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Dear Maxine,

A couple of nights ago, I was watching the news on TV. A Brother was being chased by three policemen at the bottom of a stone embankment – probably a river, like the LA River. The Brother stopped running and lay down on the ground, giving up. One policeman jumped on top of the Brother with great force. The Brother barely moved and the two other policemen jumped him again, the first policeman beat him incessantly with his baton or flashlight. The over - flying helicopter, which was filming the incident, quickly zoomed up, but one could still see the policeman beating the Brother. Later, I looked at the news, but it was never televised again. I don't know if it will ever end, if left up to the "dominant society." It has too much pent-up hostility and jealousy to respond to Us in a caring and just manner.

There are several passages in the Bible, where God reveals that for every person saved, one person will be lost to His Kingdom. Matthew 24: 40 cites this. We don't know what hour Christ will come, but I do think that it will be soon, and it won't be a moment too soon!

The other subject that I wanted to talk about is the prison system and the effects it has upon the inmates and their families:

- 1) Several years ago, a fellow inmate of my friend was set to be released. However, he had a medical condition (his testicles had swollen to several times their size). Tehachapi State Prison was making no effort to treat the young man and he could not be released in infirmed condition . I called Kevin Murray's office and Nicole Jones received the information. Shortly afterwards, my friend told me that the inmate had finally been given medical attention.
- 2) MCI holds a monopoly on the phone calls at all State Prisons. To the friends and relatives at home, charges are over \$2.00, just to pick up the phone, and 28 cents a minute for a 15 minute call. (Personally, I have been noting about \$12 -\$15 per call).
- 3) The prisons used to allow a friend or relative to send "care packages," being given a list of approved items. Now, items can only be ordered from a high-priced, from the Prison's own vendor. (It is easy to

spend \$140 - \$175 to order from their vendor, whereas "care packages" used to cost \$100, at most).

- 4) Whenever a family member sends money for the books, 25 % to 33 % is extracted, supposedly to pay restitution. Income tax checks, in both the names of the relative and the inmate, 33% is taken before the remainder is returned to sent back to the family member.
- 5) While visiting a friend at a prison facility, every effort is made by the prisons to discourage visits. For example, instead of informing me of all the dress item - requirements, the officer told me, one by one, making several trips back to the car necessary, to shed unapproved items.

These are a few of the experiences that I have had with the prison system and all I can bring to mind right now.

Thank you, again, for all your efforts that you have made for our people, and I know, from the power that God has given you, that you are a Great Warrior. Thanks, Sis!

Always keeping the Faith,

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