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Dear friends and supporters,

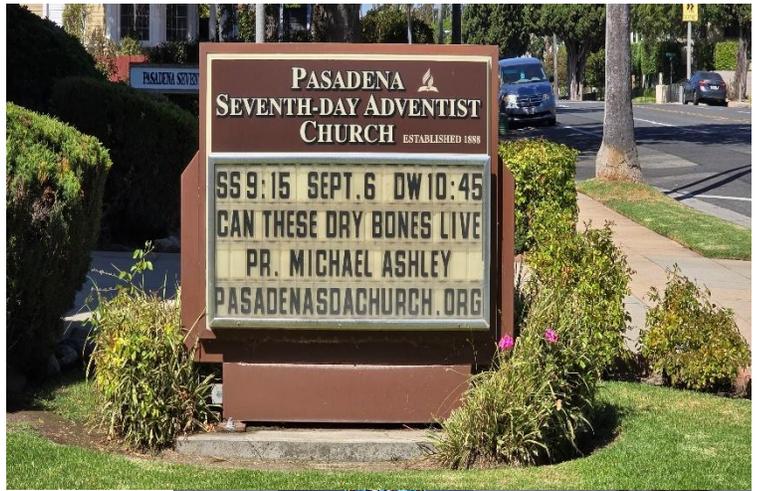
I am writing to you today with sadness of heart informing you that we have just lost one of our long-time volunteers, sister Eva Sweet from Oakland, CA. She was with this ministry for 41 years and was instrumental in the naming of this ministry back in the 1980's when about ten of us met at church there to discuss prison ministry and its future dreams and mission. We knew that we needed our own ministry, but had no name for the organization, so we got together and began to write down names placing them in a hat. Afterwards, we went through all submissions and read the suggestions and from that unanimous decision, the birth of Touch of Love came into existence. When asked who submitted the idea, it was none other than our dear Eva. She became one of our most committed volunteers and loyal to a fault. She went into the Vacaville prison there in Northern California faithfully until she became ill, had a stroke and was unable to recover from the health challenges when she passed away on July 3, 2025.



This ministry will forever be grateful to her dedication and faithfulness to serve which was exemplary, but we look forward to that great awakening day when we are all gathered around that sea of glass to see and be with our loved ones and friends again to dwell with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ forever. We thank Eva Sweet's family and friends for sharing her gifts and talents with this ministry to impact the furtherance of building God's kingdom.

On September 6th, I conducted a workshop at the Pasadena church promoting prison ministry. I am always excited to go to this warm welcoming church shepherded by my friend, the dynamic Pastor Michael Johnson, who is on fire for the Lord and has a heart for church community.

Also, there is a young man who was once incarcerated at Vacaville prison in Northern California that we ministered to and baptized, Darrell Morgan, who has been set free from there and been a faithful member of the Pasadena church, serving as a Deacon for many years. His life is a testimony that dry bones can live. Praise God! Darrell has a wonderful life in front of him. Please join me in praising God for how he can transform and turn lives around. Thank you, Jesus!



I am excited to share with you from my previous communications about our initiative to bless those incarcerated with religious materials for their further spiritual development. We are on target and efforts already in progress to extend religious materials such as Bibles, Steps to Christ and other spiritual books not only to residents in prison but spreading give-away endeavors to other organizations like rescue missions and feeding centers. I cannot thank you enough for joining us in reaching those of whom are willing to receive this blessing. We solicit your prayers and ask that God impress upon you to continue sowing a faithful seed to support this ministry and spread the love of Jesus Christ everywhere we can. Whether boots on the ground as volunteers going into the prison, financial donors or letter writers, this ministry could not exist without God's ordination and His direction choosing each of you as laborers and supporters. Again, from the bottom of our heart, we are truly humbled and grateful for your tenacity and thank you. **Remember this** - Now is not the time to grow weary in well doing. We will continue to look up because our redemption is drawing nigh. God bless all of you and we love and appreciate you. God bless you and yours, until next time, hoping that you will hear from me again soon.



Yours in Christ affectionally,

Michael Ashley

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