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From the Desk of the Editor

Do you know there are **12,308** offenders living in Hillsborough County, serving probation and parole?

Do you know there are **6,040** incarcerated felons in Florida prisons who were convicted in Hillsborough County?

Do you know there are **828** spouses who live in Hillsborough County and are on the visitor's list of inmates who are incarcerated in Florida prisons?

Do you know there are **4,126** children **under 18** who live in Hillsborough County and are on the visitor's list of inmates who are incarcerated in Florida prisons?

Whether you live in, work in, or travel through Hillsborough County, you are a stakeholder in this community. We invite you to join Abe Brown Ministries in empowering this target audience to live circumspcctly in the world as an asset to the community. It is not our desire to simply provide "fish sandwiches," we want to teach people how to fish so they can eat for a lifetime.

God's Word tells us, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." He also informs us, "Many advisers make victory sure."

Do you have thoughts and suggestions on how we can more effectively minister to this target audience? We want to hear from you. Please share your thoughts, ideas, needs, and recommendations for effective ministry and outreach in this enclosed envelope.

Abe Brown

READING FAMILY TIES— FACE TO FACE

The U.S. Bureau of Justice estimates that the vast majority of incarcerated women in jails and prisons have children under the age of 18 years. Normally, the children lack the understanding of what is happening, face the embarrassment of their mothers' incarceration, and too often, develop inappropriate coping skills. Their coping skills can be destructive and cast them into the potential cycle of becoming criminals themselves. The children's responses to the loss of their mothers and feelings of abandonment can take the form of anti-social behavior, sexual promiscuity, rule violations, aggressiveness, poor grades, withdrawal, and other displays of hurt and anger.

Reading Family Ties—Face to Face is a program through the Department of Corrections which is newly established within Abe Brown Ministries. The program allows incarcerated mothers to have weekly visits with their children using live video transmitted via the Internet. These mothers are informed of the program through informative flyers posted in their dormitories and by their respective site coordinators. Any mother, at Lowell or Hernando Correctional Institutions, can participate unless she is involved in disciplinary confinement.

Reuniting incarcerated mothers and their children significantly affects the well being of the children, strengthens the bonds between mothers and children during the mothers' incarceration and helps prepare the mothers for transition back into the community by assisting in the development of skills needed for relationships that are crucial to healthy family lives.



Interested in Serving God through this Program?

Contact CHRYSTAL HAMMOND at 813-247-3285.

FEAR

Fear limits your existence.
Fear creates fear.
Fear is the usual reaction to fear.
Fear stifles true power.

The **fear** of being different ensnares the soul of every man, woman and child; yet all are the same only in that each is different from the other, and afraid of letting it be known.

Fear causes a double exposure, distorting the true picture with the image fear creates.

Fears are the building blocks that make up our walls; knowledge is the chisel, and understanding the hammer with which we break them down.

Without fear, we are free to see through the once threatening emotions and opinions of others—their walls become windows through which we can see the fears that bind them—and thereby understand their prejudices and cruelties.

Fear is unnecessary, undesirable, and unreasoning.

(Taken from ffury@writeme.com)

I will strive to live my life with as little fear as possible—for the more peace we allow God to implant into us, the more peace there will be in this world.

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”
 (II Tim. 1:7)

Fear is:
False Evidence
Appearing Real!

IN MEMORIAM



“In His Hands”

We, at the Ministry take this opportunity to express our love to one of our own...the “crazy Puerto Rican” Julio Agostini. We love Julio and believe that there were many lives touched by him during his fifty-four years. He had an exuberance that was contagious—he loved ministering God’s Word, and he loved his family.

May God’s peace be with Celia and the rest of his family at this time.
 (II Corinthians 4:17)



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Revival!! of the Body of Christ

Pray for unsaved souls!
PRAY

READING FAMILY
 TIES—FACE TO
 FACE PROGRAM

AFTERCARE
 MINISTRY
 PROGRAM

“...if My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” (II Cor. 7:14)

HEALTH AND PROTECTION

Pray for our children!
..For Our Nation
PRAY!!

Ministry
 Finances

Ministry
 Leadership

BIBLE STUDY

Colts and Pitchers
(Luke 19:30-31, 22:8-12)

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, and for instruction in righteousness. (II Timothy 3:16)

All true Christians are aware of the power of the Word of God in ordering their lives. Many, however, overlook the gems that often lie beneath the “Words of God.” God sometimes hides some of His most precious messages in places where the unwary reads through them, totally missing the message.

