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Staying out in a world- fraught with responsibilities, decisions, and opportunities for failure-can overwhelm the newly released. Problems start at the gate. Anxiety upon release is high. The first several days are difficult with many things to be done...ID, register with parole, halfway house delivery, etc. Most women are mothers and wanting to get their children back into their lives. LTC is able to assist with some of these re-entry problems.

Patti was released on the 24th of April. Patti is 27 years wise. She came to us with her head on straight, ready to meet release head on from the very beginning. I am blessed to be her mentor and she even calls me Mom. Her husband died while she was incarcerated. Actually, Steve and I were able to take her to the funeral while she was incarcerated. We have formed a bond. She has gotten her DL (it just needs to be reinstated due to a seat belt violation). She has attended classes already. She was taught interview skills and received her resume. She is considering going back to school in the fall. She is going to succeed because you cared enough to give to LTC. Looking for employment is high on her list right now. She has been offered two jobs, but unfortunately MTA doesn't have access to the places that want her to work or their bus times won't work with the job opportunities. Please pray for her to find a good job. Getting her three girls back is next on her list. Pray for Patti

Tiara has gotten her children back into her life again. She just finished her program at a halfway house. She is from the Nashville area so she moved in with her Mom and children. Holding down two jobs, she is determined to have a changed life. She says drugs will NOT enter her life again. Her sixteen year old said, "Mama, you've changed. You use not to pay attention if we were out late, but now that you are clean you care." Pray for Tiara.

Latrese moved back to Chattanooga to get her two daughters. She is a great Mom. Working and caring for the girls is her first priority. The oldest daughter has kidney problems so it requires trips to Vanderbilt Hospital every three months, but she gets off work and brings her up to Nashville. She has transportation with her daughter's father. They know the girls need both parents so they have stayed in communication. Pray for Latrese.

Pray for all three of these single Moms. They love their children and want to support them. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

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