

March 22, 2017: 5:00pm: trying to stay awake

Dear JC,

hi, how are you? I hope good. I got your comments on my blog, I always like hearing from you. I got your last e-mail too & I cannot respond to you for another 48 hours so it sucks not being able to. Ok, our lifers org is a group of about 200 men, you must pay \$10 a year for membership. We also sell junkfood 2 times per year and we sell flavored ice tea. All the money that we make from profits, we use that to donate to charities and organizations that are pre-approved by the PA DOC. We are working right now on developing a mentor program for troubled kids that we can meet, speak to and mentor them through the internet or what they call Virtual Visits, where you must go to a specific place and have a visit over a tv monitor. We are doing our best. We just met with a woman named Keir Bradford-Grey of the Defenders Association, she wants to try to help fix alot of the problems people face in the justice system. It's great that someone wants to see change. She informed us that awhile ago, in Connecticut, they changed their juvenile age limit to 20. So thats good. We decide where our donations go by who needs the money, do any of these orgs try to help lifers in any way, and we like to focus on smaller places that alot of people wont donate to. We donate to a few animal shelters. You asked why is giving back so important, we took a life. We took something for whatever the reason, and we can't give it back, we can't fix it. So helping people in need, I'll tell you, it feels good. And it is the absolute least we can do. We owe so much and we have to find ways to give back. By the time you get this, you will have my story. I sent 5 pages out for it to be e-mailed to you. I love playing with the pups. I am a huge dog lover. On my facebook page you saw the photo's of me with the dog sitting on my lap, thats sarge. I do not have a photo of that because I sent it to someone and they said they lost it): I took 4 in all. I will have to have Melanie e-mail the others to you. Me with a big black lab and me with a brown poodle. I also want to include an old photo of me. I will have to have them e-mailed to you. I am writing Melanie tonight and asking her to e-mail you about 4-5 photo's. I haven't been posting much lately. I am swamped with work fighting for parole for lifers, my writing has been pushed to the back burner. So for everyone reading, I hope you wont forget me. I'll try to do better.

I feel bad for T. She has it rough and I hope she has the love & support from her family. This is so very important. Yes, we get those quarterly food packages here too, overpriced but if it is all she can get, she deserves some treats. Having some junkfood & treats, it tends to humanize you more, make you feel more like a person. Well atleast she got a tv. We pay \$260 for a 19" tv made by prisoners. I would be interested in

learning from T about, how much her tv cost, & the jpay tablets. I'd like to know, when she does get one, how big is the screen and what can they do on it and how much will they pay for music. We pay \$160 for a 7" tablet that is easily breakable. And we have the e-mail that you know about & music is \$1.91 per song. I recommend that T reads the Medical policy and if they are refusing to help her with dentures, I suggest you contact Willie Harris and ask him if he knows of anyone who can help. You can be her hero on the outside. No one deserves to be killed. God gave us life and only he should take it but we do not deserve to be treated like we are not human. T deserves the same treatment as I do. In Pa, you get 1 set of dentures if they wear out or break, you have to pay \$400 for new ones. I ask God in my prayers to watch over and take care of my friend JC's best friend T. He knows who I'm talking about. this life is not easy. If I can be of any help in regards to T, please do not hesitate to write me here or send me an e-mail & ask.

I got to talk to my mom today. She was in the hospital last night so I needed to call her. You said you're a dog mom, I tell her all about the puppies in here. My mom had a monkey when she was a kid. I am waiting to get her letter telling me about it.

You don't have to be a "mom" to mother people and you have reds & daisy. But I really gotta go. I am e-mailing you on friday night so the e-mail will reach you before this does. Take care of yourself and your pups and I thank you for all of your help. I'll be in touch. God Bless, Ciao.