



# Comments –Wings Valentine’s Party Grants Women’s Correctional Facility

February 21, 2004

According to the prison’s records there were 80 inmates, 241 family members, and 43 volunteers for a total of 368 people at the party. This does not include the 30+ prison staff and New Mexico Correction’s Staff that were also in attendance.

## Letter received from an inmate who attended the Wings Valentine’s Party - 2/24/04

“I would like to **THANK ALL of YOU** for making this event happen and (so) wonderful. You were all so kind and warm and I appreciate you so much for bringing my daughter and my grandbaby. They had no way up here but God used you all and I believe that because I was told there was no room on your bus for my daughter and I was never given the phone number. As the Bible would say, “Never the less” we stepped out in faith and she went to the church believing in God and God provided a way.

My daughter left to California that same night and I was so blessed to have spent that day with her and my precious Angel before they left; to have quality time with arts and crafts; to hear the Word of God and Praise “TOGETHER”; to sit down and eat with thanksgiving because sometime she (my daughter) would visit by Greyhound and not have enough money to eat in the visiting room.

I just want to say once again **THANK YOU** from the bottom of my heart and God bless you all abundantly as he has me by placing you all in my life and heart and prayers. I can’t begin to express my gratitude for it runs too deep for words.

God bless you and you’ll all remain in my prayers. The spirit of God’s love **SURELY** shined through you and the Wings Party! I pray I too can do the same for someone’s family as you have done for mine!

P.S. The pictures are extremely good, for when they were taken, they were taken by “Angels of God”, and I know angels were all around and his Holy Spirit filled the air and our pictures show God’s love also. They were **TRULY** smiles of joy, of **GOD’S JOY**. I’ll treasure those pictures **FOREVER!**

Love in Christ and from the depth of my heart.” Roberta

## Letter from “Grandma” Gerri McCloud – February 25, 2004

“...I have had up to 6 children at one time who had their moms in prison. Which brings me to say that with all 9 grandchildren living with me at one time and one daughter who helped me care for them, I have found how much of a friend I have in the Wings Ministry. This past Saturday, 2-21-04 while at the Wings Ministry Party in Grants, NM...time to eat...a total of 21 people sat together and as the story goes we began to minister one to another. This brought sharing the Word of GOD and praying for each other. I was blessed with the outcome of our visit that day. We, as the families of inmates, need and want to feel there was a reason to go to a Wings Party that helped each one grow. Thank you so much, men and women, who care enough to help Ann keep the Wings Ministry on the go for Christ Jesus.”

## I came to the Wings Party today because:

1. To visit with my family. Enjoyed food and entertainment and talking about the Lord.
2. Visit my mom and my aunts – to visit my family.
3. We were invited by my daughter.
4. My sister told us to and so we can be with her.
5. We love our sister and she is here so we came to support her.
6. To see my mom. To see my daughter.
7. I had family that was going to come but they canceled at the last minute. So I came anyway and volunteered from the Crossings Unit. Cause we wanted to be a blessing to people. Came to see the joy on the peoples’ faces. Came to see Sylvia’s grand baby.
8. My daughter is here and it was an opportunity for all us to enjoy each other. Her dad and I and her 6 children.
9. We wanted to spend time with our family member.
10. Family time.
11. I wanted to see our mom and we had fun.

12. To have a nice time with our families.
13. My daughter invited us and we need to spend more time like this together.
14. I wanted to spend sometime with my family and friends.
15. I wanted to spend time with my mother in a Christian environment.
16. To interact with my family.
17. I wanted to fellowship and enjoy the brothers and sisters from the outside.
18. I wanted to be with my family and participate.
19. My sister spent time with children and Word of God.
20. My daughter asked us.
21. Because my kids were here.
22. To rejoice.

**The highlights of the party for me were:**

23. Baby dedication with Chaplain Shirley. Conversations and chowing down.
24. Praising God – Bible study.
25. Singing and visiting.
26. The family photo.
27. Enjoying the Word of God.
28. To see my family and be with them.
29. The group discussions and the warm visit with my family.
30. Baptize (dedicate) the children.
31. Families being united. Watching Chaplain dedicate the babies. See the families joined together receiving a blessing.
32. I enjoyed the music, games, and over-all feeling of our Jesus' love for all of us no matter where we are at.
33. The family picture that we would otherwise have never taken.
34. The singing and the prayers.
35. Spending time with my daughter.
36. Taking picture, making frames, and eating pizza.
37. Seeing my daughter and granddaughter.
38. Seeing my kids, the music, pictures, and cookies.
39. Pizza and singing.
40. The crafts and the group things.
41. Eating, conversations, pictures, and quality time.
42. Being a part of it all.
43. Balloon toss – pictures.
44. Praying over the baby.
45. Caring about people – hugs and kisses.

**I appreciate Zanios Foods, the Guideposts magazines, *Daily Guideposts*, and the sweaters because:**

46. Thanks. We really appreciate it!
47. Let's do it again. Your Wings Program is appreciated!
48. God bless you all.
49. Keep up the good work. Thank you so much.
50. Thank them for making it possible to be with our families and praise God together.
51. Thanks for all the sweaters, the food, and bringing families together. Volunteers were very helpful and kind.
52. We appreciate your generosity to our family at such a difficult time of separation.
53. God bless you. Hope to see you again next year. Possibly change the time of the year to be outside in the yard. We could hear each other.
54. I appreciate it from the bottom of our hearts.
55. Thanks to the volunteers.
56. God bless you! You're so very appreciated! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
57. You've been an inspiration.
58. God bless them all.
59. Keep up the good work!
60. Thanks for the Wings people.
61. God bless them to keep sharing God's love.
62. Bring more pizzas.