



# 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

As always, I pray, asking what the Lord would have me share about the Jail Ministry at Bexar County Jail. He kept bringing up the story of Gideon from the Bible. I couldn't figure out the comparison to the **T.I.M.E. for Christ Jail Ministry** and pondered on it for some days. It finely came to me that it was how this ministry has to depend on God as we battle Satan for the souls of inmates. Gideon was a "nobody" and yet God raised him up, calling him a mighty warrior! He wanted Gideon to fight the Midianites to save the Israelites. Gideon couldn't believe he was hearing the voice of the Lord! He wasn't a soldier; he was running a wine press. I felt much the same way when I was a volunteer, teaching a class at the jail one day a week. Then, I was told the Chaplain was retiring and I was being asked to take that position. I was a business executive (retired) and I made a pretty good salary. The Chaplain's position was peanuts as far as income and had no benefits. In fact, I had to raise my own salary as well as funds to keep the ministry going. I did the interview. I talked to my wife and she supported the "call" 100%. Exactly what does this have to do with Gideon?

There are over 5,000 inmates, men and women incarcerated in the jail. How is the **T.I.M.E. Jail ministry** going to reach all of them with the good news of Jesus? Gideon, asked a similar question. How am I going to fight this enemy of 135,000 men? God said, "You aren't. I am!"

Gideon had a good-sized army to take on the enemy but God whittled it down to 300 men! God did this so that Gideon and his men would have to depend on God and they would know it was not because of what they could accomplish! You probably know the story. God gave the Israelites victory! Now, I don't expect to reach 5,000 inmates with my small volunteer team. However, as my good friend, Charles Spurgeon (a preacher dead more than 100 years ago) shared: "HE FINDS US SITTING IN SACKCLOTH AND ASHES, AND BIDS US PUT ON THE BEAUTIFUL ARRAY OF FREEDOM; HE SAVES US JUST AS WE ARE AND ALL WITHOUT HELP OR MERIT."

*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. John 10:27-28*

*(Chaplains Corner Continued)* Our Lord speaks to those He calls, "CAPTIVE, I HAVE DELIVERED THEE," and it is done forever. It is Satan who has ensnared these inmates, but the Lord is on our side as we meet this challenge head on!

There are 32 protestant volunteers on our team of men and women, and one chaplain. At times I have had more volunteers, but like Gideon, God let me know for now, this is enough to fight the enemy at Bexar County. Inmates get saved and they are equipped to share the Gospel. Bibles are handed out with a short Bible study on the Gospel of John. We may never see what this reaps, but those "short timers" get the message of Christ. Hundreds of Christian books are donated to the ministry and handed out one on one. That often gives a volunteer a few minutes to connect and pray with an inmate. God has a way to multiply the messengers. I never worry about numbers. God knows the ones he has chosen and I can assure you that they hear His voice. God uses me and the volunteers to reach the lost, but Jesus alone gives deliverance to captives in jail.



## Love Does

As we enter a season marked by Valentine's Day, it is a good time to reflect on what **true love** really is. Beyond cards and candy, love is not merely a feeling—it is an

action. Author Bob Goff captures this truth in his book, *Love Does*, reminding us that love is best understood by what it does, not what it says.

This reality is especially evident inside the Bexar County Detention Center. Many inmates arrive with little understanding of genuine love. For some, love has been conditional, absent, or harmful. Scriptures such as John 3:16—"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son..."—may be familiar words, yet the meaning behind them feels distant or unreal. They have rarely experienced love that is unconditional, consistent, and sacrificial.



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## Love Does: Ministry Services

- *Time for Christ Jail Ministry* has been inside the Bexar County Jail for over 40 years evangelizing to over **5,000 inmates** annually.
- We shared the **salvation** message with **25,000 in 2025**.
- We respond to over **500 requests** for spiritual support on a monthly basis.
- We pass out **12,000 Bible's** annually.



**And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God .**

***Ephesians 3:18-19***



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*(Love Does continued)* For many, incarceration becomes the first place where they encounter boundaries, accountability, and the opportunity to experience love that does not give up on them. Our mission is to **evangelize resulting in a spiritual awakening and an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ** and our daily presence in the jail is a powerful expression of that love.

In the world, love is often associated with big moments or one-time events. Even some ministries are like this. While those efforts are valuable, the **T.I.M.E. for Christ Jail Ministry** is different. We are present every day—walking through routines, challenges, emergencies, and conversations that others never see. We build relationships with inmates, connect with their families, and work alongside detention staff. Often our love is in the mundane of scheduling the classes, communicating with the staff in the jail, sorting the Bibles—all while faithfully pointing people to Christ.

True love is found in consistency. It shows up in the ordinary, the difficult, and the unseen moments. As Scripture reminds us in **1 John 3:18, "Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."** Inside the jail, love is not just spoken—it is lived out daily, offering hope, dignity, and a lasting transformation through Jesus Christ.

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