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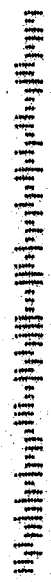
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What a wonderful surprise! I was deeply touched and profoundly grateful with your incalculable gift of love and care. It wasn't so much about the food, the quality or quantity (because it met both qualities: it was delicious and satisfying)... but it was about the gesture. To know that a huge number of people were thinking about us, and care about us, and wanted to help us during this difficult time... that's what touched my heart so deeply and brought me to tears. As an illegal immigrant from Honduras, I have always known and witnessed the generosity of the people of the United States. In the early 1970's, when I was just a small child, my country was devastated by the powerful destruction of the hurricane "Fifi." I was just about 3 or 5 years old, but I was able to see and feel the devastation left by the hurricane, not only in the infrastructure of the country, but also on the faces of the people, who didn't know where their next meal will be coming from. But then, something amazing happened... a convoy of trucks arrived delivering food, water, clothes, medicines and even a few toys for the kids. Seeing the excitement and the relief on people's faces made me realize that what just took place was exactly what the people needed. Then I learned that the help had come from the people of the United States of America. So, from that moment on, I was so thankful with the people of the United States, even if I didn't know who they were. And, as I was growing up, I learned that whatever there was a need, the people of the United States was always there to help the people.

Then I came to this country, seeking to receive the same help. But even though I was able to witness the generosity of the people in this country, I was seeking more than I could find through the "normal" ways of life. So I got in trouble with the law. And that's how I ended up in here. But then, I met my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And it was during my studies of the Bible that I learned another fact about this wonderful country. The United States has been the country that God has used the most, through her evangelical missionaries, to spread the Good News of the gospel around the world. Then I learned that this country was founded under the principles of the Holy Bible. No wonder the people of the United States are so generous of heart and willing to help others in need. So, you can only imagine the way I felt when I received the bag containing your gift of love. And even though I was honestly surprised, my surprise wasn't because of the gift, but that after all these years witnessing the generosity of the people of the United States, I got the chance to see it and enjoy it once again, even here on Death Row. It brought tears to my eyes,

and I was so thankful with God for allowing me to witness, once again even in this place, the spirit of generosity He has implanted in the hearts of the people of the United States.

Again, it wasn't about the material things received in your "Goodie-bag." It was about the wonderful feeling we got knowing that someone cares and is thinking about us. It is amazing how we, human beings, come together during difficult times. These types of situations defines who we are as people. Even when you yourselves and your loved ones are going through this horrible situation, you still think about others, specially us in prison. We tend to think that people don't care about us prisoners, even less us here on Death Row, and that we are in the bottom of the list. But your sweet gesture of love and care made us believe again and put a smile on our face (0:

So, for this and many other reasons, I would like to say to you, Thank You Very Much for making me feel alive again and that I am somebody. Thank you for thinking about me. You truly did a wonderful thing. It is amazing how difficult times brings out the best in some people... and you are that people. I can only imagine how difficult it must be for you all right now, not to be able to enjoy life as before. In a way you are experiencing something that it is a daily reality for us the rest of our lives in prison... so I can relate somehow what you must be going through at this moment. But hang in there, there's light at the end of the tunnel. Thank you for sharing with us the valuable information how to protect us from this deadly virus. As our Lord Jesus said it, "and the truth shall make you free." Information keeps us safe if we do what we suppose to. So, thank you. I'll do my part to stay free of coronavirus.

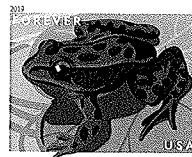
Again, thank you so much for the gift. I truly enjoy the beef jerky. I still have the salmon (saving it for a special meal and time). The stamps and envelopes was something very smart on your part. Even before I knew that you have sent us your address for us to write you back if we wish to, I was already asking an officer if he could find me an address for me to write to you and show you my appreciation. So thank you for thinking ahead and making things easier for us. I will keep you all in my prayers and in my heart and thoughts. You are a very special people, and if I could, I would hug you like a teddy bear. And of course, you are welcome to share this letter with whoever you'd like to. People need to know that we all are humans, and that we depend on one another for survival. And it is actions like yours that can make a difference on someone's life no matter our circumstances, background, race or color... "For God so loved the world that HE GAVE..." Giving is something that shows we care about one another. When someone asked our Lord Jesus, "And who is

my neighbor," Jesus (through the parable of the Good Samaritan) basically answered him: "Whoever is in need (even your worse enemy) is your neighbor." So, thank you neighbor for showing me that you care about me. May God bless you richly as you have blessed me through your generosity. I know that times are tough right now, and that as "small" your gift was, 4,000 of those Goodie-bags must had cost a lot of money. So, even though I don't have much, I would like to share with you a little bit of what I have access to. Here I am sending you a book of stamps (20 stamps) for you to use it as you would like to... maybe to help someone else who needs them more than I do to communicate with his or her loved ones during this time. Thank you for making a part of your ministry of love and allowing me to put my grain of sand in this huge universe of people. I love you all, and I wish only the best for you and your loved ones during this difficult time. Please stay safe! And be patient. This will not last forever, and we will come out of it stronger than before. Adversity plays an important role in our lives... it is meant to make us stronger and appreciate a little bit better the things we have. Someone said that if we focus on the things we don't have we are unable to enjoy those things we have. So, at this moment, try to enjoy this mandatory "time-out" and take full advantage to spend quality time with those who are around you. "Enjoy" this time doing those things which you normally won't do because of others occupations. God bless you and may He guide you through this time in history. I love you all.

Sincerely with all my heart:

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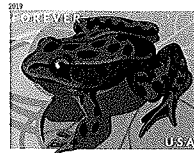


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