



# THE KEY

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## T.I.M.E for Christ Jail Ministry

*Mission: to evangelize and disciple inmates, resulting in a spiritual awakening and an intimate love relationship with Jesus Christ thus empowering them for extended incarceration or a return to society.*



Ted White

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Through the *T.I.M.E. for Christ Jail Ministry*, the word of God is proclaimed to the inmates at Bexar County Detention Center (men and women) in need of a new life. It is proclaimed to the other inmates they touch in their pods (living spaces) and even beyond as individuals face incarceration in prison. It touches the lives of their families (mothers, fathers, children and spouses) and it impacts our community when people find a new life in Christ and can re-enter society with a new path. This could not be possible without the incredible volunteers that we train and Bible classes we schedule inside the jail. It could not be done without the Bibles we provide and the study guides they can take to their pods with them as well as other inspirational materials. Lastly, it could not be done without a Chaplain to bring all this together. Donors and prayer warriors and volunteers make it all possible! I am not putting the Chaplain first on this list, because **God** is first. This is **His** ministry to the *lost* in a very dark place in our community.

This newsletter is slightly different because we are going to overtly share that *T.I.M.E. for Christ Jail Ministry* needs your support. Perhaps you are already a donor and we thank you (!), perhaps you are a volunteer for the ministry and we thank you(!) or you may belong to a church that supports missions and you think that this Ministry is covered that way. We need all of it! I began raising money to support *T.I.M.E.* over 23 years ago so that it could continue to serve at the jail. The county does not contribute in any way except to provide an office for the Chaplain. As time has passed many of our donors have gone on to be with the Lord, or they moved out of the county or some just thought we didn't count on donations to keep the ministry going... or someone else would provide.

I had the opportunity to stand on the shoulders of faithful people, who came before me, when God called me, 25 years ago to volunteer at the jail and then become the Protestant Chaplain. I want to ensure that I can leave the same legacy and plan for the next generation to care for the broken men and women in bondage to a life of sin and indifference to God. There is only one way to true freedom and that is to come to know Jesus Christ as their savior. **Of course, this is not my doing but God's and He shows me His plans daily as I try to navigate and obey the plan, He has for those we serve.**

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners.  
**Isaiah 61:1**

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We are seeking a **monthly donation and commitment for the next two years and or a one-time generous donation**; so that we can continue to solidify and support this ministry today and into the future. My goal over the next few years is to continue the ministry, change lives, and work to bring up the next Chaplain and leader of *T.I.M.E. for Christ Jail Ministry*. **I am hoping that you will help us to achieve this goal.**

*Ted White, Bexar County Detention Center Chaplain*

### *Equipping the Inmates*

*T.I.M.E. for Christ Jail Ministry* is much more complicated and incredibly miraculous than you can imagine. The need is great. We have over 250 requests from inmates for visits each week, we coordinate daily classes that involve transporting inmates, schedule volunteers, and we take many, many calls per month from families in crisis seeking help for their son, daughter, friend or spouse. We also coordinate who gets to come into the jail to try to influence the inmates. I believe I am God's Gatekeeper to keep cults and so forth out. All of this is done by managing a lot of red tape, leadership from the jail administration and concerns coming at us from every angle as the jail attempts to allow this while managing over 4,000 inmates that could pose serious threats to the safety of all. Every year a volunteer has to go to classes to learn the rules or even the dangers of being in a jail. Even after the Chaplain approves a volunteer, it may take weeks or even months to get a badge approved. It is in this environment that we see how God provides for us in ways we could not dream of. One of those ways is in the types of volunteers that lead the classes on behalf of the ministry.

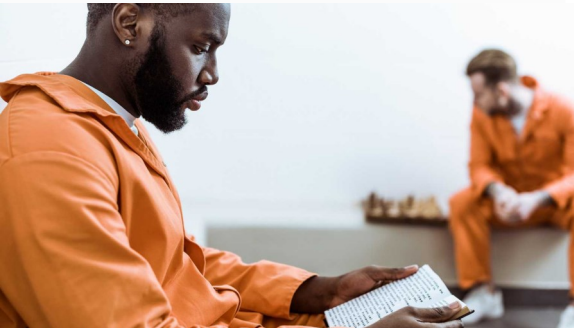
Most recently, Bexar County Detention Center had an appreciation luncheon for those who work on the "Human Services" floor. We had the opportunity to acknowledge the incredible ministry for the jail leadership, other nonprofits that provide supportive services, and all volunteers. It was suggested that we select a volunteer of the year for our team. As I began sharing a little bit of what each person did, each time, the other volunteers would say this must be The Volunteer of the Year! **Continued on pg. 2**



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### Ways You Can Help:

- Make a one time significant gift
- Commit to a regular monthly Donation (pay pal on our website)
- Pray for the ministry



Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground. Ephesians 6:13

Our work in this ministry is to share the Good News but it is also to equip our inmates and help them as they go out into the world!

### *Equipping Inmates Continued...*

#### THE ARMOUR OF GOD



- Belt of Truth
- Breastplate of Righteousness
- Shoes of Peace
- Shield of Faith
- Helmet of Salvation
- Sword of the Spirit

Ephesians 6:10-18

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I went over 20 volunteers and with each one, no one could believe there could be anyone better. I discussed that we have a local High School Math teacher, who uses in-depth materials to teach the inmates. He is also a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary; so these inmates are getting more than most people have the opportunity to learn in a church. I was able to talk about a female volunteer, who was a nurse, and passes out books to our female inmates. She makes it a point to read every book herself; so that when they ask for something, she can know just what they might be looking for and can select something perfect for them.

I shared that we have volunteers who are doctors, military leaders, and volunteers who have life experiences that can touch the lives of those we are speaking to because they have experienced similar trouble. As I shared each one, the room buzzed with amazement and said this must be The Volunteer of the Year! Then I would say, "No, it's not this person either." Then I would share another outstanding volunteer and those attending, volunteers, jail leadership, and guards could see what a work God was doing by providing these incredible people to minister to our inmates. It's not really important to know who The Volunteer of the Year is because they are all doing incredible work and God provides us with the people needed to minister to our inmates.

Prisoners have been led to Christ by these incredible volunteers but most importantly they are being equipped to go into battle once they leave the jail. Some go on to prison or some are released. What comes next can be very difficult. Our role is to not only share the good news but provide them with a solid foundation to go out into the world with the knowledge that will guide and protect them. Our Father has chosen this ministry to introduce them to the "full armor of God" as described in **Ephesians 6:10-18**...stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that **comes from the gospel of peace**. Meeting Jesus in jail is God's plan for some people and it is why *T.I.M.E. for Christ Jail Ministry* must continue this work with your help and support.