

WHAT DOES EFREN PAREDES, JR. PLAN TO DO UPON HIS RELEASE?

Upon his release from prison Efren plans to own and operate a braille production center using his 12 years of extensive experience in the field. Through this work Efren will be able to continue educating blind and visually impaired children across the globe.

An issue of great interest to Efren is working with youth to help them avoid incarceration and establish a path of positive success. Throughout his wrongful incarceration Efren has actively sought to reduce youth violence. He would like to carry this message to society, along with the effective communication and negotiation skills he has developed, so people can benefit from his skills on a broader scale.

Efren will also share the wisdom he has attained from his unfortunate experience with researchers and social scientists working in the fields of juvenile justice and adolescent development. He possesses invaluable knowledge about youth in adult prisons, how to reach them, etc., through actual experience which can be beneficial to researchers. It is knowledge that can only be learned firsthand.

Once he establishes a successful braille production center Efren would like to further his education pursuing a degree in psychology. Efren has been a lifetime student of knowledge. He has also proven a strong commitment to his continued growth and development, and has consistently imparted that knowledge to others.

Efren will be living in a stable home environment in the mid-Michigan area with family. He has chosen to live a distance away from the county where his wrongful conviction occurred. Living in the mid-Michigan area will also place him in an area where his travel time to a university or college can be minimized. Efren will also be able to operate his braille production center out of this home.

If there is one lesson to be taken from Efren's life while incarcerated, it is his enormous compassion and ability to maintain such a positive attitude despite being under a constant barrage of false accusations and hurtful remarks. Efren harbors no ill feelings towards the people that have wronged him, or against the people who have made false and disparaging remarks against him. He has transcended above that negative energy and instead transforms each negative experience into a positive one. He is a model worthy of emulation.

There is much to be gained by Efren's release. Not only Efren and his family benefit by having his freedom restored, but the world benefits by the gifts of the knowledge and wisdom he will share with the world. All the consequences to Efren's release are positive.

One day soon we hope to be able to see Efren's dreams materialize and witness him lead a positive life as a free person again. ■