



This is something we all tend to say in January whether we are happy or not. Right? Often for many of us the new year is met with mixed feelings and yet we begin the year with the optimism and hope that the new year can bring change. It is the same hope we have for our inmates at the Bexar County Jail! However, we know this hope is met with the promise that Christ can deliver us all and that no one is forgotten!

A letter from Mike

My name is Mike and I was in all of the Discipleship classes when I was at Bexar County Detention Center. This past Christmas marks a year that I have been a true disciple of Christ....a follower, not just a "fan". I was given a fifteen year prison sentence. I am writing to thank you for investing your time and love in me! In the Bexar County Jail, I felt hopeless, worthless and close to suicide. Then God used you and other teachers to pour out His **love** from your **heart** to mine through the Holy Spirit. This is how I found hope in Christ. The year I spent in Discipleship classes laid a steadfast foundation of Christian faith that will last an eternity. These teachers all impacted my life and I am eternally grateful. Before my sentence, I never thought in my wildest dreams I would be a messenger of God. By revealing His Son to me, God has used me to bring many men to the saving knowledge of Christ.

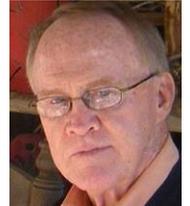
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T.I.M.E. FOR CHRIST JAIL MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER – TED WHITE



The Jail is not about locking people up and throwing away the key. It is an opportunity to get an inmate's attention. It is simply a pathway for lives to be changed. That is why the T.I.M.E. for Christ Jail Ministry is there. That is why you support us because you believe this! We are never going to be immune from the jail system. We are never going to be free of "law breakers". Jesus knows the name of each person who goes to jail. That is why He speaks of the prisoner in the Bible and tells us not to forget the prisoners. Are we making a difference as a ministry? I believe we are. There is direct evidence that Jesus Christ has changed lives. We hear from the incarcerated who write from prison, we see released inmates in restaurants where they are now working or some other job and they want to let me know how they are doing. I have had the joy of keeping in touch as well as mentoring "prisoners set free" over the long term. I have had the opportunity to be there when some come back to jail and need more instruction from the Lord. This ministry is still there to give them a hope that they can make it this time. What an encouragement as we enter a New Year. God is at work at Bexar County Detention Center. We covet your prayers as we go forward.

His alone,

Ted White, Chaplain

"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus". (Phil.1:6 NASB)

... It's amazing how the Gospel does all the work and all I have to do is give it out! I believe it was a gift straight from God to be in the Discipleship classes to prepare me for this work. I pray you are blessed in the New Year and that God will supply all your needs according to His riches in Glory.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Our Mission is to evangelize and disciple inmates resulting in 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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**T.I.M.E. FOR CHRIST
JAIL MINISTRY
Coordinates:**

- **500 weekly Chaplaincy requests**
- **720 Baptisms a year**
- **104 monthly classes**
- **70 volunteers**

For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)



As we head into the *season of love* in February, please pray that our inmates would find the true love that only Christ can provide and that we have the ability to show them.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

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There's a Revival Going on in Here!

"Miss Belinda, we have a revival going on in the jail!" Belinda is one of the women that volunteers for ***TIME for Christ Jail Ministry***. She shared how amazed she was when she heard this from one of the inmates in her Bible study class. Belinda shared that she agreed to help serve in the jail with her husband but that she truly wondered what she had to offer. One of the things that struck her, as she became more comfortable, was that she had more in common with the women than she could have imagined. She enjoys singing, laughing and listening to the incarcerated women. However, she also shared that she could become heartbroken by the women's circumstances and often worried if she was making a difference. So when the inmate shared about **revival** and that she was taking back prayer and Bible study to her own pod; it was such incredible validation of this work. Belinda also shared that she had recently been diagnosed with cancer but that had not deterred her from her work in the jail. In fact, her cancer was just another element in the battle to see women come to Christ. **God has a plan for Belinda and the inmates!** It is always that way at the jail.



A New Year's Resolution can begin with a commitment to supporting the Jail Ministry. We hope that this commitment will include prayer, promotion (sharing our ministry with others) and a financial contribution. You can make a difference.

Donations may be made to our PO Box or by visiting our website at www.timeforchristjailministry.org