

Dear Friend,

If the Lord leads you to send a love offering for my Skid Row and Prison Ministry, please send it to:

Heavenly Manna Inc.
8942 Willis Ave. Unit 9, Panorama City, CA 91402

My tax I.D. number for your records is 93-1112647.

May God abundantly bless you.

In His love,
Mel

TESTIMONY OF RON BRANDON

After attending college for a year, I decided to join the Marines in May of 1965. What a shock that was. They had to turn a pathetic, puny civilian into a fighting machine called a United States Marine. I went into the Corp a skinny 160 pound 6'2" weakling and a year later, I was 6'3," 230 pounds of muscle, with a serious attitude...I became a "Devil Dog" as the Marines were called by the Germans in WWI.

I went to Vietnam in December 1966. I was part of "Ripley's Raiders." After 14 months of heavy combat, I returned to the states. In April 1969, I was honorably discharged from the service in El Toro, CA.

By December 1969, I was on my way to San Quentin State Prison, for the crimes of armed robbery. I ended up doing about 12 years altogether, over the next 20 years. I was a 5 time loser.

Finally, after serving a couple of years for forgery in McNeil Island Prison, in Washington State, I was sent to an honor camp called Larch Mountain, in Yacolt, WA. There I went to a church outreach and I heard some testimonies. What was said really penetrated. I asked Christ to come into my life and to change me for good.

After my release, I prayed for God to help me get an education and to use me in His service...I went back to college and earned 2 four-year degrees, then went on to earn my master's degree in Divinity. I was ordained in 1997.

Everything the devil had stolen from me was replaced by the Lord! And much more too! I am remarried to a very wonderful woman, Donna. I am a homeowner, drive a nice car, have a good income, and most importantly, serve the Lord in a variety of ways, starting with prison ministry. I go into that same Larch Mountain prison each Sunday and minister to the men, and have been doing so for the past 11 years. Mel Novak will come to this prison with me to preach the word. I also go into other prisons as the opportunity arises. I serve as Chaplain for our local Full Gospel Businessmen's chapter here in Vancouver, WA as well, along with my wife. Mel was a guest speaker for us & all were blessed.

God is faithful to finish what He starts. When I was a young man about 12 or 13 years old, I had gone up to the front of a church and received Christ as my Savior, but during the Marines, left Him and went my own evil way. He was faithful to call me back to Himself in a prison cell and I am very grateful today for all He has done for me. P.T.L.