



For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people, it may increase thanksgiving to the glory of God.

2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:15

#### Thankful for Paul

I'm **thankful** to know Paul. This is what went through my mind as I wrote today's date; you see it was his birthday. It amazed me that this incredible man was part of my life; **more importantly it was amazing that anyone would be thankful for Paul.** Paul was one of the first inmates that I began working with and his transformation was nothing short of a miracle. Paul had a very lengthy incarceration record; so long, that there was little hope of transformation. However, nothing is impossible through Christ. This ministry is often not only about saving the inmate but encouraging the volunteers and saving others through their transformation. Upon Paul's release, he began influencing his nephew who was heading down the same path of incarceration. Paul began sharing what happened in his life when he met Jesus. He took his nephew to church and pointed him to a relationship (cont.)

# THE KEY



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

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### THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER — TED WHITE

I was approached by a lady at my church a few weeks back. She wanted to tell me that she had met one of my former inmates at a Christian event. They began talking and he asked her where she went to church? When she told him, he asked if she knew Ted White. (What are the odds?) She told him that she did! He then told her his story of having been an inmate at Bexar County Jail and how he had been in Bible classes there. He had gotten out of jail and ended up marrying a Christian woman and was starting a new life "in Christ". He told her to please let me know. I, of course, was delighted to get this update on him. I know many have a story like this and I will only get the report in heaven, but this time God opened up a way for me to get this good news now. It reminds me of Hebrews 11:1 (NASB) "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen". **In this season of Thanksgiving, I am convinced that God is at work in the lives of inmates.** I may not get to see the results but I have the assurance of that hope in Jesus Christ. I reflect on how some have to go to jail to "get out of jail" and the hold Satan has on their lives. I am always thankful that I can be a part of it and that I have the support and prayers of people who see the value in this ministry. Thanksgiving is the perfect time to say, "Thank you" for being a part of the T.I.M.E. for Christ Jail Ministry and I thank God for lives saved just like this young man!

"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)

Ted White, Chaplain

...with Jesus and gave him the tools he needed for his life to change. His nephew had seen all the lost years in Paul's life and then the miraculous turn around when Paul exchanged his life for the life of Christ in him. The result was that Paul's nephew enrolled in a police academy and was employed in that line of work. Currently he is on a Missionary trip for his church. God made Paul's life count for the Kingdom so that those lost years were used for good. Paul is not just someone I met at the jail. God gave me a lifelong friend and brother in Christ! Now that is a thanksgiving to rejoice about!

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

***You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. II Corinthians 9:11-12***



For many inmates, incarceration can be a gift. They experience God's grace and a new life of joy and transformation.

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## The Gift

Halloween has passed and ushers in the next Holiday-Thanksgiving and then Christmas; it is a time full of joy and excitement for many. However, for our inmates this time of year and these special days are just one more day they cross off of their calendar. There are no special treats, no big meals with family and no Christmas tree. There are just iron bars and the constant reminder of their failures. What is amazing in this dismal time of their life; separation from friends, family, and the world, they are able to hear and surrender to the true meaning of Thanksgiving and Christmas. There are no distractions and for the first time they can be thankful for things that really matter and for the first time they can hear the love of Christ being offered to them. TIME for Christ Jail Ministry volunteers are there ready and able to provide this wonderful gift of unconditional love and thanksgiving. For many this is the first real gift they have ever been given and they are ready to receive. They are able to feel the power and hope that Christ provides and there is a thanksgiving that transcends the holiday season. Praise God,.. for He is patient, not wanting anyone to perish, (2 Pet.3: 9, NIV).

### Donate Today!

During this time of thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations, we hope that your generosity will be granted to Time for Christ Jail Ministry. You can help us make a difference in the lives of the inmates and their families.

