

### JUST ANOTHER DAY IN PRISON

MAY 6, 2014: 7:05am: LISTENING TO: "NOBODY" BY THE TONY RICH PROJECT  
GOODMORNING, MY THOUGHTS ARE ALL OVER THE PLACE RIGHT NOW & I WISH I HAD A COMPUTER SO THAT I COULD RESPOND TO EVERYONE'S COMMENTS RIGHT AWAY BUT IT TAKES A LITTLE BIT OF TIME SINCE EVERYTHING HAS TO BE DONE BY MAIL. RIGHT NOW I AM WORRIED ABOUT MY STEP MOM SANDY. SHE IS IN THE HOSPITAL WITH HEART PROBLEMS & SHE HAS ALREADY HAD OPEN HEART SURGERY BEFORE AND NOW CONTINUES TO HAVE ISSUES. SO I AM WORRIED AND QUIETLY PRAYING FOR HER. I JUST FOUND MY SISTERS & THEIR MOM & I AM IN NO WAY READY TO LOSE ANY OF THEM. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY OUT SIDE AT ONLY 7am. THE BIRDS ARE CHIRPING, THE SUN IS OUT, AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL BE A BEAUTIFUL DAY. BUT I AM BUSY WORKING ON MY FUND RAISER SALE FOR OUR CHURCH ORGANIZATION. I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE APPROVED BUT I TRIED ANYWAY & WE WERE BLOWN AWAY WHEN THE PRISON ADMINISTRATION SAID YES. I CHOSE 24 ITEMS FROM A WHOLESALE COMPANY AND WE ARE SELLING THE FOOD ITEMS TO THE PRISON POPULATIONS, AT A VERY SMALL MARK-UP, IN ORDER TO RAISE MONEY FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY. THIS CHARITY HELPS ANYONE. I'VE SEEN THIS CHARITY TAKE \$500 FROM THEIR ACCOUNT AND GO PAY SOMEONE'S ELECTRIC BILL JUST BECAUSE IT WAS GOING TO BE SHUT OFF AND THEY NEEDED THE HELP. THEY ARE REALLY GOOD PEOPLE AND FOR ALL OF THE BAD I'VE DONE IN MY LIFE, I D WANT TO MAKE UP FOR OR ATONE FOR MY PAST. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, I WANNA HELP PEOPLE. SO IF I CAN HELP RAISE \$500-\$1,000 TO HELP THIS CHARITY, I WILL. THE SAME HAS ONLY BEEN GOING ON FOR A WEEK AND MY WORKERS HAVE GIVEN ME ABOUT \$600 IN TOTAL SALES RIGHT NOW. SALES USUALLY PICK UP IN HERE THE LAST WEEK, EVERYONE WAITS TIL THE LAST MINUTE, SO I KNOW I WILL GET ALOT MORE TOWARDS THE END OF THE MONTH. MONEY IS ALWAYS AN ISSUE IN HERE. 19¢ AN HOUR DOESN'T GO FAR IN ANY ECONOMY. BUT FOR THE GUYS WHO GET MONEY SENT TO THEM FROM FAMILY & FRIENDS, THAT SOMETIMES TAKES 3 WEEKS. BUT THE END RESULT IS WHAT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO. THIS SUNDAY IS MOTHERS DAY. I SENT OUT 10 MOTHERS DAY CARDS. MY DAUGHTERS HURTING AND UPSET THAT SHE HAS NO MOTHER SO I TOLD HER TO MAKE SURE SHE CALLS HER GRANDMOM ON MOTHERS DAY. IT'S HARD TELLING A 16 YEAR OLD THAT HER MOTHER DOESN'T CARE ABOUT HER. YOU HAVE TO DO IT GENTLY AND IN A WAY THAT DOESN'T HURT HER ANYMORE THAN SHE ALREADY IS. SHE IS FRAGILE BUT SHE IS SO SMART AND I TRUST HANNAH TO KEEP GUIDING KRISTA IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. I WAS ABLE TO CALL MY DAUGHTER THIS PAST SUNDAY

