



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, from the men at Hardee. For the purpose of edifying the body of Christ, we are presenting our reflective testimony of how the Lord blessed the JOW Christmas Service this year.

## Letters from the inside

The Lord's presence was evidenced throughout the fellowship and worship, as He guided and inspired us by the Holy Spirit. The Lord honored the very basic plan that was developed for the service; however, He also had His own plan of blessing for us. The attendance was around 100 hundred people, some of which were regular students who were mingled throughout the group. After we opened in prayer, the Word led Mrs. Borland to have all the regular students stand and welcome the guests with open arms of fellowship. It became obvious that the Lord prompted this to connect us as participants in fellowship and not just operators of a Christmas service.

Then Chaplin Judy, with her country twang, led us in joyful spiritual songs that brought the focus upon Jesus and a unique presentation of the gospel. Miss Judy's obvious love and zeal for Jesus was a living testimony to all of us at Hardee. Many people were singing along while clapping or raising their hand unto the Lord, some were even dancing and it seemed like we all were smiling ear to ear, as we praised and worshipped the Lord.

The Words of the Bible came alive for us out of Acts 2:42 and 46(b): "And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles doctrine (i.e. Greek Koinonia, meaning: sharing unity, close association, partnership, and contributory help) in

the breaking of bread...they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart."

The Lord even used the distribution and sharing of food to bring a loving unity of fellowship that brought glory to Himself and an intimate connection with one another at this Christmas service. The Lord continued His blessings toward us as He led Mrs. Borland to offer us the opportunity to give glory to God, as we offered up praise and thanksgiving in songs and testimonies. It seemed like we left the prison for a couple of hours and, in the Spirit, we all ministered unto the Lord and one another. Hallelujah!

Then Mr. Dixon gave a focused message of exhortation, as he conveyed the true meaning of Christmas. His experiential testimonies brought forth a mixture of serious contemplation and laughter. I must note that even those who came to minister to us in prison were ministered unto this day by the Spirit of the Lord.

We thank you Father for the giving of Your Son Jesus. We rejoice that each day we may grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas to all of you, from the men at Hardee. Smile, God loves you and so do we.

In His precious name, James A.



**“1 Corinthians 12:1-31, No throw-away people”**



For the past fourteen years that I have been in prison I have felt as if I have been in a crucible, but I thank God for it, because the trials of prison life are what it took for me to change my life.

Prior to entering prison, while in county jail, I cried out to God for forgiveness for my many sins. As a direct result of my confession, God has been faithful these past fourteen years to put various people in my life who have impacted my life positively. God has also allowed many to impact my life, I thought at the time, were harmful to me, but upon reflection these “Romans 8:28” situations have popped up in my life to prod me out of my comfort zone to start applying what I have learned.

I have been taught many wonderful things through those I hold dear to my life, things like how to be a friend, what Christ like love looks like, and how to give of myself along with many other things.

I am currently involved with the Life Path Project and also retired racing Greyhound program, in which prisoners are training the Greyhounds for companions and potentially in the future as service for disabled veterans. By participating in this program one thing has been reinforced to me; just as these Greyhounds are not “throw-aways” and have many years of love and devotion to give mankind, I too am not a throw away and have gifts and talents I can contribute to the body of Christ behind bars and hopefully soon in the free world.

So the concept I introduced earlier which has been driven home to me from my interactions with the ones place in my life is: there are No throw-away people!

We are fearfully and wonderfully made; we are so valuable that Christ died for us, and as 1 Corinthians so eloquently demonstrates, we cannot say we have no need of our less comely parts, (1 Cor. 12:18-23) and neither can society.

Sincerely, Jimmy.



During the past 15 years there have been a few men and women that we felt really needed help when they were released from prison. James A. will

be getting out soon, and we would like to give him a gift to get him started with his new life. Here’s your opportunity to be part of God’s blessing to James A. We have found that the best gift would be gift cards from Wal-Mart, Publix, or any eating establishment that is located in the Pompano Beach area. You may either mail the gift card to the below address or send a check to JesusOnlyWay Ministries designating it for "gift card". You are encouraged to write a personal note of encouragement to James. Sign your notes with your first name only and/or JesusOnlyWay Ministries) we would need to receive these gifts by the end of January. Thank you!



JOW hosted a Christmas gathering for the men in our classes at Hardee, Okeechobee, and DeSoto C.I. inviting others to attend totaling up to 100 men at each facility. Chaplain Judy from Key West road prison set in motion the plans for this Christmas gathering. Mr. Dixon and Laurie shared the Gospel, and the Holy Spirit brought several men who are true worship leaders to direct us in a time of worship. We were truly blessed. You, our supporters, are being used of God in this endeavor. Thank you for another year of your support and please continue to pray for JOW Ministries.



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