



“Honestly, I just came to your class to get out of my cell”, proclaimed one of the inmates in my class. “That’s ok,” said the Time for Christ volunteer teacher. Months later this same inmate shared with tears in his eyes that he now knew God had another plan. He couldn’t believe how excited he was to learn and that class was something he looked forward to.

A Teacher’s Encouragement

Most recently one of our volunteers asked for prayers for encouragement before a class she was to teach. Like all teachers she wondered if she was making a difference. When she arrived there were only 4 girls in the class; so she was feeling a little disappointed. As they waited to see if others would arrive, one girl shared that all of her charges were dropped and that she would be leaving tomorrow. She had plans to work with pregnant teens in ministry upon release and she gave God all of the glory. This in turn caused the other girls to share incredible messages of how God was working in their lives. The volunteer had not solicited these remarks and yet she knew that God had answered her prayers. She then began leading the class, singing hymns and as she did the room started to fill up and by the end the room was packed. At the end of the class one young woman came up to

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THE CHAPLAIN’S CORNER — TED WHITE

I recently saw the movie, The Insanity of God at the movie theater. It is about the “persecuted church” and how on a human level it seems “insane” for God to send workers to such places to spread the gospel. I am talking about China, Afghanistan, Somalia, Russia and yes, jails and prisons. In the movie, the statement was made “It’s not where you go, but your obedience to go”. The question is, who matters to God and how is He going to reach the lost? A lot of people say it is pretty crazy to spend so much time and effort on the likes of the lost in a jail, but that is where God sent me! I didn’t plan it nor did I particularly care about inmates. Sounds like Jonah who was sent to Nineveh, doesn’t it? Lately, God has let me know certain others He has sent to **teach** in jails and they are **teaching** about Jesus all over the United States. These men were my mentor’s as God prepared me for His calling. One is a retired President of a large Christian college, another, a director of Interservice College Ministry, and then my friend who was a pastor at an international church in the Netherlands. **That’s the “Insanity” of God, sending His very best to jails!** As I think about the new classes I have lined up for the fall at Bexar County Jail, the quality of teachers God has provided and the inmates whose hearts He prepares for the Gospel, well, no one would believe it. It’s so miraculous, one might say God has one crazy plan, but I just thank Him for letting me be a part of it.

Ted White, Chaplain

“And how can they believe without hearing about Him?”

Romans 10:14, HCSB

(cont.) the teacher and said, "I have learned so much in your classes; I so look forward to them weekly and I want to thank you". This volunteer shared, “The encouragement today was for all of us in a difficult ministry that often leaves you wondering are we making a difference? Sometimes we obey simply because God is faithful, His word is true and His word will not go out void, but will accomplish the purpose for which it was sent but we may see no fruit of our labor and sometimes; He pulls the curtain back just a little, and He allows us to see that He is using us for His good pleasure. That was today. Volunteer Susie Roberts



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



Did you know, that almost 60% of all inmates are functionally illiterate? For many of our inmates, school was not a positive experience. Our classes provide a safe place for them to grow and learn. It's "**Back to School**" at the Jail!

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God's Grace and Learning Empowers

Sue Pierce a Time for Christ Volunteer Shares:

A while ago, I responded to a request from an inmate for spiritual reading materials. We sat on a bench as she shared her tragic life story with me, and I shared the gospel with her. She had accepted Christ in a service months earlier, proving again how vital our work is there. At the end, she told me her mother said she couldn't live at home unless she sells drugs, and that she was praying for a safe place to go when she is released. We prayed together before walking her back to her cell. She humbly thanked me for bringing the books to her, hugging them to her chest. Then suddenly she stopped abruptly, turned to face me and said this, "the volunteers and chapel services made me realize I was not just *trash* to be discarded, but worthy to be loved. I don't want to die anymore, but live to serve Christ right here in the pod (cell)." I usually maintain my emotions well, but I could not stop the tears from rolling down my face in sorrow over her harsh circumstances. Then she looked at me stunned, touched my shoulder and said "no one has ever cried for me in my life, thank you!" Lord, help us to show all inmates Jesus loves them right where they are, and that ***they are worthy***.

The mission of T.I.M.E for Christ Jail Ministry

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.