02 Inmate: Anthony C. Dolin





Name: Anthony C. Dolin (a.k.a.) Andy Tonis

Age: 43 years

D.O.B.: 14th July 1958

Prison Number: 128897-P

Crime: Drugs (3 Kg. Of Marijuana)

Year detained: 1984

Served: 17 years (to date from 1984-2001)

Recommendation: 15 to 20 years

Time served with 20 yrs. 5 months 8 days as of September

G.T.A.: 22nd 2001

Family Address: 207 Brgy. Bagumbong. Jala-Jala Riza

Philippines.

September 21st 2001

Greeting in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

First of all before I proceed to my testimony, I would like to express my deep gratitude to God, who gives this opportunity through the Trojan Horse Mission team, who encouraged me to share with the world the MARVELOUS WORKS GOD has done to me and the FREEDOM I have in CHRIST. Now I'm free to "...Make known His deeds among the peoples (Psalms 105: 1). Jesus said: "...tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and He has had compassion on you. Mark 5:19.

Before Conversion

Before I was imprisoned my life had no direction. I was deeply involved in gambling, drinking hard liquor, stealing, sexual immorality and other forms of evil personal gratification. My life had been driven and focused on and by the things of this world...the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life... which stemmed from the love of money and as an aftermath

of which, I and my two relatives were enticed to go with Edward who is very active in selling covertly MARIJUANA, a drug of which is prohibited by law.



Pst. Anthony C. Dolin (second from the right bottom

This picture was taken in Cell 6 at Provincial Jail, La Trinidad Benguet in 1987, when he was 29 years old.

Under arrest

Sometime at about 6.00 p.m. of 11th June 1984 as we were in the process of delivering three (3Kg) of Marijuana to our buyer we were intercepted by elements of NARCOTICS GROUP (military men and civilian agents whose primary task is to crack down and arrest persons found selling or in possession of the afore said drug) and subsequently arrested us. Only Edward was able to escape and eluded arrest. We were immediately whisked to Baguio City Jail and five (5) days later, transferred to Provincial Jail of La Trinidad Benguet.

Conversion

Inside prison I felt is was the end of my world. I felt very much guilty and remorse for such indiscretion and irresponsible actuations that happened to me. The ambition I had once been pursuing vanished into thin air and is now only a mere dream and fantasy of my former life.

I had been experiencing very hard times adjusting to prison life until one day in August 1984, when a group of Christians came and ministered inside the jail and preached about the good life that Jesus to bring.

At one point, when I was listening intently to that portion the preacher was stressing that God forgives all our sins and saves us from hell if we put our trust in Jesus. My body quivered that I felt something transpiring inside me. The Holy Spirit was working over my whole being. Consequently, when the preacher asked those who wanted to be saved to stand up, I immediately stood to my feet without hesitation. I came forward and surrendered my

whole life to God. I confessed all the sins I committed since birth and acknowledged that I couldn't save myself from the impending wrath of God unless I receive Jesus Christ the Savior. That very same hour, I accepted and declared Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. That same day was my spiritual birthday. Thereafter, an unforgettable moment happened in my life. I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit, the peace of God that flooded my heart, and the inexpressible joy of salvation from within bursting out of my mouth. My sorrows and fear of death were changed into overflowing peace and joy in the Spirit.

New Habits

Through God's grace I was able to stop gradually my vices and in a short span of time, my old habits and desires for worldly things and worldly pleasures were gone. Instead I delighted myself to reading the bible singing spiritual songs attending bible study fellowship, witnessing and sharing God's word with other inmates. All for the glory of GOD and exaltation of JESUS CHRIST. What a change our LORD JESUS CHRIST had done to my life despite my past as a sinner!

Sentence to life imprisonment

The decision of our case of illegal possession of Marijuana was promulgated on 20th October 1986. The night before I prayed unceasingly and entrusted to Him whatever the outcome of the decision would be. So that when the verdict (LIFE IMPRISONMENT with p20.000.00 indemnity) was handed down I had no qualms or regrets because I knew very well that the LORD never abandoned me.

God Gave Me A Family

It was here inside Maximum Security Compound that God gave me a family. On May 23, 1993, I got married to Norita V. Casabal and were blessed with four (4) children namely: Nathaniel, John Mark, Grace Ann, and Hannah.

Pst Anthony C. Dolin (2nd from the right bottom)





Rev. Lucas P Dangatan Jr. Conducting Mr. Mrs. Anthony Norita Dolin Exchanging Conducting the ceremony rings of commitment.



Top: from the right: Nathaniel, John Mark, Grace Ann, Hannah.

