

The Key: T.I.M.E for Christ Jail Ministry Newsletter



The Chaplains Corner - Ted White



“The Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us.” John 1:14

As Christmas is right around the corner, I usually focus on the birth of baby Jesus and the *Christmas story*, and the miracle of the birth of Jesus Christ. God placed it on my heart to go in a different direction with this newsletter. It is about sharing the entire revelation of Jesus Christ, in its entirety as told in the Gospel of John. It is not just about the birth of Jesus but the entire Gospel Message of Jesus Christ.

When telling a friend how we get Bibles to inmates in a population of 4,000, I went over the process and realized, you, our supporters don't know this either. First, the inmate will request a Bible and it is sent directly to me. Of course, I want them in the Word, but I am aware that the Bible can be confusing to the uneducated or lost person. Still, the Holy Spirit has moved them to make this request. Many years ago, an organization contacted me and offered to send Bexar County Detention Center the Book of John, in booklet form and it was easy to read.

The reason this is significant is the Gospel of John in the Bible starts from the beginning of an explanation of who Jesus is and that he existed before the creation of the world. “He was with God and he was God.” Believe me, this is news to a lot of people and especially to inmates who have no background in Bible study. T.I.M.E. volunteers handed this John booklet out with the Bible for a while and then we realized we needed a simple Bible study to go with it. Sixteen questions were refined to go with the booklet form of John, the Gospel. Now, we give this to the inmate, first, before we give them a Bible.

The inmate answers the question as best they can from the small booklet, of John's Gospel. It's just the first step to getting into the Word. They turn in the filled-out study and give it to a T.I.M.E. volunteer. The volunteer can use this as an opportunity to help them understand or clear up any answers that might be wrong. This gives the volunteer a chance to talk to the inmate about their relationship with Jesus Christ. At the same time, they are invited to a class to learn more in depth what the Bible says and what their hope of salvation is.

I share this information so you will know that God has a plan to get people saved at Bexar County Jail. It isn't my plan because I didn't ask for the little booklet form of the Gospel of John to be sent to me. I didn't get the devoted men and women to come to the jail and be passionate to reach lost inmates. I can't lay it on our supporters' hearts to support us financially so that we can continue to be there to minister to lost inmates. In fact, I didn't even have the desire to become the Chaplain until God called me to do this work. *It is all God!*

This time of year, God pulls at the heart strings of the “lost” and more than ever we need your prayer support to reach the called unto Salvation. We need your financial support to keep T.I.M.E. at Bexar County. Inmates are separated from God like you and I were before the Gospel was illumined to us. I pray God will lay this reality on your heart and the message of John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that **whosoever** believes in Him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life.”

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Merry Christmas!

***God rest ye merry gentlemen
let nothing you dismay, for
Jesus Christ our Saviour was
born upon this day, to save us
all from Satan's power when
we have gone astray.***

***Good tidings of comfort and
joy, comfort and joy. Good
tidings of comfort and joy.***



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



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How T.I.M.E. Serves

- Daily Bible Classes
- Provides a Protestant Chaplain in the Bexar County Detention Center
- Passes out books, Christian materials and Bibles
- Responds to 500 requests weekly

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14



"O holy night of our dear savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till He appear'd and the soul felt its worth."

We hope you will consider supporting our ministry!

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One of our female volunteers shared that she had felt a calling to work with women in jail. However, it took more than 20 years for the opportunity to become a reality. She shared that it is hard to find a way to serve the incarcerated. God had placed this on her heart and perhaps he was preparing for just the right time to be able to serve in this way. T.I.M.E for Christ Jail Ministry provided this for her.

Now that she is having the opportunity to teach the women in the Bexar County Detention Center (jail), she feels like this service is more of a gift to her than even those she serves. She has learned to see the women in a way that she could not ever imagine as the friends, neighbors, sisters, and mothers that they are. One of the inmates with tears in her eyes said, "Thank you for not being afraid to come in person and be with us."

It's important that the message of God's love be given in person. God knew this as demonstrated by the birth of Christ and His gift of grace. At the right time, Christ came to save the ungodly. By the grace of God, this volunteer was part of God's plan to share that gift. All this was put into motion even before Jesus was born on that first Christmas night.