



ANSWERING THE CALL:

"For I was in prison and you visited me." Matt. 25:36



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March 2015 ~ *Our 27th Year!* ~ February 2016

From The Founding Director: Tim Page

This month we begin our 27th year of ministry, which began in 1989 (actually, unofficially in 1988!) But our official incorporation came in 1991, thus giving us non-profit status and the ability to offer a tax deduction to all benefactors for their donations. I could have never imagined the life God had planned for me back in 1984 when I moved from my home state of Michigan to an actor and/or knowing God had thankful for the of people and have partnered years, allowing us to live out the TRUST in Jesus that enables us to continue ministering in His Name!





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We hope that the articles in this simple newsletter will inspire you to contribute to the future years of Total Involvement Ministry.

God bless You, *Tim*

**Consider as part of your tithing:
Total Involvement Ministry
of your 'first fruits' back to God!**

 **2015 Financial Snapshot!** 

January 2015 **-\$675.08 BELOW expenses** ☺

Because of your help, we stayed ahead
of expenses for 2014. Thank YOU!

If you'd like to help us to stay ahead of our expenses for 2015, you can
send us your donation with your response slip enclosed. Thank You!

(Contact us if you wish additional detailed information)

Be a Pal! Become a PEN PAL!

Make a positive difference in YOUR own life and in the life of an incarcerated individual. Become a PEN PAL.

Contact our office (818) 893-7059 for additional information.

God Calling

(From the book of the same name edited by A.J. Russell (ISBN#0-8007-8096-5) who considered it an honor to prepare for publication to the public, the words that two lonely women in England were given by the Living Christ Himself! They seek no praise and these 'two listeners' wish to remain anonymous. Perhaps like them, you will find that YOU are no longer one and alone, but united with the Great Companion and Guide,

YOUR CROSS IS YOU!

Remember, you are only an instrument. Not yours to decide how or when or where you act. I plan all that. Make yourself very fit to do My work... Mine is the Cross on which the burdens of the world are laid. How foolish is any of My disciples who seeks to bear his own burdens. When there is only one place for them, MY CROSS. It is like a weary man on a hot and dusty road, bearing a heavy load, when all plans have been made for its carriage. The road, the scenery, flowers, beauty around, all are lost. But, My children, you may think I did say, "Take up your cross daily and follow Me." Yes, but the cross given each of you is only a cross provided on which you can crucify the self of yours that hinders progress and Joy, and prevents the flow through your being of My invigorating Life and Spirit, Listen to Me, love Me, joy in Me. Rejoice.

March 15th reflection

Total Involvement Ministry ~ ~ ~

...has as its purpose to bring God's unconditional love, forgiveness and assurance to individuals, but especially those involved in some way in the detention system. We do this through prevention, intervention, and follow-up. In addition, via this monthly newsletter and speaking engagements, T.I.M. hopes to educate our society about our youth and how best to communicate with them and to their needs. This is best expressed in our mission, "Answering the Call: for I was in prison and you visited Me". T.I.M. is a non-profit, tax-exempt and deductible religious outreach organization, which began as a 'grass-roots' ministry in March of 1989 but was incorporated on August 14, 1991 (incorporation #1499950). Its' Federal I.D. number is 95-4344329. It has been granted 501-c-3 Tax Exemption Status by the Internal Revenue Service as well as the State of California.

Questions: Call Tim Page, director @ (818) 893-7059

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Please consider helping us to meet our monthly obligations with your regular prayers.

