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DEAR BLAINE,

HI, IT WAS NICE TO HEAR FROM YOU. I WILL BEGIN WITH I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT MOST SONGS LYRICS MEAN. SOMETIMES I JUST LOVE THE MUSIC. I'M A BIG MUSIC LOVER & I AM TRYING TO SAVE UP AS MUCH MONEY AS I CAN IN ORDER TO BUY THE JPAY TABLET THAT WILL ALLOW US TO DOWNLOAD OVERPRICED MUSIC. THE TABLET WILL BE \$150 & WE HEARD THE MUSIC IS \$1.30 PER SONG. NOT CHEAP. THE COMPANY & D.O.C. WILL MAKE MILLIONS IN PROFITS DOING THIS. JPAY IS A HORRIBLE COMPANY. ALWAYS OVERCHARGING PRISONERS & OUR FAMILIES/FRIENDS.

I WAS NO VOLUNTEER ON THE STREETS BUT I'VE DONE SO MUCH WRONG IN MY LIFE, I DON'T JUST OWE IT TO SOCIETY TO DO MORE, I OWE IT TO MYSELF. I HAVE SPENT THE LAST FEW YEARS TRYING TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR DONATING TO SOCIETY. THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH THAT WE CAN DO THOUGH, WE MAKE 19¢ AN HOUR WORKING IN HERE & IF YOU HAVE NO ONE TO SEND YOU MONEY, YOU ARE IN TROUBLE. SO FUNDRAISING IS NOT EASY SOMETIMES. I AM DEFINITELY PROUD OF THE PERSON I HAVE GROWN TO BECOME, BUT I'M STILL NOT WHERE I KNOW I CAN BE IN LIFE. I CAN BE BETTER THEN I AM NOW. SOME DAYS BLAINE, I AM TIRED. JUST LIKE THE NEW HORIZON SONG, SO YOU'RE TIRED BUT YOU'RE ALIVE. I MIGHT BE ALIVE BUT SOME DAYS I FEEL EMPTY, DEAD INSIDE. I'M LIKE EVERY OTHER LIFER IN PRISON, WE ALL WANT ANOTHER CHANCE. BUT WE PROBABLY WONT GET IT. NO MATTER HOW GOOD I DO, HOW MUCH CHANGE I MAKE, I AM STILL SEEN AS THE PERSON I WAS WHEN I WAS 21. I WAS A KID WITH AN ATTITUDE PROBLEM & I THOUGHT I KNEW EVERYTHING. SO HERE I SIT. I DON'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT OLDER LIFERS HAD 20 YEARS AGO. THEY USED TO BE ABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL, COLLEGE, FOR FREE & EARN REAL DEGREES. THATS NOT AN OPTION FOR US ANYMORE, NOT UNLESS YOU HAVE A WEALTHY FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND WHO IS WILLING TO FOOT THE COSTS. I DON'T HAVE THAT SO I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO UTILIZE THOSE OPPORTUNITIES.

YOU'RE FROM ILLINOIS, CHICAGO SEEMS TO BE ON THE NEWS ALOT LATELY. VERY GANG INFESTED AREA. I LIVE WITH GANGS IN HERE BUT I AVOID THEM. MAKES LIFE EASIER THAT WAY.

MOST PEOPLE DON'T FULLY REALIZE WHAT PRISONERS DO FOR PEOPLE ON THE OUTSIDE. READ SOME MORE OF WHAT I WRITE. READ ABOUT THE PUPPY PROGRAM. WHERE PRISONERS ARE PAID 19¢ AN HOUR TO TRAIN DOGS AS ASSISTANCE DOGS FOR SICK, ELDERLY, OR MEDICALLY NEEDED CITIZENS. I TAKE PHOTO'S WITH THEM (THE DOGS) FOR MY MOM. PUTS A SMILE ON HER FACE. MY MOM HAS BEEN FIGHTING A.M.L. FOR ALMOST A YEAR NOW & SHE JUST SEEMS TO BE GETTING WORSE. SO MY WORLD IS A NIGHTMARE RIGHT NOW. WELL I HATE TO CUT YOU SHORT BUT IT'S TIME FOR CATHOLIC MASS & THATS WHAT HELPS HOLD ME TOGETHER RIGHT NOW. TAKE CARE, THANKX FOR READING. HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU AGAIN. WE CAN DISCUSS WHATEVER. GOD BLESS, CIAO.