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Dear Friend of SIA:

Why send in a *tax-deductible contribution*? To help us help others. Survivors in the World Service Office read and respond to many heartbreaking letters such as the following written by a survivor in jail.

*Being gentle with myself is a new concept. I take to it about as well as a cat takes to water.*

*23 years is a long time to hide. You get so good at it. It becomes a part of who you are. And I didn't know how to stop. I think it would be easier to die although it would be distasteful dying in jail, I find the thought of telling the truth even more so.*

*....For 23 years I've been hiding this successfully from nearly all of my family. Only two people have any clue, and only one knows all. No one knows what I'm going through, and I don't know how to tell them. I'm afraid it will destroy my father. I'm Daddy's girl. He's going to kill the people at fault....I know I can't make them be there for me either.*

*I'm falling apart, but somewhere there's a part of me that's willing to fight. There's a part of me that says this [SIA] could be what makes the difference and saves my life.*

*Desperately hanging on,  
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*Thanks for what you do. If I make it, I'll do it too.*

Any size donation is truly appreciated. And all are tax deductible.

Thank you,

Linda D.  
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