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Dear Friend,

David Pendleton goes to prison a lot. He's a ventriloquist with Keynote—my new ministry with Campus Crusade for Christ—and he takes his “characters” into prisons all around the country to entertain inmates and give them an opportunity to know Jesus.

Last year David went into a maximum security prison in San Bernardino, Calif., and did something he had never done before: performed for guys in solitary confinement. Usually he performs in the prison yard or in a gymnasium. But these men were behind giant glass doors and only came out of their rooms for one hour each day.



David Pendleton and “Aunt Tilly”
performing at a women’s prison

ventriloquism, and he pulled out a few of his characters and did a bit of his act. David then transitioned to talking about Jesus. Alex had never heard a clear presentation of the Gospel message. He ended up praying an earnest prayer in which he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord.

David urged Alex to remember this day. With tears flowing down both their faces, the new believer pressed his hand up to the glass as David mirrored him on the other side. He said to David, “I will never forget this day.”

Keynote is all about reaching lost people through creative communication and innovative resources. Thanks for partnering with me to reach people like Alex! Please pray for me as I’m now in Indiana, getting used to a whole new life. Pray that I will cling to Jesus during the transition. Thank you.

David grabbed his suitcases with his characters and headed toward the cells. He approached a cell with a young man lying on his cot. “Would you like a visit? David asked the young man.

The young man approached the glass, and David was surprised how young he looked. The dark-haired young man with brown eyes was only 19 years old, and his name was Alex.

After some initial chatting about Alex’s family and fiancée, Alex noticed the suitcases. “What are those?” he asked David.

David explained about his

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