came into my life also watches over your footsteps.

I hope to hear from you and you can tell me about yourself and the path you have traveled. I would be more than willing to tell you more about my life if you wish.

I pray God puts a peace in your heart that no one can take away no matter where you go. I hope to hear from you soon.

From your fellow sojourner in Jesus Christ,

John