

Email through Securus

Date: November 20, 2023  
From: Jessy Zachary #01900050  
To: Free-world Pen Pal Brian Weller  
RE: Message to Brian

Hi Beth!!!! Hello there, I'm sorry to bother you. I offered to Brian to write a letter explaining the positives and the overall impact the U.U. Church, and the Pen Pal program has had on me and my incarceration. I realized due to the U.S. Mail being so slow, it wouldn't arrive in time for him to share it with his group. Would you please Email my short note to him so he can have it before the weekend? Thank you for everything you've done for me and for the others who are locked up. You have truly made a difference in my life. Respectfully, Jessy

Dear Brian, As I start this, my mind is jumbled with so many things I want to say to you. I think it best if I keep it simple... Thank You. I can't really tell you the full impact your friendship has brought into my life. Let me give you the short version: When I was in grade school, I was brought up Catholic. As I was going through High School, I joined the Latter Day Saints (aka Mormons), still later in life I attended a non denominational church. I always felt my flaws were glaringly obvious, and the judgemental peers in these churches never accepted me, they just looked down on a sinner. I'm 44 years old, I'm serving a 40 year sentence in prison for murder. When I first wrote to the UU church, I was skeptical that anyone would write back. Imagine my surprise, when Angus McLean offered me classes to educate me about the church, and when Ms. Beth Murray said she would try to get me some to write to. I said "Why?" The answer, "Because Jessy, you are worthy, you are loved, you are family." I've never had that. Being able to correspond with you, and laugh, and be listened to..... it's been a ray of light in this dark dreary place. To anyone considering being a pen pal to a prisoner, I would say you can alter that person's life. I feel as though I belong. That feeling comes from the love that flows from my friend's heart to me, I sincerely hope someone else will choose to help another prisoner feel the way I do. Thank you all for your time. And thank you Brian for making me feel Worthy just the way I am.

Sincerely, Jessy DOC Zachary