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Post

ITS 3:48 PM I JUST CAME IN FROM THE YARD, I PLAYED A FEW GAMES OF BASKETBALL. EARLIER IN THE MORNING I WAS TAKEN TO A DERMATOLOGIST APPOINTMENT IN BAKERSFIELD. I HAD A COUPLE OF BIOPSY'S ON MY FACE AND ARM. BUT THE LADY SAID SHE DON'T THINK ITS CANCER. SO WE'LL SEE. BUT I ALWAYS ENJOY THE RIDE OUT OF PRISON, SIGHT SEEING, LOOKING AT THE WORLD I LEFT 40 YEARS AGO.

NOT MUCH EXCITES ME, OR BRINGS A SMILE TO MY FACE, BUT LATELY IVE BEEN TALKING WITH MY GRAND DAUGHTER. AT FIRST OUR RELATIONSHIP WAS A LITTLE STRAINED, AND IT'S SIMILAR TO WHEN I FIRST TRIED TO CONNECT WITH HER MOTHER, STEPHANIE AT FIRST KICKED ME TO THE CURB STRAIGHT OUT, SHE WAS 12 YRS. OLD. IT WASN'T UNTIL SHE HAD MY BABY GRAND DAUGHTER, SHE WAS SO EXCITED AND FINALLY WOULD WRITE TO ME AND SEND ME PICTURES.

MY GRAND DAUGHTER IS GROWN UP, AND AT FIRST SHE LIKE HER MOTHER KEPT ME AT A DISTANCE. JUST LIKE HER MOTHER.

I WAS A LITTLE HURT, BY BOTH OF THEIR REACTIONS. THEY WOULD NEVER REALIZE HOW MUCH I LOVED THEM. AND THAT I THOUGHT OF THEM EACH NIGHT BEFORE I WENT TO BED. I USED TO WISH I COULD HOLD THEM WHILE THEY WERE BABIES, WHEN STEPHANIE WAS TEETHING SHE'D CHEW ON MY HANDS AND FINGERS IT HURT BAD BUT I'D LAUGH BECAUSE SHE LIKED IT. AND SHE'D STOP CRYING. I AT LEAST HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO HOLD STEPHANIE AT 6-MONTHS. I STILL REMEMBER HER IN MY ARMS, SHE'D PULL MY HAIR. NOW 42 YRS LATER MY GRANDCHILD IS GROWN AND WE'RE TALKING. AND THAT MAKES MY DAY. I MISSED SEEING HER GROWING UP, AND I HAVE SO MUCH TO LEARN ABOUT HER AND HER YOUNGER BROTHERS. YES I HAVE GRANDSON'S TOO, AND NOW I HAVE TWO GREAT GRANDKIDS, TWO BABY GIRLS. NOW I HAVE A LOT TO THINK AND SMILE ABOUT. AND THE PRISON SYSTEM PROVIDES A TABLET SO I CAN MAKE PHONE CALLS, I KIND OF STILL AM NOT USED TO A PHONE, I WOULD RATHER WRITE LETTERS SOMETHING I'M USED TO. I REALIZE THAT I NEED TO ADJUST BECAUSE I'LL SOON BE RELEASED. AND I CAN'T WAIT TO GET OUT THERE, TO CONNECT WITH MY KIDS. I ALSO HAVE THREE FOSTER KIDS, I'VE BEEN TAKING CARE OF THEM, WELL AS BEST AS I COULD. I HAVE A LITTLE GIRL NAMED LILY. SHE'S GROWING UP FAST. I SEND HER MONEY AND GIFTS WHEN I CAN. I'M THE ONLY FATHER SHE AND HER BROTHERS HAVE EVER KNOWN, AND THEY CALL ME DADDY. AND I WON'T LET THEM DOWN LIKE I DID WITH MY KIDS.

I HAD PLANNED ON ADOPTING THEM AND IF EVERYTHING GOES RIGHT I WILL. BUT FIRST I'LL NEED TO GET A JOB. AND GET SETTLED IN OUT THERE.

I ALSO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS FOR SO MANY FAMILIES, WHO I'VE DESTROYED, IT WAS A LITTLE GIRL NAMED DANIELLE WHO MADE ME SEE THE PERSON THAT I HAD BECOME, I FORCED HER AND HER SIBLINGS INTO FOSTER CARE AFTER KILLING HER FATHER. WHEN I MET MY FOSTER KIDS I THOUGHT OF JOHN'S KIDS. AND MINE. I BELIEVE GOD BROUGHT THESE KIDS TO ME, TO SOFTEN MY HEART AND GAVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE MY NEW KIDS. THEY'RE 11, 9, AND 4. AND I'M GREATFUL TO HAVE THIS AS MY GOAL.

OKAY I'LL CLOSE THIS HERE.

Thank you for listening.  
Pablo Piña

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