

~Happy Valentines Day To You~

THIS LETTER IS FROM PAUL AND I TO <u>YOU!!!</u> We haven't copied it! The words written here on this page are from our hearts and we want you to know how much you mean to us!

You have been faithful to us as a friend and supporter. From the start of our lives together, as foreign missionaries, you had seen fit to be in our lives!!!. Please know we feel so blessed to have you as our close friends!! Please know you are more than family to us... Of course you know that we do NOT need a special day like *Valentines Day* to tell you that we do *love* and appreciate **You**!!!

To bring you up to date on us! Christmas this last year of 2023 was a special time as 15 of us Dye"s and Lewises! We gathered together at our Mission Guest Home and ate delicious meals together and we laughed together and we even played games together...But the best part...during the few days together, Paul and I also got to know our new Great Grandaughter, Hadassa Lewis! We had almost forgotten how to hold a little one like this 7 month old! But it came back quickly to us! Her big brother Dustin, turned 3 and he has so enjoyed his new sister! He enjoyed Christmas and all the gifts! Great Grampa was asked to read the Christmas Story to us all (not just the lil ones) and that was a blessing for us all...remembering that just weeks ago our **Great Grampa Paul** was at deaths door! But God in HIs Mercy raised

him up again and he is living proof that our God is still in the miracle business! From the youngest to the oldest, each of us were blessed to have spent time together in Jesus NAME AND PRAISE GOD for another year to experience HIS MERCY TOWARDS THE DYE FAMILY...

After reading the accounts of the bad weather and amounts of falling snow in so many areas across the U.S.A., Paul and I are grateful God put US in the S.E. area of Arizona to stay at least comfortably warm! For Paul, his weekly visits to spread the Word of God with AZ. inmates are enough to warm the cockles of his heart.! The men never cease to thank Paul for coming and taking time for them! There is a variety of men in his services. The first meeting is a small group and they are the sexual offenders. Ones who may molest your grandkids! Jesus died to pay for the sins of even them..and us! Pauls teachings I'm sure have helped them immensely! The 2nd group are men that have already spent a good number of years in prison and they are on their way out...if... they obey the rules! In the 3rd group, being the largest group of the three., there is a man who is an author and wrote a book and he named it "TRIBES." (the Revelation on people groups from inside American prison)So these guys aren't the scum of the earth, as most would think! I have often taken a hard look at some of these men in our meetings and wonder how in the world did they ever land in prison when they had everything going for them... Handsome-tall and strong-but made wrong choices along the way and they are paying for it now in an ugly prison! They say the food in their prison is such that it might fill them up but it isn't very tasty! Lots of boloney sandwiches is what I remember from our special meetings years ago when we ate with them. But this is no longer allowed! No apple pie, but they did get turkey for Thanksgiving! There are two meals on Sunday!

I just learned on the news the other evening, that there was a murder in the prison where we had recently attended a volunteer

gathering at, just weeks before. Had you ever heard that Paul had gotten caught in a prison riot? 27 were seriously injured, but the inmates that had gathered at the Chapel, surrounded my husband, protecting him in every way they could, until he was able to get out to a safe place! Your faithful prayers have kept these prison doors open to us to minister and show love to these dear needy men.

The work here at Ethnos 360 Aviation has given us opportunity to share the story of Paul's capture that took place 39 years ago! Yes, even after all these years... God is still using it in the hearts and lives of His children and those outside the fold! We have new students and visitors as well that are coming and going and then of course the pilots and the families finally leaving for their fields of service. To hear how God undertook for us on the field, has been a real encouragement to many of these folks who have been willing to listen...

Tho illness hit hard amongst our people here in the Valley, we praise the Lord Paul, nor I didn't get hit too hard, just a nagging cough! So we have been able to meet all of our Drs. appts. (The only place we go to :) We trust you are experiencing good health in the midst of the cold winter you are encountering!

Thanks for the lovely Christmas cards, each more beautiful then we had seen before! I have some hanging up to remind us of the love of the Saints towards us Senior Dye's! Now as we are already into the 2nd month of 2024, we await with anticipation the 2nd coming of our Lord Jesus Christ! IT MAYBE TODAY!!! Thank you for bringing us before the Throne of Grace! God has seen fit to answer those prayers! Keep it up!

Love and Prayers from the Paul Dyes in AZ.