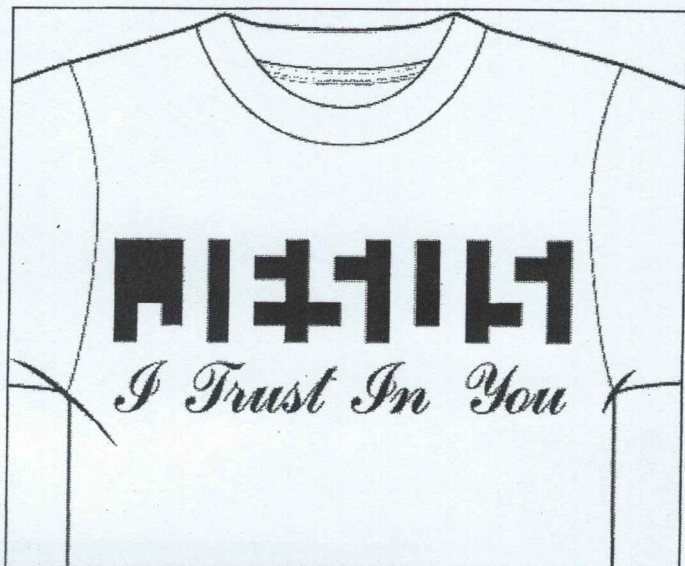
Back in November 2013 when we thought we might have to move, we sought out 'more' monthly benefactors. God heard our prayer and we got many new benefactors who now donate \$20 a month to the ministry. It's as simple as auto-pay from your checking account, or sending us quarterly or once a year donations. In whatever way is best for you, we hope you'll consider becoming a partner with our ministry! Any questions, email or call us! God bless you!

(818-893-7059 or totalinvolvement@gmail.com)

Make copies of our newsletters and share them with others. With the proper approval, you might take some to your church, prayer group, the break room where you work. It's a great way to let other people know of our efforts, as well as to give them the opportunity to live the Gospel. Thanks, we appreciate your help!

PRAYER HOTLINE NUMBER

A monastery of Teresian Carmelites in Worcester, MA has a 24 hours a day/7 days a week 'prayerline' just for you. Founded in 1982, the nuns will pray for any need (specifically) for 30 days continuously. Simply call (508) 581-8947. It's completely confidential. And heh, I won't mind if you ask them to pray for our needs when you call them. For prayer is the least we can do....Thanks to Joan Atvell for sharing this spiritual information with us!



EXTRA thoughts....

- Pray for this month's prisoner
- Read Reminder Box (change of address, etc)
- Send in PRAYER INTENTION slip for Mass
- Stay connected via phone, email, or snail-mail!
- Review number of rosaries we've distributed
- Save us money! Send us your phone/email info
- Be a parish collector of medals/card and send to us!
- Consider making copies and sharing our newsletter!
- Use the prayer hotline: 508-581-8947



Do you receive in the mail various medals, crosses, holy cards, etc. from missionary groups and other religious organizations, and don't really know what to do with them? If so, consider becoming a parish representative to 'collect these items' from other parishioners and sending them occasionally to us for use in our street ministry. The youth are always grateful to have these small tokens of faith and hope. Call for more info: (818) 893-7059
NOTE: There has been a change to this program, so PLEASE call us before sending any packages. Thanks for your support of this program.

REMINDERS

- It takes effort to send our newsletter to you. If you no longer wish to receive it, let us know. Simply call us at (818) 893-7059 and we'll delete your computer record. If you move, please save us money by sending us your change of address EARLY! A penny saved, is a penny for ministry!
- Prayer is VITAL to this ministry. Our director attends DAILY MASS seeking God's direction for the ministry and his personal life. Please join us in asking God to provide for all our needs on a daily basis. are almost 1,300 people in our database, only the newsletter each month. Maybe you have been getting our newsletter each month, but would rather not. We can take care of that quickly, but we need to 'hear from you' in order to adjust our records. By phone, snail or e-mail, simply let us know. We love to hear from you.



In appreciation for your support,

We have the Holy Mass offered the last
Wednesday of every month for YOUR intentions.

Next Mass **March 25th, 2015 8:30 a.m.**

As long as this ministry continues, we'll have Masses said!
Send back your Mass intention slip TODAY!

