

A NATION OF WOMEN IN PRISON

MARCH 4, 2015: 8:00am: LISTENING TO: HEAVEN KNOWS BY: PRETTY RECKLESS

BUON GIORNO EVERYONE, HOW'S YOUR DAY SO FAR? MINE IS A TYPICAL PRISON DAY. WENT TO BREAKFAST, HAD MY SCOOP OF OATMEAL, DID MY JOB & NOW I WAIT FOR THE CHAPLAIN TO CALL ME TO HIS OFFICE. I'M TRYING TO START A HOLY NAME SOCIETY ORGANIZATION HERE, I WAS IN CHARGE OF THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY IN THE LAST PRISON I WAS JUST IN (SCI HUNTINGDON), SO I KNOW THE GREAT THINGS IT CAN DO SO I NEED HIS HELP TO START ONE HERE SO THAT WE CAN EVENTUALLY HOLD FUNDRAISERS & THEN START HELPING PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY.

BUT I'M HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT WOMEN. WOMEN ARE NOT JUST SEX OBJECTS OR PEOPLE TO TAKE CARE OF YOU. THEY ARE MOTHERS, WIVES, SISTERS, AUNTS, THEY ARE SO MUCH. ON FRIDAY NIGHT I WATCHED A 20/20 DIANE SAWYER SPECIAL CALLED "A NATION OF WOMEN BEHIND BARS; A DIANE SAWYER SPECIAL". I DIDN'T GET TO CATCH ALL THE DETAILS SO IF YOU WANT TO READ MORE, GO TO THE 20/20 FACEBOOK PAGE TO READ MORE, & YOU CAN FACT CHECK ME BECAUSE I MIGHT HAVE A NUMBER TO 2 WRITTEN DOWN INCORRECTLY. SO PLEASE FOLLOW ALONG.

THERE ARE OVER 200,000 WOMEN IN PRISON IN THE USA. LAND OF THE FREE, LAND OF OPPORTUNITY BUT WE LOCK UP MORE PEOPLE THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY. I WANT TO MENTION A WOMAN NAMED NICOLE KOESTER. A MOM OF 3 YOUNG CHILDREN, TAKES HER KIDS TO SOCCER AND LITTLE LEAGUE PRACTICES, HOLDS DOWN HER HOUSEHOLD. IS A GOOD PERSON. NICOLE WAS IN A PRETTY BAD CAR ACCIDENT, SHE HURT HER BACK PRETTY BADLY AND NEEDED SURGERY. THE DOCTOR PRESCRIBED A VERY ADDICTIVE PAIN KILLER, OXYCONTIN, FOR HER. IN THE SHORT TIME SHE WAS ON THEM, SHE BECAME ADDICTED. THIS ADDICTION LED TO HEROIN USE (I'M TOLD BY MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE USED BOTH THAT OXY'S ARE JUST LIKE HEROIN). SO NICOLE STARTED WRITING BAD CHECKS IN ORDER TO PAY FOR HER OXYCONTIN ADDICTION. THIS IS A SOCCER MOM, RUNS AROUND ALL DAY TAKING CARE OF HER FAMILIES NEEDS. BUT FOR BAD CHECKS, SHE RECEIVED 13 1/2 YEARS IN PRISON. SHE IS COMING UP FOR PAROLE & THOUGH I DON'T KNOW THIS WOMAN AT ALL, I HOPE SHE GETS IT, ESPECIALLY FOR HER CHILDRENS SAKE. THIS IS JUST ANOTHER TIME THAT THE JUSTICE SYSTEM HAS FAILED.

DIANE SAWYER SAID THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 3055 MEN & WOMEN WHO ARE ON DEATH ROW WAITING TO BE KILLED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE STATE. THIS IS 20/20, A WORLDWIDE TELEVISED SHOW, THEY GET THE STORIES & FACTS RIGHT.

ANYWAY, THE WARDEN OF A PRISON IN MARYLAND, MARGARET CHIPPENDALE, SHE BELIEVES THAT MOST PRISONERS CAN CHANGE FOR THE GOOD. THEY HAVE SO MANY PROGRAMS IN HER PRISON THAT I KINDA WISHED THEY HAD SOME OF THEM HERE. SO I PERSONALLY APPLAUD THIS WOMAN FOR TRYING HELP PEOPLE INSTEAD OF JUST WAREHOUSING THEM.

