



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

T.I.M.E. -Teaching, Intercession, Ministry and Evangelism

Background/History: In the early 1970's, a surgeon in San Antonio, Dr. Ernest J. Gregory, Jr., had a vision for Christian outreaches already working in San Antonio and in Mexico that led to the formation of the T.I.M.E. for Christ organization as a means by which groups and individuals could organize to share the Gospel message with others. Some of this work included medical mission trips and in Dr. Gregory's case methadone clinics and drug treatment. It is through this work that Dr. Gregory found himself meeting with and helping clients within the Bexar County Jail officially called the Bexar County Detention Center. Chaplain Clem McGregor shared Dr. Gregory's vision and began the Jail Ministry in San Antonio, forming a board and recruiting others to support the ministry. T.I.M.E for Christ Jail Ministry was officially born.

Today, TIME Jail Ministry is headed by Chaplain Ted White and **administered by 80 volunteers**. It is one of the nation's largest jail ministries having served over **300,000 inmates over the past 10 years and baptized over 8,000**. A nonprofit with a very **lean budget and no government support**, it has become an integral part of the jail system (that houses 4,000 inmates at any given time). It is relied up by the Bexar County Sheriff's office, and is a key component to programs and efforts to decrease recidivism. **It has changed lives**; the life of the inmate and their family and the lives of others incarcerated because those saved through TIME have become disciples in the prison system.

Jail verses Prison: The Jail is often a holding place before trial, a short sentence stay or the place someone goes before being sent to prison. This is an **incredible opportunity** to share the gospel and help an individual to plan on how they will live once outside the jail or how they will survive and cope with a prison sentence. Many inmates are young, first time offenders or facing a substance abuse crime. **They are all very vulnerable**. We can be there for them or other inmates and gangs can be there for them.

The Ministry:

- Offers **prayer, counseling and Bibles** to inmates upon entry.
- The plan of **salvation and weekly baptisms**.
- Beyond that initial emotional, "Jesus Help Me" moment, TIME then has a team of volunteers that offers multiple classes every day in order to turn this "moment" into a meaningful love relationship with Christ and meaningful Biblical practices for living.
- Part of this strategy is to **teach inmates to be disciples** in their pods within the jail and in the prisons they may go to after their sentence.
- Provides **pastoral care for death notifications and inmates in crisis**.
- Provides oversight for the volunteers that come into the jail, schedules classes, approves pastors that want to evangelize, and ensures that the information provided to inmates is consistent and correct.
- Acts as a **liaison to the officers and the Sheriff's office** on "best practices" and inmate needs for the successful administration of programs; integrating spiritual support with GED classes, counseling, anger management and parenting classes.

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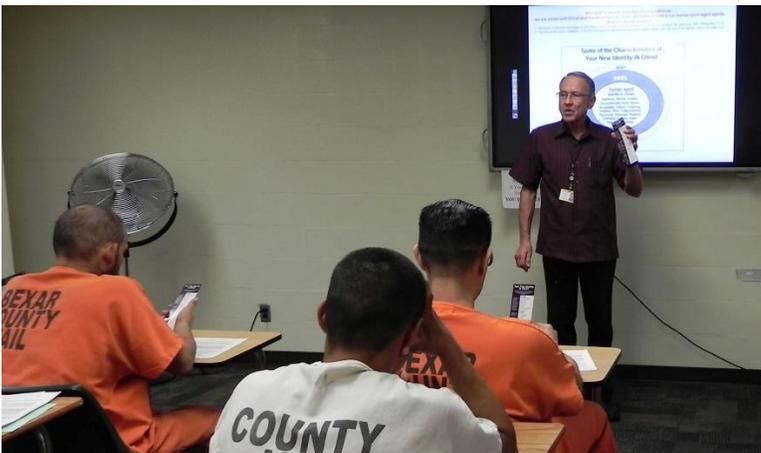
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How Can You Help?

- **Pray** for the ministry
- **Volunteer for “behind the scenes work”**: administrative support, mailings, correspondence or serve on the Board
- Pray about participation whether that is teaching a regular class, being a visitor to inmates or visiting with inmates
- **“Like” the ministry on Facebook** and share the incredible stories of success
- Participate in events like “Big Give SA” and be an ambassador for this ministry
- **Invite TIME** to your church, men’s or women’s groups, Sunday School classes to share the testimony of time
- Donate Books and Bible study items (must coordinate with the Chaplain as there are jail rules)
- **Contribute financially** for the ministry today and help to build a ministry that will carry on past current leadership and volunteers.



Dr. Tim Rutz, Time, volunteer teaching a class. He was most recently selected by the National Association of Jail Ministries as Volunteer of the Year!



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