

ANSWERING THE CALL:

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

April 2015

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From The Founding Director: Tim Page

As I approached the intersection to return to my car, there was a vehicle at the curb/corner, where a female was getting out of the car. She had shorts on that truly should be called 'shorts' because they were really that 'short'. Because I see enough 'ladies of the night/morning' working the streets, I can usually spot a suspicious prostitute. Anyhow, the car drove off really fast, and the lady continued walking down the sidewalk. As I was putting things away in my car, I saw that the car side the woman got out and exchanged. I was getting involved, but kept my ears open. Eventually he drove off (at a very rapid speed)... and the woman crossed over to the side of the street that I was on. She was walking 'away' from me, but then turned around, and I decided to say something. "That doesn't seem like a very good relationship to have", and she said, "He's my boyfriend and he hit me"... I don't know if that occurred earlier, or when I wasn't looking, but I said, she could call 911 and report it as domestic violence. She asked if I smoked (she wanted a cigarette) and I said no, (usually I respond sarcastically "Do I LOOK stupid?"), but didn't feel that was appropriate at this time)... She then asked if I had a dollar so she could catch the bus, and I told her I don't give out cash. She said, a word of profanity at this point, and I told her that I was going into the church and that I'd pray for her. It's amazing how many of these people don't seem to have any family and/or friends that they can turn to in a time of crisis. Thank God, we all have God, but it's important that we stay in 'daily touch' with Him, so that when we 'reach out to Him', He will recognize us (not that He doesn't, but you get my idea!)



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

God bless You, **Tim**

Almost 202,000 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 201,645 Rosaries!

2015 Financial Snapshot!

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

February 2015 \$306.67 Above 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)

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,

Never Feel Inadequate

Obey My commands. They are steps in the ladder that leads to success. Above all, keep calm, unmoved. Go back into the silence to recover this calm when it is lost even for one moment. You accomplish more by this than by all the activities of a long day. At all cost keep calm, you can help nobody when you are agitated. I, your Lord, see not as man sees. Never feel inadequate for any task. All work here is accomplished by My Spirit, and that can flow through the most humble and lowly. It simply needs an unblocked channel. Rid yourself of self and all is well. Pray about all, but concentrate on a few things until those are accomplished. I am watching over you. Strength for your daily, hourly task is provided. Yours is the fault, the sin, if it is unclaimed, and you fail for lack of it.

April 15th reflection

Praying God's Purposes For your City ©

Waves of Prayer over YOUR city

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

Your city may have many civil governments functioning within the region, city borough, township, county, state, federal. As the nation of Israel prepared to enter the Lord's Land of Promise, He gave them a principled plan of leadership living for their KING in Deuteronomy 17: 14-20. This instruction provides useful patterns of purposeful praying for us as we intercede for our government leaders in their various positions:

FOR GOD TO guard leaders from the cultural corrupters... self seeking ambitions in POWER grabbing, self seeking promiscuous Sexual life styles, selfish, exploitive accumulation of Money

FOR LEADERS to have their own personal copy of the Bible) ...a church authorized version of the Scriptures in a language which speaks clearly to the leader.

FOR LEADERS to read Scripture as a daily lifestyle... to develop a personal learning relationship with God, to apply Scripture principles in daily decision making.

FOR LEADERS to identify in humility with fellow citizens... to be servants OF the Lord TO the people, to see civil leadership as a gift from God.

FOR LEADERS to establish a heritage of commitment to God's purposes for successors in leadership... to see their legislative call as a link in God's past plan for the government in the city and region, to work their legislative time with the purpose of promoting Godly public policy for future generations.

PRAY for the Government Leaders where you live... List the names of the current government leaders in your area.. Mayor, President of the City council, Governor, State representative and Senator, President and Vice President of the US...

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 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!



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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

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.
- Although there are almost 1,300 people in our database, only 200 people receive 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. Hope to hear from you.

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!

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 A with us!

Let's get connected!

If you have an email address, please send it to us at:
totalinvolvement@gmail.com
Visit us on the world wide web @
www.angelfire.com/la3/totalinvolvement

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!

Update on YOU TUBE video!

Back in July 2014 when we were attempting to 'buy' the house that we had rented for 25 years (but was now going to be sold), a friend, Thomas created a video which was posted to You Tube. You can visit www.youtube.com and search for Total Involvement Ministry or type <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fHreaXPgwRY> and our video will be the #1 viewing (with myself starting the video). Please take a moment if you haven't already and view it. It's a great way to learn about our ministry, to finally 'meet me' face-to-face, and to share with others about our apostolate. To date, we've had almost 500 'hits', and I'd like to see that number increase so that more and more people are aware of our efforts. Although there is the mention of us 'wanting to buy the house that was sold' and we were trying to raise money to do that, the rest of the information in the video is very helpful in learning about our work. Down the road, Thomas will 'update' the video taking out that portion of the video. However, with our move, came some additional expenses and your contributions are always appreciated to continue our good works..

