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Art From A Cell

Art and artist's have become a very large part of MtSM over the last few years. When I first started this ministry, I had no idea this would evolve into what it is today.

It all started with the decorated envelopes. Yes, that's right, decorated envelopes. I was pretty impressed with what I saw. Then I started receiving art as gifts from inmates in Washington State prisons. I'm not an art expert by any means, and can barely draw a stick person; but I knew this was talent.

I knew there had to be some way of getting the word out about the gifts and talents of these young adults. That's how the idea of the Art Auction came to life followed by the recent Art Exhibit at the Oak Harbor Library and Regency on Whidbey.

I would like to pause here and give a big shout out to Sande Crank-Mulkey for her role in bringing these exhibits to life.

As Sande and I were talking one day, she asked the question, "How do inmates create these beautiful pieces while incarcerated?" So I decided to ask my friend Beau.

Beau is an amazing, talented young man currently incarcerated at Monroe Correctional Facility. Beau heard about our Art Auction through the grapevine and decided to write to me with some questions about our plans and goals for the event. I wrote back and we have been friends ever since.

I truly am blessed by Beau. He has been very generous with his donations of art to all of our projects. He has given us pieces done in ink, pencil, on paper and canvas and he also creates the most amazing sculptures using just paper, glue and paint.

I hope you enjoy the following description of creating art from a cell. Thank you Beau and thank you to all our other contributors, we are so thankful for all of your support!

~ Christina

Participant's Note

What's it like doing art in my cell? My cell is approximately 10 x 6 feet in size and I can reach up and touch the ceiling. In my cell there are two bunks that eat up the majority of the cell, a sink/toilet takes up a few square feet in the back, a shelf/closet claims the other few back there. A desk in the middle of the

wall opposite the bunks takes a few for itself too. There is a stool on a swing-arm for the desk that you don't need because you can sit on the lower bunk and use the desk just fine. This cell has an open-bar front. I put a box of paperwork on my desk and place a drawing board on top of it to build a desktop tall enough that allows me to stand while I craft. I have a 2 x 3 cork board that I have covered with pictures from magazines on the wall directly in front of my elevated desk that I can touch while leaning against the top bunk. Where I stand to work on my projects is just four feet from the cell front and I can feel the wake of air from passerby's outside my cell.

There are no windows visible from my cell. I live five cells from the microwaves we have here and nothing opens the gate to creative flow like nuked sardines. I do have good headphones that drown out the background noise.

I have learned while doing time that it is much easier if you don't worry or stress about the things you have control over. In addition, you have to learn to anticipate good places to stop your project that will allow you to have time to get everything cleaned up and safely put

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away every time you leave your cell, even if it is just to go to chow or shower. Not to mention the random searches or inspections that we are subject to.

There are strict limits to the size and amounts of supplies we can order and the types of media we are allowed to use. Sometimes supplies that you have been using for years will suddenly not be allowed anymore. Mailing art out of the facility is also difficult and every piece that makes it out "alive" is a great surprise.

I certainly hope that you don't think I am complaining. I am just trying to give a accurate illustration of my experience.

The best part of doing art in prison is that when I am successfully immersed into one of my projects, my art takes me out of here. My mind is free to travel, sometimes reliving a great memory, other times I am picturing someone I know discovering the gift I made for them. Doing art is a great way for me to get out of my cell.

~ Beau

Pen Pals Needed

After our last MtSM Newsletter, we have received requests from other inmates desiring Christian pen-pals. All this really requires is sharing life experience via letters or email. It's listening, encouraging and speaking life with someone that wants and desires a friendship in Christ. The following is a request we received.

Dear MtSM

I am a fellow brother of the faith. I am currently incarcerated at Spring Creek Correctional Facility. I am currently seeking a Christian pen-pal. I am in jail for a violent crime. I am doing nine years. I am Christian, I've been having difficulties finding a fellow Christian pen-pal. I am seeking guidance in a Spiritual friend to help with my ongoing battle of this life-style that I am so trying to change.

I do understand that you have helped a fellow inmate with a Christian pen-pal from a newsletter from your ministries.


*With faith and love,
Sincerely,
Chad*

If you are willing to write a letter once a week, or every other, please contact me. This really doesn't require a lot of time but the investment could have many heavenly returns.

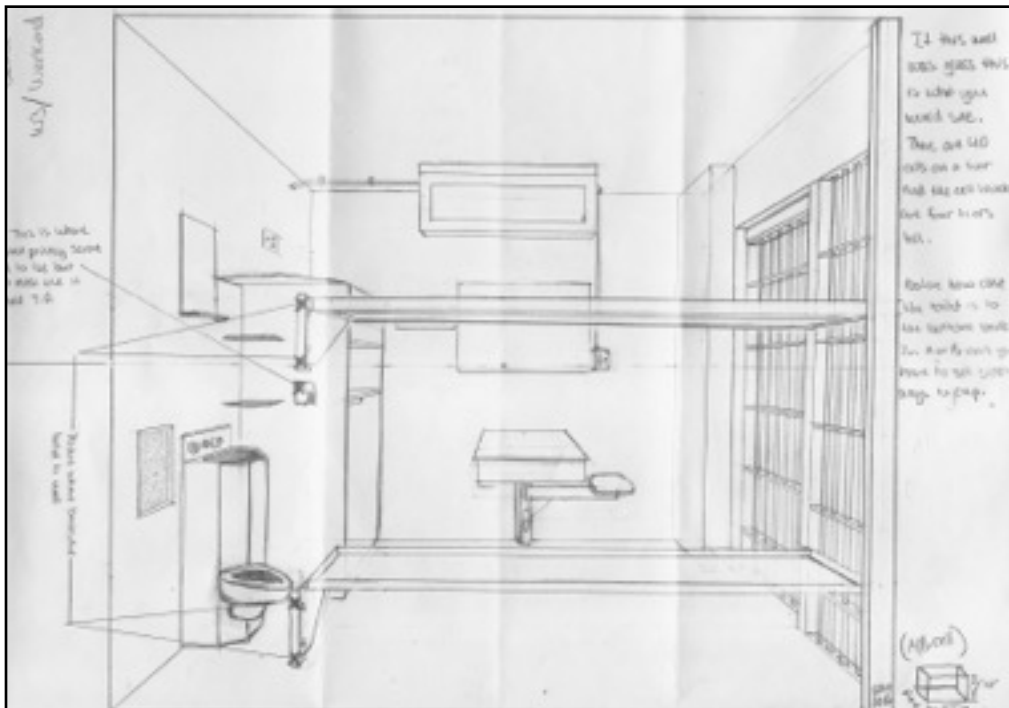
Thank you for prayerfully considering this very meaningful outreach.

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Night of Hope



Details to Follow...



This is a drawing by Beau of his studio!



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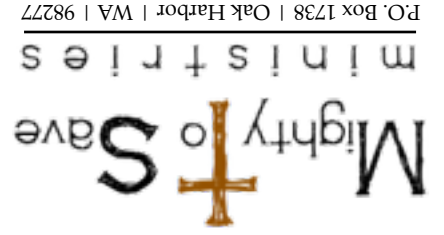
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