



# 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.*



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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Someone recently asked me what the acronym, T.I.M.E. stood for in the T.I.M.E. for Christ Jail Ministry name? I thought that is a good question! A lot of people may not know the definition. The "T" stands for *teaching*, the "I" stands for *intercession*, the "M" stands for *missions* and "E" stands for *evangelism*. This ministry was established to set inmates free from the bondage Satan has them in through the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Then, to equip them through our prayers and Bible classes to live the life God has prepared for them, in or out of jail or prison.

Many people get mixed up about the goals of this ministry. Most will ask, "How many are "saved" or how many have you baptized or what is the recidivism rate on them coming back to the jail? They are looking for numbers. They want to be assured that God's Word and their participation puts inmates back into society all cleaned up and cured of addictions and that they are living the "straight and narrow." I have heard donors say that they will not support this ministry because they are just "fox hole" conversions or they know an inmate that claimed to have received the Lord and then just returned to the old lifestyle. I can't argue with any of that, but that is not the purpose of this ministry. Many times, we have the joy of seeing the results of an inmate coming to the Lord and the outcome is a life turned around, an addict going "clean" and living out a life pleasing to the Lord. I do know that God has a purpose for each and every one of the inmates who come to Him. It may take time for them to live out that purpose and it might even be an incarcerated life to continue in a prison sentence. What Jesus said in Luke 5:31-32 is, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." That is the calling of the T.I.M.E. for Christ Jail Ministry! Jesus called his disciples to go into *all the world* to share the gospel. He called me to head up the team in this 4,000-person prison part of "the world." Oh, it is the darkest of worlds!

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Then, our T.I.M.E. team of volunteers comes marching down the halls, teaching in classes and bringing light to that awful place. The inmates are told of the love of God! Each of you that support this ministry, are in there with us. Do you know that? You took it seriously when you read the scripture, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." God put this ministry before you, choosing *you* to be the unseen part of the team but oh, so valuable to the calling of God's work at Bexar County Jail.

Thank you, Lord, for our partners in this work that you for-ordained.

The T.I.M.E. for Christ Jail Ministry has another meaning: **God is love!** That is the sum total of the acronym. We love because He first loved us!

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Setting up a **reoccurring gift** is a great way to support our ministry. This can be done with your online gift through PayPal. If we had 100 people who gave **\$10, \$20, or \$50 a month**, that could mean that T.I.M.E. would have \$3,000 a month or \$36,000 a year!

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For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
 John 3:16



**GOD WINKS**

or some call **COINCIDENCES**

**HAPPEN ALL THE TIME:**

*I shall never believe that God plays dice with the world.*

**Albert Einstein**

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**“God winks”** is a fun term that some people use to describe God revealing his work to us. It’s a way to humanize the work God is accomplishing in our lives or through us that is more than our brains can often image. I attend Mission City Church and on any given Sunday there are hundreds of folks in attendance. I had seen a woman sitting close to the front of the sanctuary, that I wanted to say hello to, and walked towards her but when I got there she was gone. Instead a gentleman turned around, saw me, and enthusiastically said, “Chaplain!?” I didn’t recognize him but he recognized me and shared that he had come to Mission City Church on this very day hoping he might find me. He had been incarcerated for the past 15 years and had been released a few months prior. He wanted me to know that he had been saved while awaiting his trial and subsequent conviction, in the Bexar County Detention Center, 15 years ago. He shared that his salvation and what he learned from our ministry had helped him serve his time and be prepared to start a new life in Christ. I had no idea and we often don’t know the long-term impact of our ministry. The thing is that he is a miracle and we are so hopeful for him. In addition, his ability to find me and share this was a miracle too; a “God Wink” as it were.