In appreciation for your support,

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

Next Mass April 29th, 2015 8:30 a.m.

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

Don't sweat the small stuff..... And it's all small stuff!

By: Richard Carlson, PH.D

Make Service and Integral Part of Your Life

To become a kinder, more loving individual requires actions. Yet, ironically, there is nothing specific you have to do, no prescription to follow. Rather, most genuine acts of kindness and generosity seem natural, they stem from a type of thinking where service and giving have been integrated into the person's thought process. Several teachers and philosophers that I have learned from have suggested that I begin my day by asking myself the question, "How can I be of service?" I have found this to be useful in reminding me of the multitude of ways that can be helpful to others. when I take the time to ask this question, I find answers popping up all day long. If one of your goals is to be of help to others, you will find the most appropriate ways. Your chances to be of service are endless. Sometimes the best way that I can be of service is to offer my home to a friend (or even a stranger) in need. Other times, it's to give my seat to an elderly person on the train, help a youngster across the monkey bars, speak to a group, write a book, help out in my daughter's school, write a check to a charity, or pick up litter on the road. The key, I believe is to remember that being of service isn't a one-time effort. It's not doing something nice for someone and then wondering why others aren't being nice too, or doing things for us. Instead, a life of service is a lifelong process, a way of thinking about life. Does the trash need to be taken out? If so, go ahead and take it out, even if it's not your turn. Is someone you know being difficult? Maybe they need a hug or someone to listen to them. Are you aware of a charity that is in trouble? Could you possibly give a little extra this month? I have learned that the best way to be of service is often very simply, it's those little, quiet, often unnoticed acts of kindness that I can choose on a daily basis, being supportive of a new endeavor by my spouse, or simply taking the time and energy to listen. I know that I have a long way to go toward my goal of becoming a more selfless person. However, I also know that as I have attempted to integrate service into my life, I have felt better and better about the way I choose to live. There is an ancient saying, "Giving is its own reward." It's really true. When you give, you also receive. In fact, what you receive is directly proportional to what you give. As you give more freely of yourself in your own unique ways, you will experience more feelings of peace than you ever thought possible. Everyone wins, especially YOU!

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.

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!

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...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.

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Trust in Divine Providence

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

CHRIST MIGHT SAY:

My child, everything on earth needs My support in order to continue in existence. Not for a single moment can I withdraw My power from anything. If I did, it would vanish into the nothingness from which I created it. I provide for all things from the moment they begin to exist, so that they may accomplish their purpose. I am the fountain of all good, the Power of all life,, the Depth of all knowledge. To trust in Me is your highest wisdom and deepest consolation. The more you see of earthly consolation, the more you will realize how limited, brief, and imperfect it is. When you have learned to place your main hope and confidence in Me alone, you will enjoy the peace of a pure heart. Do not merely

talk of Me as your one great hope. Prove your sincerity and virtue by a firm trust in My wisdom and assistance, no matter what happens in your daily life. Prove your complete confidence in Me by setting no conditions and making no reservations. Want what I want for you. Prefer My decision for you in all things. I will send only what is best for you.

THINK:

God cannot want anything except what is best for me. He made me only for one reason, to give me the all satisfying happiness which my heart craves. My mistake lies in thinking with a worldly outlook. I do not always realize that the good things of this life are but imperfect reflections of God. They are tiny hints of the good things which God has prepared for those who truly love Him. Hence it is the height of wisdom for me to place my life in his hands and to leave it there. This means that I will do my best each day to live intelligently, seeking what is right and good, and avoiding what is wrong and sinful, I will not be over anxious to get what is beyond my reach, nor will I foolishly fight against what I cannot avoid. God will see that I get what is truly best for me. As long as I am doing what is humanly possible, I may be sure that God will not let me suffer anything which is not good for me in the long run.

PRAY:

Father of mercies, my loving God, to You I lift up my eyes, and in Your hands I place my life with all its cares, labors, duties, joys and sorrows. My trust will always be in You above all else. Let me never displease You by fears, worries, or self pity. You are taking care of Me in all that occurs each day. You love me so much more than I realize. Guide my thoughts, words, and actions this day and every day of my earthly life. I hope to follow your holy Will as it comes to me in lifes daily circumstances and events. Though I must use things to better myself and to solve my problems. I will never rely on them as though they were my only refuge. I want to see You behind everything which I use. I desire to see You leading me on toward eternal glory in all that happens to me this day. Amen.

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.

Thank You Lord for this opportunity to make myself a better person Amen
Bradford T.. #416-XXXX

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