

**Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles
Clemency Board Members**

RE: Ramiro Gonzales

My name is Hubert Foster and I'm serving a Capital Life Sentence in TDCJ. Currently, I am working as a Field Minister on Texas Death Row, which means I share the hope of the Gospel there. I oversee and teach classes on the Faith Based Program on Death Row. I write now with the hope of inspiring you to grant clemency to one of our first students, Ramiro Gonzales.

I've been acquainted with Ramiro for approximately 37 months. I've come to know him well and am proud to call him my friend and brother. It doesn't take a lifetime to discover the guilt and remorse of a man's heart due to his crime. Nor to see the anguish in his eyes as he prays for those he's hurt. Ramiro Gonzales is genuinely remorseful for the life he's taken.

I don't know the much younger Ramiro, but I do know the man he is today and that's a gentle man with a selfless spirit who gives of himself at every opportunity. A peace maker amongst violent men who teaches others about God's love, repentance, and forgiveness.

Mr Gonzales has worked diligently to rehabilitate himself in all areas of his life through self study, reflection, as well as participation in all the faith based curriculum offered to him. He graduated the 18 month Faith Based Program last year and he exemplifies all the attributes of a truly rehabilitated man: So much so that he was chosen to become our Faith Based Coordinator and mentor to the men in our newest program. Mr. Gonzales is selfless and helps everyone he can.

Some two decades ago a jury determined that Ramiro Gonzales was a future danger. However, he is not the same man he was all those years ago. If the juror's could see the man Ramiro has matured into they would understand that he is not a danger to anyone. He would be an asset to TDCJ as a future Field Minister, Life Coach, or Peer Coach. He's certainly been helpful and a blessing to the men in the Faith Based Pod's. Moreover, he is well liked and respected by literally every TDCJ officer working on Death Row. He has nothing to lose and yet spends what may well be his last days helping others.

I stated earlier that I am serving a Capital Life Sentence. The only reason I was not sentenced to death is because one of the juror's answered "NO" to the future danger question. For the past 25 years I have not only strived to show the other jurors that they were wrong about me, but to become the man God always intended me to be. I ask you to grant clemency to Ramiro Gonzales so that he too can live out his faith in Christ. He has the power to change lives through his testimony and by being a living example of what restorative justice can and will accomplish when given the chance.

Ramiro and I often talk about what his life would become if his death sentence was commuted to life and every single time he gives me the same answer. "Mr Foster, I want to become a Field

Minister so that I can help other men and walk out my faith." Ramiro would make an excellent Field Minister because he's selfless and willing to walk that extra mile to reach that one lost man. He is my brother in Christ and my friend but I ask you to have mercy on him because he would never hurt anyone again. May you grant him mercy and allow him to spend his life in service to others.

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