AND SHE REALLY WANTS TO COME AND SPEND A LITTLE TIME WITH MY PARENTS THIS SUMMER. I DON'T KNOW IF CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES WILL ALLOW THAT OR NOT BUT I HOPE SO. KRISTA NEEDS TIME WITH HER FAMILY. AND MY FAMILY NEEDS TIME WITH HER. IT'S JUST MORE DIFFICULT SINCE SHE'S IN CLEVELAND AND MY PARENTS ARE 6+ HOURS AWAY. I DON'T KNOW IF I'M GONNA BE ABLE TO HAVE A VISIT WITH KRISTA BUT I REALLY HOPE SO. NOT SEEING YOUR OWN CHILD ISN'T EASY, NOT BEING ABLE TO HELP HER OR BE THERE FOR HER. WHEN SHE SITS THERE AND CRIES, IT KILLS ME INSIDE I KNOW THIS ENTRY DOESN'T MAKE MUCH SENSE TODAY, I JUST HAVE ALOT ON MY MIND. MONDAY, MAY 12, WILL BE 8 YEARS SINCE I LOST MY NONNA (GRANDMOM). WE WERE VERY CLOSE. I MISS HER SO MUCH. TUESDAY MAY 13 MY LITTLE SISTER LISA WILL TURN 23 IN ITALY. AND ON MAY 26 IS MEMORIAL DAY. A DAY TO REMEMBER OUR FALLEN SOLDIERS. IF IT MEANS MORE THAN THAT, I AM UNAWARE OF IT. BUT THATS WHAT IT MEANS TO ME. I DON'T PERSONALLY KNOW ANYONE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN COMBAT, OR IN MILITARY BRANCH BUT THEY ARE TRULY BRAVE HERO'S WHO SHOULD BE HONORED AND REMEMBERED. AT 37 YEARS OLD I WOULD SAY I WOULD FIGHT FOR THIS COUNTRY BUT WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT, AM I MAN ENOUGH TO ACTUALLY DO IT? PHYSICALLY I COULD PASS ANY PHYSICAL FITNESS ANY MILITARY BRANCH GIVES OUT. MAYBE NOT SPECIAL FORCES, ALOT OF THAT IS TEAM WORK AND REALLY BRUTAL TRAINING. MENTALLY, I'M NOT SURE I COULD ENDURE THEIR TRAINING. RIGHT NOW I'M STILL SICK SO I COULDN'T HANDLE ANY TRAINING. THIS PRISON DOESN'T BELIEVE IN FRESH AIR. IT'S OVER 80 DEGREES AND THEY KEEP THE WINDOWS SHUT. THERE ARE PROBABLY 600+ PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK WITH EITHER THE FLU OR A COLD VIRUS AND SINCE THE AVERAGE GUY MAKES LESS THEN \$20 A MONTH WORKING, MOST WILL NOT GO TO MEDICAL AND PAY \$15 FOR MEDICINE FOR THEIR COLD. SO THE GERMS & VIRUS SPREAD AND NORMALLY HALF THE PRISON GETS SICK. I'M ON DAY #10 OF BEING SICK. ALMOST GONE, I HOPE. WELL I GUESS I'LL STOP BORING YOU'S TO DEATH FOR TODAY. I HOPE YOU'RE STILL READING HEATHER+J AND I HOPE I HEAR FROM YOU SOON. YOU HAVE HAD ME VERY CURIOUS AS TO WHO YOU ARE. I ASKED MY MOM BUT SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY OF MY OLD CLASS PICTURES FROM WHEN I WAS LITTLE. I WENT THROUGH ALL OF HER OLD PHOTO ALBUMS AND GAVE THEM ALL TO JUSTINE WHEN WE LIVED TOGETHER. SO AFTER SHE WAS BURIED I'M SURE HER PARENTS TRASHED THEM ALL. I WAS TRYING TO GET AN OLD ONE SO I COULD SEE WHO YOU WERE, AND SEE IF I REMEMBER, BEFORE I HEAR FROM YOU AGAIN. ANYWAY, HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL THE MOMS, I HOPE EVERYONE HAS A NICE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY AND ENJOY TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY. TAKE CARE, STAY SAFE AND GOD BLESS. CIAO.