Note from Barls Today's date, Dec 13, 2011

Returning Home Foundation RETURNS WILL MATCH WITH CASH \$\$\$ **ALL PRISONER STAMP DONATIONS** RECEIVED IN MONTH OF DECEMBER

Dear Loved Ones,

Prisoners have become a big part of my life, and I think about you a lot. I really am praying for you. I know you have a difficult way of life that you have to deal with every day, living separated from the 'real' world, and from your families. I think about those in solitary confinement, and wonder how you do it. I pray those LWOPs who have to live with the realization that they will not have the opportunity to see the parole board, where only a small percentage will ever be paroled anyway. I think about those Lifers who have done every program under the sun, and having to face the great possibility of not having 'enough' remorse to satisfy the impossible parole board...or the governor... Then, there are those on Death Row . . . What can we do about that? And I wonder and pray about those who are innocent! Innocent! Lord, what do we do? We really have to give it all up to God...

Maybe it's the holidays, and I'm thinking about my son Jeff, a 3-striker, and I want him home...and all those 3-strikers...I want us to get all the signatures we need, I want it to pass at the polls, and I want those judges to do the right thing and resentence those strikers. I pray daily for that ...

Loved ones, you know that there is very little I can do for you, except to pray, and give you some small piece of encouragement, or hope...and hope that you can live a life that has been set free from the burden of your environment and all that goes with it. I want you to know that getting to know you through our correspondence, you have become a blessing in my life.

Now that I've shared a piece of my heart with you, let's get on to something else...Why are you strikers not sending stamps in before Dec 31st, knowing that the Returning Home Foundation will double the value in cash dollars? I don't understand that one ...

I too, would like to remind you all that it will help me greatly for you to send enough stamps for more than one issue at a time. If I get a letter every month from you, paying 3stamps at a time, it is just mail overload, and so much more time getting all of that into the computer so you can get your newsletter. Please, if you can, make an effort to order 3 or 6 months at a time...I would appreciate it so much.

In closing, I wish I could send each of you a Christmas card, but it's impossible. But whatever religion you practice, I wish you peace. I hope that some of your family and friends can visit each of you...and if not, that you take the time for reflection, and turn the situation around, maybe reach out and write someone, do something positive for yourself...or someone else. Whatever you give away, it will all come back to you, 100 times over ... YES WE CANL

Initiative Fund extended to Dec 31. God Loves Us!

Money Donations

NOV

- 5 Shirley Thomas for husband Rodney E. Thomas CMC 11/02/11
- 5 Shirley Thomas for bro-in-law Victor R. Thomas CMC 11/12/11
- 5 Shirley Thomas for husband Rodney E. Thomas CMC 11/14/11
- 5 Shirley Thomas for bro-in-law Victor R. Thomas CMC 11/22/11
- 20 TOTAL NOVEMBER 2011

DEC

- 100 David Mowatt COR on behalf of James Mickey COR 12/02/11
 - 5 Shirley Thomas for husband Rodney E. Thomas CMC 12/05/11
- 105 TOTAL DECEMBER 1 THRU DECEMBER 12, 2011

44cent/Forever Stamps

NOV

- Staci Taylor VSPW 10/06/11 should have been in OCT iss. 10
- Walter Treen PVSP 10/06/11 should have been in OCT iss. 40
- 19 James Covert HDSP 10/08/11 should have been in OCT iss.
- Mike Ybarra KVSP 10/08/11 should have been in OCT iss. 20 40
- Sean Dunne PVSP 09/12/11 should have been in SEP iss. 20 Outman MCSP C-Fac Lifers Supp Group-3X Stamp Drive
 - 4
- Roads, MCSP C-Fac Lifers Supp Group-3X Stamp Drive 4
- Sanchez, MCSP C-Fac Lifers Supp Group-3X Stamp Drive Goodrich, MCSP C-Fac Lifers Supp Group-3X Stamp Drive 2
- Heacock, MCSP C-Fac Lifers Supp Group-3X Stamp Drive 80
- Dornon, MCSP C-Fac Lifers Supp Group-3X Stamp Drive
- Martinez, MCSP C-Fac Lifers Supp Group-3X Stamp Drive
- 2 Daly, MCSP C-Fac Lifers Supp Group-3X Stamp Drive
- 20 Greene, MCSP C-Fac Lifers Supp Group-3X Stamp Drive
- 12 William, MCSP C-Fac Lifers Supp Group-3X Stamp Drive
- 8 Pone, MCSP C-Fac Lifers Supp Group-3X Stamp Drive
- Perez, MCSP C-Fac Lifers Supp Group-3X Stamp Drive 4
- 40 Walter Treen CIM 11/16/11
- Michael Anderson CTF 11/18/11 20
- 60 Sean Dunne PVSP 11/19/11
- 10 Michael Wensel CMC 11/23/11
- 427 TOTAL STAMPS, NOVEMBER 2011

DEC

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- 20 Richard Miley PBSP-SHU 12/01/11
- 20 James Lee Johnson FSP 12/01/11
- 22 Kevin Guyton FSP 12/02/11
- 14 Mike Lane CTF-Central 12/08/11
- Raynell Carmichael SQSP 12/08/11 60
- 20 Michael Ruiz CSATF 12/07/11
- 40 Walter Treen CIM 12/09/11
- 196 TOTAL STAMPS, DECEMBER 2011