Praying God's Purposes For your City ©

Waves of Prayer over YOUR city

(from the book of the same name by Ernie Frederick)

Saturating your city with prayer can be done on a daily basis as commuters come into the city for work, shopping, recreations, special events. "Pray as you travel" can be a means of "soaking the city" by sending Waves of Prayer" before you as you drive in cars, buses, trolley, subways, taxis, jitneys into the city, and as you walk to your workplace, mall, store, church, restaurant, service station, bank, hair dresser or barber shop, or other appointments. Here are some suggestions to enrich your city with WAVES of Prayer as you travel into the city to do your activities:

Saturating the City with PRAISE... singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" over the city and 'Crowning Him, Lord of the Government, of the polices, courts, schools, hospitals, businesses, banks, restaurants", Praising Him for His owner provision for the city for His righteous Kingship role over the city, His Fathers protection around the city, for His Shepherd's care in the city.

Blessing the City with God's Goodness...singing 'God is SO GOOD" over the city, good to families, good to the doctors and nurses, good to the teachers, good to radio and TV leaders, restaurant workers. Blessings the neighborhoods of the city with God's peace, the churches with God's grace and favor, the sick, homeless, unemployed with God's care.

Welcoming God's PRESENCE and WORKING in the city... welcoming the Presence and working of God the FATHER... Father we welcome You in the schools of the city today, to care for every child, teacher and administrator.. the presence and working of the SON.. Jesus we welcome You today in the restaurants of the city to build harmony and friendships among those who prepare and serve the food, and those who eat there... The presence and working of the HOLY SPIRIT, we welcome YOU in the TV and Radio stations to pour forth Your love, joy, peace, wisdom, care to all.

Praying Supplications/prayers for God's help for the city... Lord, Our Mayor and City council Need YOUR wisdom, our judges and attorneys need YOUR truth and justice, the construction workers need YOUR skills and safety, our doctors and nurses need YOUR healing power with them and MANY NEED salvation.. Work in them to save them all.

Trust in God

This column is a newsletter regular feature, from the book "MY DAILY BREAD". (by Rev. Anthony J. Paone, S.J. 1954).

CHRIST MIGHT SAY:

Son, all men must have some friend in whom they can place their confidence and trust. Without such a friend you cannot live happily. The more that friend means to you, the greater will be the happiness which he brings you. What human friend can ever mean as much to you as I do? Who thinks of you as much as I do? Consider how much I have done for you, and you will easily understand that I am your truest friend. To neglect Me is to neglect Him Whom you need most and Who lives you most. When you trust in humans without considering My place in your life, you are building on sand. All intelligence, strength, and every good thing are My gifts. Without these gifts you are nothing, and your life is a wasted effort. Your human friends can fail you, at least by their inability to help you in all things. Their judgments can be quite mistaken, and they can lead you astray even when they wish to help you. You will find perfect and unfailing friendship only in Me, and in My angels and saints. Let your greatest trust and confidence be in Me at all times.

THINK:

Humans are so often fooled by appearances. Some people are impressed only by visible results. Their praise is worthless because they fail to see the inner goodness of others. Or again they do not realize how brief are the trials and joys of this present life. Am I that shallow or do I try to follow God's way of thinking? Is my trust in Him shaken by the judgments of worldly minded people? It is never God Who lets me down, but it is I who fail Him. I refuse to trust in Him completely by letting Him govern my daily life as He wishes. As a result I find myself slipping or failing in life's greatest achievement, the daily battle for goodness and holiness.

PRAY:

My God, what greater folly is there than to think that I can manage my daily life without Your guidance and assistance? Yet, on many occasions I do just that. I go about my business without consulting You. You are my surest refuge and my glory, my hope and all powerful Helper. Without You I am truly nothing, and my life is a wasted effort. Only with Your help can I hope to reach Heaven's eternal success. Let me never again waver in my confidence. No person, no thing, no event will ever again share my trust in You. I shall esteem my friends for what they are worth, but never will I think more of them than of You. My loyalty shall be first to Your holy Will and then to all others. Amen.

