

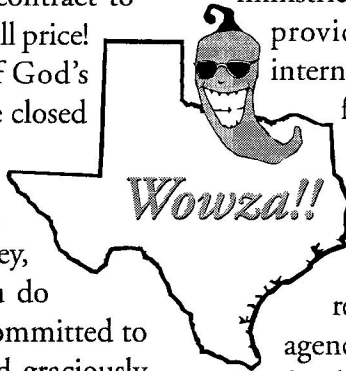
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Greetings from Texas!!

Can you believe it?! We actually did it. Sensing God wooing us to Texas we, out of obedience, placed our new dream house in Maine on the market. Wowza!!!—in 24 hours it was under contract to the first person who saw it and for the full price! If that isn't enough to convince you of God's involvement in man's affairs, the house closed in just 24 days!?! Amazing.

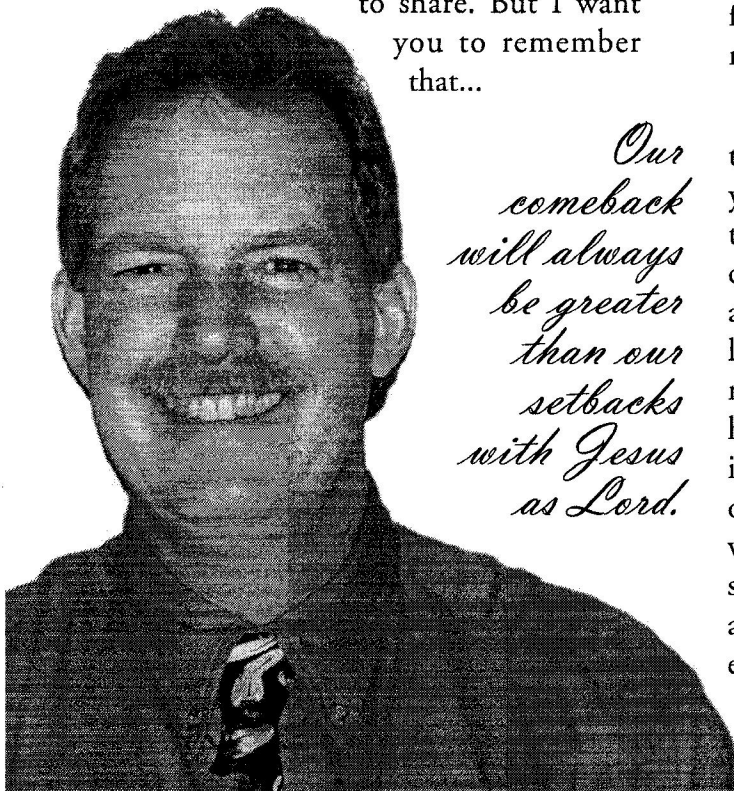
We left our home state of Maine and started south without a place to live. Hey, when God says go, what else can you do but trust Him and go? By faith we'd committed to renting a house without seeing it! God graciously provided a soft landing with a short term lease to allow us time to find what He has next. This wasn't as easy as some may think because we headed for Texas with two large Old English sheepdogs and a miniature horse! Praise God for supplying all our needs! But don't think this all went without spiritual skirmishes and set-backs. There are far too many to share. But I want you to remember that...



Now, here I am heeding a call to Texas that God actually put in my heart almost 3 years ago. I'm working with an organization that ministers to ministries with resources, networking, training and providing fellowship through regional and international conferences. As Program Director for COPE (Coalition of Prison Evangelists), my responsibilities are to serve as needed. My primary focus will be to follow the burden God put in my heart to work on sex offender accountability and regeneration programs, and to resource with agencies and ministries that are interested in developing balanced sex offender aftercare and registration laws. I suspect this will keep me busy until the Lord returns! John Leonardson, COPE's Executive Director and my partner against crime, has been involved in prison ministry in Texas for almost 20 years and has received numerous awards for his valuable work. John has graciously allowed me to ride his shirt tails while introducing me to folks on every level allowing me to fast track my ministry in a way only God could arrange.

The only thing COPE isn't able to provide, at this time, is financial support which is, in part, why you have received this letter. It is my hope to make this ministry mostly self-supporting in the future. I don't want to spend 80% of my time raising funds and 20% doing the work I'm called to. I'd actually like to do about 90% ministry and spend 10% of my time fund raising. Here's what I'd like to see happen - 100% prayer support from all of you and if you are able to commit to supporting God's call on my life financially, then praise God! If you're willing, pray right now - I mean *right now* - for the success of God's ministry through me and genuinely ask God what He'd have you do regardless of your earthly abilities. I believe He'll let you know what to do and give you the ability to do it. Call this an exercise in faith and service unto God and know that I'm believing God for *His* favor, *not* for a

Our comeback will always be greater than our setbacks with Jesus as Lord.



favor from you. He's more than able to bless you above anything I could hope or dream.

As some of you already know, I'm a pray'n kinda guy and it's not unusual for me to hear of or see a need and stop everything to pray about it. Some prefer to wait until they find a quiet place and gather their composure before God. I've come to realize I probably won't remember who or what to pray for if I wait. I suspect that when the apostle Paul spoke of staying in continual prayer, being ready in season and out, it probably means things are best dealt with when presented - seize the moment so to speak. Prayers are also meant to be specific; God is a God of details. Who else would number the hairs on your head!?

So, in light of details being the nature of God, I offer, for your prayerful consideration, a list of needs for the ministry God has called me to. Please remember we're to give cheerfully as though giving to God Himself; I'm not looking to people

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Thank God you are here!"

— Vicki Hallman

*Regional Director North Texas
Department of Probation & Parole*

as a source of my supply but simply as the conduit God uses to do His good.

As for things of a personal nature, I'd appreciate your prayers for our ongoing adjustment to our new surroundings; favor with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) and local ministries and churches; Cynthia's and my health; our daughter Kendra's well-being (she chose to stay in Maine with her natural mother - for now); finances and anything else the Lord puts on your heart to pray over us.



SOAR

SEX OFFENDER ACCOUNTABILITY & REGENERATION
Biblical perspectives presented in conjunction with appropriate secular workbook offering participants an opportunity for real change.

First Stone Fellowship

Outreach to sex offenders either currently supervised by or registered with the state, offering a church-like atmosphere with presentations relevant to overcoming the past and living in victory.

The Buddy System

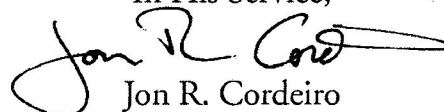
This program trains and matches mentors and mentees while preparing the ex-offender for successful re-entry into the community.

NOW HOW ABOUT

You...

Everybody needs prayer. Great or small, I'd like to pray for your needs. Please feel free to write, e-mail or even pick up the phone.

In His Service,


Jon R. Cordeiro

Praise

R E P O R T

God has already supplied an incredible blessing by providing the ministry with a 1995 Ford Taurus with only 18,000 miles on it. Go, God! And in a recent meeting of the Community Participation Council, the Regional Director of the North Texas Department of Probation & Parole. Ms. Hallman led a standing ovation for my ministry after I shared the burden God has given me for ministering to sex offenders stating, "We have been praying and waiting for you. Thank God you are here!"