Training in the Wilderness

It had never been my dream to become a pastor! It was always my obsession to be a successful architect. But God's plan for me was something great and different to what I had dreamed of earlier. Prison environment has ingrained in my life that molded me to be come forth as pure and shinning gold. In 1993 I graduated from a two year Ministerial Course at the New Bilibid Prison Bible School (NBPBS) now NBP Theological Institute (NBPTI)... acknowledged as the center for Theological and Religious education inside Maximum Security Compound. Consequently in 1994 I became the associate pastor of NBP Christian Church (which shares the same edifice with NBPTI). At the same time I took a two-year course in Diploma in Theology (DTH) and a four-year course Bachelor in Theology graduated two years later.

Degree Award



Ptr. Anthony C. Dolin receives his Certificate Award after a 2 year Diploma Course in Theology. Left Ptr. Medel, Rev. Lucas Right Mommy Zelma I also finished another two-year course in Bachelor of Theology (BTH).



Pst Anthony C. Dolan receives a gift during the graduation in 1999, after a 2-year course in Batchelor of Theology at the NBP Theological Institute Maximum Compound Muntinlupa City, Philippines.

Significantly on 13th July 1999 I was blessed by being ordained as one of the pastor inmates under the auspices of the "First Inter-Denominational Christian Ordaining Council, Inc.," As a result I was appointed as vice president of the Prison Ministries Organization here in NBP.

The Interview Board





The Interview Board prior to Anthony and the Prayer of empowerment after Anthony C. Dolan's Ordination

The break for me to share and teach what I studied about God and salvation came when the Bureau of Corrections authorized me in December 1999 to conduct bible Studies in the different brigades/dormitories. Presently I am pasturing and teaching 65 Christian inmates (including one foreigner bro. Michael John Clarke a British National) whom I won for CHRIST: together with Rev. Lucas Dangatan, Jr., who is the Head Pastor and founder of NBP Christian Church and NBP Theological Institute, respectively.



Receiving a Certificate Award. Left: Pst. Noel, Pst. Mark (center)

This was after me completing the 12-week Bible Study Course reading requirement 2 hours per day from Genesis to Revelation, headed by the Arise and Shine Outreach Ministry. Left: Pst Noel, Pst. Mark (center) they now visit us weekly.

Reflection of the Past

I once was enslaved by sin but now in CHRIST I am free! As I am pondering with amazement on my past I am very much amazed of the great and wonderful things the LORD JESUS CHRIST has done to this great sinner and

violator of HIS divine Laws. Now I am very grateful to God for His grace and power that transformed my whole being to be conformed in the image of His Son.

Who am I

Now I belong to Jesus

Jesus my Lord will love me forever, from him no power of evil can sever; he gave His life to ransom my soul. Once I was lost in sin's degradation, Jesus came down to bring me salvation, lifted me up from sorrow and shame joy fills my soul, for Jesus has saved me, freed me from sin that long had enslaved me; His precious blood He gave to redeem. (Chorus)

Now I belong to Him! Now I belong to Jesus, Jesus belongs to me not for the years of time alone but for all ETERNITY.

Life Verses

I use to wander off until you chastised me; now I closely follow all you say. The chastisement you gave me is the best thing that could have happened to me, for it taught me to pay attention to your laws. They are more valuable to me than millions of silver or gold; (Psalm 119: 67,71,72).

Message for the world

My heart's desire and prayers to the Lord for all of you: my dear friends; that the Holy Spirit will open your spiritual eyes as you read my life testimony or (life story); that you will see the Lord's Power and His saving love that He alone can forgive sins, can change lives, and set men and women free from the bondage and power of Satan such as sins. Of man's pride, of rebellion, spirit of unbelief, of being independent to God, of being self centered, of being self-righteous, as well as immorality, greediness, worldly pleasures and other related evil practices.

You might not be aware of it that your life's (life) are driven and controlled by these kinds of things. Just like me before, I thought the way I used to live was normal and righteous before a Holy God. I was totally ignorant of these matters, because of the god of this world had blinded me. Until JESUS CHRIST came into my life and sets me free. That was 17 years ago.

I would like you to know that with God all things are possible! What JESUS has done for me He can do for you? You can't buy freedom. It cannot be found in any one else except Jesus. God knows that no one in this world can set us free from the power of Satan. You can't save your selves even your religion can't save your soul from the wrath of God and Hell. That is why God in His has appointed time sent and gave His only beloved Son in this world to be our liberator. This is what JESUS says: "If the Son will set you free you will be free indeed" (John 8:32) that is real freedom and free, you do not have to work for.

My dear friends my co-inmates my countrymen and my loved ones I believe that in your heart you know you need JESUS; don't let Him pass-over you today. Tomorrow it might be too late; He is standing and knocking at the door of your heart, oh! How He wants to come in. Invite Him into your life right now; let Him come in and set you FREE! And God will guarantee that if you do this your life will never be the same. I hope you do it!

To God be the Glory!!!

Pst Andy Dolin

Witness by Rev. Lucas P. Dangatan Jr.