A penny a minute!

In our ministry, we make it a #1 Priority to always show appreciation for anything that people send to us, for their prayers or donations of whatever kind. Currently, it would cost 49 cents to send a first class letter, so we went to postcards (at 34 cents). Now we have a one-cent a minute phone card, or email to choose from (FREE!)... So, would you consider sending us your EMAIL ADDRESS or your phone number? Neither one will be shared with any outside sources! Just the cheapest way to say THANKS!

March 2015 -Our 27th Year of Ministry- February 2016

Over 201,000 Rosaries distributed!

Although we have been distributing rosaries on and off to the men in prison for a long time, at times, we are NOT permitted to do so. Therefore, any rosaries sent to us, will be distributed to other ministries and activities (street ministry, abortion clinics, etc). We are very thankful to everyone who has sent us (and still does)

To date, we've distributed 201,495 Rosaries!

In God we Trust!

Since our inception in 1989, not one person has even been paid to work for Total Involvement Ministry, and that includes our founder/director who devotes 100% of his time to this cause. This is because of the proposal he made with God when he started the ministry, "I'll give 24/7 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) to serving Your people, and You (God) agree to provide for the necessities of life." God can be trusted for our regular Daily Providential needs. There are different ways that you can help us, but our primary need is always for 'workers for the vineyard' We hope that you'll take the time to reply to this newsletter and let us know how God might be calling YOU to help. Thanks!

Prisoner's Prayer Request: Would you PRAY for them?

Every Saturday, volunteers led by one of our Board Members, visits a maximum-security prison. This is one prayer request that was submitted for your prayers.

For strength and wisdom, and the ability to make the right choices for me and my girlfriend. For my family.. may they be prosperous and forgiving. John P. #404-XXXX

If you would like to consider helping our ministry, EVEN after your entrance into Eternal Life, please consider including Total Involvement Ministry in your 'last will and testament. Contact Tim for details at (818) 893-7059

Don't Sweat the Small Stuff.....
And it's all small stuff!

By: Richard Carlson, PH.D

Take up YOGA!

Like meditation, yoga is an extremely popular and effective method for becoming a more relaxed, easy going person. For centuries, yoga has been used to clear and free the mind, giving people feelings of ease and equanimity. It's easy to do and takes only a few minutes a day. What's more, people of virtually any age and fitness level can participate. I once took a class at the health club that included both a ten year old boy and an 87 year old man. Yoga is noncompetitive in nature. You work and progress at your own speed and comfort level. Although yoga is physical in nature, its benefits are both physical and emotional. On the physical side, yoga strengthens the muscles and the spine, creating flexibility and ease of motion. On the emotional side, yoga is a tremendous stress reducer. It balances the body/mind/spirit connection, giving you a feeling of ease and peace. Yoga is practiced by engaging in a series of stretches, both gentle and challenging. The stretches are designed to open the body and lengthen the spine . the stretches focus on very specific, usually tight and constricted places, the neck, back, hips, legs, and spine. While you are stretching, you are also concentrating, focusing your attention on what you are doing. The effects of yoga are truly amazing. After only a few minutes, you feel more alive and open, peaceful and relaxed. Your mind is clear, the rest of your day is easier and more focused. I used to believe that I was too busy to practice yoga. I felt I didn't have time. I'm now certain that the opposite is true, I don't have time not to practice yoga. It's too important not to do. It keeps me feeling young and energized. It's also a wonderful and peaceful way to spend time with family and/or friends. Rather than watching television together, my two daughters and I often flip on a yoga video and spend a few minutes stretching together. Like meditation, it's easy to find a local class at a community center, the YMCA, or health club. If you prefer to learn from a book, my favorite is Richard Hittleman's YOGA 28 day exercise plan. There are also many fine videos you can learn from as well as a magazine dedicated solely to yoga called Yoga Journal.

Let's get connected!

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