



Holiday Edition 2009



Matthew 25 Principle:

“When I was hungry, you fed me, when I was thirsty, you gave me water, when I was a stranger you took me in, when I was naked, you clothed me, when I was sick you looked after me, **when I was in prison, you visited me.**”

Matthew 25: 35-36

“...Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these, my brethren, **you did it to me.**”

Matthew 25:40

Jesus Christ

Providing Help & Hope to Families of Prisoners

2010

Winter

Winter can be a really fun time of the year with sledding and snowball fights. While it is fun it also can be an extremely hard time for families. People come in every week asking where they can get assistance for high utility bills. I can relate to the high utility bills as we have them here at Matthew House as well. Most of our families are low income and depend desperately on the services we provide here at Matthew House. Here is an example of how grateful a family is for your continued support which makes this all possible:

Dear Matthew House,

“I am a senior on a very limited income. My only son is in prison in Monroe. I come to visit him once a month. If it were not for the services of Matthew House and all you do I would never be able to see him. I am a Christian and I pray for my son daily. I also pray for all of you at Matthew House because of

what you do for us. Everyone I talk to says Matthew House is the most wonderful place. I know God has his hand on all of you because of the love you give to all of us. Please tell everyone, Thank You” for showing such love and compassion for me and my son.”

God Bless you! Hs



Winter Utilities

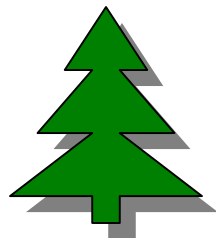


Like everyone else this winter we have been hit with very high winter bills. Like you, I was shocked when I opened up the PUD bill for the heat this winter. With hundreds of families using our apartments the heat is very high because of the snow and damp cold wet months. Our hospitality house downstairs is heated with a pellet stove but our apartments upstairs are heated with baseboard electric heaters which really can shoot the electricity way up.

We really could use your help in getting these expenses taken care of. Anything you can give would help us out tremendously.

THANK YOU to the incredible staff from Providence Physicians Group, Monroe, who every year made so many kids happy!

Thank You To All Our Faithful Donors!



Our Christmas Party and Christmas Gift giving are always a **GREAT** success!!!!



WOW.....!

Soon it will be 2011 already! What a year we have had. There are not enough words to thank you all who continually, and faithfully support us with both material and financial donations. Once again with your support we were able to provide thousands of services to families of the incarcerated within the prison system. With complete sincerity I say, **“YOU ARE MATTHEW HOUSE.”**

Every penny you give goes out to our families. I am so grateful to everyone one of you!

I was thinking this past year about how hard it has been for many of us financially. Imagine if you have felt that pressure how it is being felt from single Moms raising kids and other low income families.

As a nation we are all feeling the negative impact from the media regarding the economy and other issues. Once again you have risen to the occasion, helping hundreds of our own people through your loving care and giving. I have seen that same love and compassion time after time as all of you have extended unconditional

love to our families!

There are not enough words in the English language to express my heart felt thanks for every one of you. No gift has gone unnoticed or unappreciated by all of us here at Matthew House.

Many larger agencies have the advantage of expensive advertising and mailings. However, we do not and do the advertising ourselves and I like it that way. I personally get to sign every letter, praying over your donation and asking God to bless you in all you do. I recognize many of your names now as monthly faithful donors and others who open their hearts specifically during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. *Every gift is so needed and so appreciated.* As we go through this year I pray that God will continue to bless you and all of your families in the same way you have blessed Matthew House and our families here.

Thank you and God’s very best to you and your families in 2010 and always.

With all my love and prayers,
Rev. Linda M. Paz





Matthew House

2011 Inspirational Calendar

Enjoy the beautiful photographs taken by Matthew House Executive Director Linda Paz along with favorite Bible verses for each month. All proceeds from the donation of this calendar go to Matthew House to help families of prisoners in Washington State. These Calendars are a fund raiser for Matthew House. We sincerely hope this will become a yearly calendar everyone will look forward to having. Suggested Donation will be \$10 per calendar (\$12 if mailed to cover postage.)

