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DEAR RITA,

HI, HOW ARE YOU? I HOPE GOOD. I JUST GOT YOUR COMMENTS TODAY, ALONG WITH 3 OTHER PEOPLE TOO. SO I WROTE EVERYONE THEN I HAD TO GO TO HOSPICE TO HELP 2 CANCER PATIENTS AND HERE I AM TO FINISH THIS SO I CAN GET THESE IN THE MAIL TONIGHT. I'VE ONLY BEEN IN THIS PRISON FOR 8 MONTHS BUT THE GUARDS GIVE ME A LITTLE LEEWAY BECAUSE NOT MANY MEN VOLUNTEER TO DO WHAT I DO IN THE HOSPICE PROGRAM. I'M NEW AT IT BUT I'M GLAD I AM INVOLVED. I WAS TREATED TO SOME SPECIAL NUT-N-YOGURT TRAIL MIX SO IT WAS A NICE TREAT. TRUE, I HAVE MET SOME GREAT PEOPLE ON MY BLOG. HONESTLY, ALOT OF PEOPLE MAKE ME PROMISES OR LEAD ME ON AND THEN THEY DISAPPEAR. ONE GUY SAID HE WOULD HELP ME AND SEND ME SOME MONEY, NEVER DID. A WOMAN SAID SHE WOULD HELP ME WITH INTERNET RESEARCH, BEEN MONTHS SINCE I HEARD FORM HER. IT DOESN'T MATTER, ALOT OF PEOPLE MADE ME PROMISES AND ALOT NEVER FOLLOWED THROUGH. I DON'T BREAK MY WORD FOR ANYTHING. IF I PROMISE IT, I DO IT. IT DOES GET DISCOURAGING, ESPECIALLY WHEN I AM STRUGGLING MYSELF IN HERE. I DON'T GET PAID FOR THE HOSPICE CARE. I'M ONE OF THE FEW MEN WHO VOLUNTEER. BUT I MET A REALLY NICE YOUNG WOMAN TODAY NAMED JAMIE. I AM LOOKING FOR THE WOMAN WHO CALLED HERSELF MY CANADIAN COMRADE. I COULD REALLY USE HER ASSISTANCE. I DON'T CARE ABOUT GETTING PAID, I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE THIS AS A JOB BECAUSE I NEED MONEY TO SURVIVE IN HERE BUT 5 NIGHTS A WEEK I DONATE 2 HOURS OF MY TIME TO THE MEN DYING IN HERE TO HELP THEM WITH WHATEVER I CAN OR LISTEN OR TALK OR JUST WRITE A LETTER FOR THEM OR READ TO THEM OR TALK ABOUT SPORTS. TONIGHT I WROTE 2 LETTERS FOR ONE GUY AND THE OTHER GUY WATCHED THE OLYMPICS WITH ME. HE'S AN OLD JAMAICAN GUY SO WE GOT TO SEE THE HIGH LIGHTS OF THE TRACK RACES, HE LOVES THAT STUFF. AND IT ISN'T ABOUT ME. BUT I HAVE TO FIND A JOB AND SOON! OKAY, LET ME EXPLAIN. JUSTINE WAS NOT LEGALLY MY WIFE BUT WE WERE ENGAGED AND I CALLED HER MY WIFE AND SHE CALLED ME HER HUSBAND. JUSTINE WAS KILLED BY A MAN 3 YEARS INTO MY PRISON SENTENCE. I KILLED A MAN SO KARMA WAS HER MURDER. I CRY EVERY TIME I THINK ABOUT IT. I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THERE TO PROTECT HER, BUT I FAILED HER. I WASN'T THERE LIKE I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SO IT'S MY FAULT. AND NOT A DAY GOES BY THAT I DON'T WANT TO DIE TO BE WITH HER AGAIN. YOU CAN READ ITALIAN OR JUST SPEAK? "UNA VERA BUONA MOGLIE E IL TESORO PIU PREZIOSO CHE UN UOMA POSSA TROVARE. IF YOU CAN'T READ IT, IT MEANS, A BEAUTIFUL WIFE IS THE MOST PRECIOUS TREASURE A MAN CAN FIND. I FOUND MINE AND I FAILED HER. IT'S MY FAULT NO MATTER HOW IT'S SAID, I WASN'T THERE. THAT SIMPLE. AND THE GUILT IS REALLY ROUGH. YOUR FIANCE IN PRISON, HOW DID THAT COME TO BE? I'D LIKE TO HEAR THAT STORY. BUT FOR NOW RITA, I AM SORRY BUT I HAVE TO GO. THE GUARD WILL ONLY TAKE THE MAIL AT 9:30 & I AM REALLY TIRED. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU AGAIN. GOD BLESS, CIAO.