HERE'S A DEATH ROW STUDY; STUDIES SHOW THAT 1 IN EVERY 25 ON DEATH ROW ARE INNOCENT OF THEIR CRIME. SO LETS DO THE MATH, 3055 ON THE ROW. SO THE MATH SAYS ABOUT 122 SENTENCED TO DIE ARE INNOCENT. AND THAT IS NOT OKAY. 75% OF ALL PEOPLE ON DEATH ROW ARE POOR PEOPLE

UNABLE TO AFFORD A LAWYER, BUT THIS IS THE SHOCKING STUDY, 96% OF ALL PEOPLE ON DEATH ROW HAD A PUBLIC DEFENDER OR A COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY. MS. CHIPPENDALE SAYS THAT STUDIES SHOW THAT THE BETTER EDUCATION YOU CAN GET IN PRISON, THE LEAST LIKELY YOU ARE TO RETURN. OTHER COUNTRIES USE COUNSELING, THERAPY, & OTHER VARIOUS FORMS OF TREATMENT FOR NON VIOLENT OFFENDERS, THE USA, WE JUST LOCK THEM UP. THE USA LOCKS UP MORE NON VIOLENT OFFENDERS THAT ANY COUNTRY WORLDWIDE.

BETTY BROWN, A WOMAN IN THE M.D.C. WAS RELEASED AFTER SERVING 29 YEARS FOR 2nd DEGREE MURDER. SHE LEFT WITH 50\$ IN HER POCKET. BUT SHE HASN'T RETURNED YET. IT WOULD HAVE COST TAX PAYERS OVER \$1,000,000 PER YEAR TO KEEP HER LOCKED UP. SHE'S 53 AND CAN STILL HAVE A LIFE WITH HER FAMILY. BY GIVING PRISONER AN EDUCATION, BY HAVING PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO HELP THEM LEARN A NEW WAY OF THINKING, IT REDUCES THE RECIDIVISM BY 47%, THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IS 68%, BUT IN MARYLAND IT'S 40.5%, AND THE LOWER YOUR NUMBER, THE BETTER. WHY IS MARYLAND BEATING OUT ALMOST EVERY OTHER STATE BY CLOSE TO 30%, THEY ARE DOING SOMETHING THAT WORKS.

IT SHOWS THAT WE ARE NOT. WE'VE BECOME A NATION OF LOCK 'EM UP & THROW AWAY THE KEY.

DIANE SAWYER SAID 63% OF ALL WOMEN IN PRISON ARE ON MEDICATION, OF THAT 63%, 80% OF THOSE WERE ABUSED PHYSICALLY OR SEXUALLY. 20/20 IS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING DOZENS OF ALLEGATIONS IN A TENNESSEE PRISON OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND/OR SEXUAL PRESSURE PUT ON FEMALE PRISONERS BY STAFF.

I WANTED TO WRITE SOMETHING ABOUT WOMEN IN PRISON BECAUSE MOST PEOPLE FOCUS ON THE MEN BECAUSE THERE ARE PROBABLY WELL OVER 1 MILLION MEN IN PRISON & THE WOMEN GET OVERLOOKED. WELL THATS ALL FOR TODAY. I'M TRYING TO GET MY JOB CHANGED TO THE PRISON LAUNDRY SO THAT I WORK LESS DAYS. I WORK MORE HOURS BUT LESS DAYS SO I WORKS OUT BETTER FOR ME. TAKE CARE, LET US REMEMBER THERE ARE WOMEN IN PRISON TOO AND ALSO THAT WE HAVE OVER 100 PEOPLE SENTENCED TO DIE WHO COULD BE INNOCENT. STUDIES SUPPORT THAT FACT. GOD BLESS, CIAO.

General Expectations	Recommended	Comment
Act 27 (\$30.00)	02/14/2013	Paid in full on 4/5/2004.
Maintain positive work reports	03/22/2004	Currently assigned to the GLP.
Misconduct Free Behavior	03/22/2004	1/13/14; Unauthorized food from D.R.; 30 LOP.
Positive Housing Reports	03/22/2004	Average housing reports, BA Unit.

Optional Programs	Recommended	Recommended By	Refuses to Participate	Unsuitable for Placement
Currently Enrolled In Optional Programs		Facilitator	Start Date	End Date
Previously Enrolled In Optional Programs		Evaluated By	Completion	Status