Two such instances occurred in the interaction between Jesus and His disciples during the week leading up to Calvary. They illustrate the “prescience” of foreknowledge of small things as well as that of great prophecies.

The first had to do with His triumphal entry. As He drew near to Jerusalem with His disciples, Matthew tells us, He said to them, “Go into the village over against you, and straightway, ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto Me. And, if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, “The Lord hath need of them, and straightway, he will send them” (Matt. 21:2,3)

In today’s parlance, they might have said, “No big deal.” Finding the pair of animals in a small village should be very easy. “Highjacking” them might not be so simple—but those were the Master’s orders, and His disciples were prepared to follow them. They did not stop to ask whether there would be stem opposition to the operation: they simply went to the village, obtained the colt, gave the message, and returned.

Later, in anticipation of the Passover, He told two of His disciples to go into the city and to follow a man bearing a pitcher to a house where they were to make arrangements for the Passover Feast. (Mark 13:14) Again, there seems to be no great lesson in this.

But think about it. The men who were to go to the city and follow a man who carried a pitcher must have been puzzled—how were they to find him? (Of course, carrying pitchers in those days was women’s work, so there would not be many such men to be found in the city; there might be a great deal of looking required, however.)

They probably gave no thought to what the event was teaching, and casual readers today miss the point also. In the first place, Jesus was demonstrating His ability to see into the future on small matters as well as great ones, and that He goes before His servants when they are serving Him. The same things are true for us. He sends, He goes before, and He supplies **when we obey Him.**

Dr. Mary Bullerman

IN GOD, HE TRUSTS!



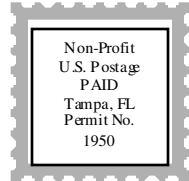
“These things saith He that is holy, He that is true, He that hath the key of David, He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth..”
(Rev. 3:7)

Tony Dungy came to Tampa in 1996 with a vision from God. He made no mystery of his mission and stated that his top priority was to allow God to be in control of his life so that he might glorify Him and be a prime example of His grace and love to others. Coach Dungy (he’ll always be OUR Coach) has been an exceptional husband and father, knowing that you cannot separate those things from God; they go hand-in-hand. He traveled into the prisons to minister to men, on their level, and let them know that they were not forgotten.

Although a door was shut in Tampa, there was an open door in Indianapolis! —NO WEAPON formed against us shall prosper!! (Isa. 54:17)

WE LOVE AND APPRECIATE YOU, COACH DUNGY.
His desire—to be an instrument of God to change the world.
“JOB WELL DONE—GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT.”

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2002 PRISON MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DAY/DATE	INSTITUTION/CHURCH LOCATION	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	SERVICE	NOTES
APRIL 2002					
SAT. 13	HERNANDO C.I. + (BROOKSVILLE) SUMTER C.I. ^ (BUSHNELL)	6:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:00 - 11:00 AM, 1:30 - 3:00 PM 9:00-11:00 AM, 1:00 - 3:00 PM	CHAPEL MINI-CRUSADE=
SAT. 27	MADISON C.I. ^ (MADISON) HAMILTON C.I. (JASPER)	4:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:00 - 11:00 AM 1:00 - 3:00 PM	CHAPEL SERVICES
MAY 2002					
SAT. 11	CHARLOTTE C.I. ^ (PUNTA GORDA)				CHAPEL
	GADSDEN C.I. + (QUINCY)				CHAPEL
JUNE 2002					
SAT. 8	MARION C.I. ^ (LOWELL)* LOWELL C.I. + (LOWELL) LEVY FORESTRY CAMP+ (BRONSON)	6:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:00-11:00 AM, 1:00-3:00 PM	CHAPEL CHAPEL / MULTI-PURPOSE
SAT. 22	HARDEE C.I. ^ (BOWLING GREEN) HENDRY C.I. ~ (IMMOKALEE)	5:30 AM	8:00 AM	9:00 - 11:00 AM, 1:00 - 3:00 PM 1:00 - 3:00 PM	MINI-CRUSADE= CHAPEL
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^Men's Facility..... +Women's Facility ~Youthful Offenders =Tent