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Note from Dr. Rod Smith

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Friends,

I met Buddy for the third time yesterday at the Rayburn Correctional Center. Buddy is a quiet man, humble, and easy going. You'd never know he was once considered one of the most dangerous men at the State Prison in Angola, Louisiana, where he was serving a sentence of life without parole.

Now he is an inmate chaplain at Rayburn Correctional Center in Angie, Louisiana. He completed a four year Bachelor of Arts degree through the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is now working on his master's degree. (I hope to teach in this program in the fall).

It took him thirty years to become a trustee (special privileges) at Angola and he had to give it up to become an inmate chaplain at RCC.

What made the difference? He had a heart transplant! Jesus changed his heart and instead of being feared he is sought out by inmates and staff alike for guidance.

Buddy and men like him are having a terrific impact in the prisons of Louisiana and it is spreading to other prisons around the country.

Most likely Buddy will never get out of prison but his influence will affect men for years to come.

Blessings,

Dr. Rod Smith