Calendars can be picked up at all three places:

Sweet Indulgence

Candy Shop

19555 Highway 2
Monroe, WA 98272
(360) 805-1440

Angels Among Us

Pet Grooming

125 E Main St # 102
Monroe, WA 98272-1543

Matthew House

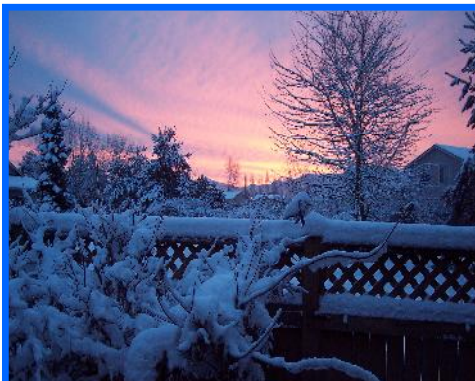
16207 177th Ave SE.
Monroe, WA
98272
(360)-794-8720

We Need Your Help ... BE AN ANGEL -\$5

Ben Franklin Craft & Frame Shop

19505 State Route 2
Monroe, WA 98272
(360) 794-6745

You can help Matthew House by going to Ben Franklins in Monroe and purchase their porcelain Angle Wing candle holder. Your \$5 donation will go to help a child at Christmas.



Thank You from the "Paz" family for letting "Grandma" have the wonderful privilege of working for you and the families of prisoners! I am truly blessed by your love and support!

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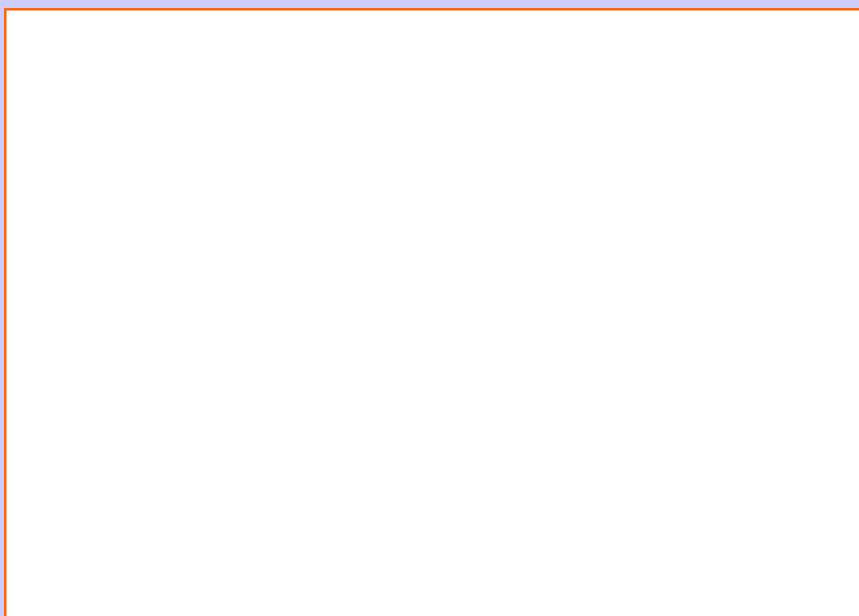
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“Remember those in
prison as thou you were
in prison with them.”
Heb 13:3

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Providing HELP & HOPE to families of Prisoners

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Here is my best winter gift to help offset the high costs of winter months for families of those incarceratedWE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!



My/Our Gift of \$ _____ is enclosed ;

Please make check payable to *Matthew House*

Set up a monthly charge to my credit card \$ _____

One Time Charge to my credit card \$ _____

Name: _____

Credit Card # _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Expiration Date: ____ / ____

Check with your company about matching gift programs.

THANK YOU!



Contact Chaplain Linda Paz, Executive Director, to come speak to your group or organization at 360 794-8720 / Connect with us on Facebook: Matthew House or Linda Waddell-Paz