

# ANSWERING THE CALL:

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

## May 2015

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## Quarterly/ Twice a year Issue!

### From The Founding Director: Tim Page

Prior to my birthday in June, my friend in NY called and asked if I had gotten her card. I hadn't, and we were concerned that maybe it got lost. My birthday came and went, and still no card. Months later, my neighbor who bought the house next door that I used to live at, came over with some mail that had been delivered there. I never made an official 'change of address' with the Post Office, because it expires in one year, and any mail sent after that, would be returned to sender, 'forwarding order expired, return to sender' and since the ministry used that address, I would never want anyone who is writing to us for help to get it back, 'undeliverable', so Erik (my neighbor) said he'd just bring over any mail (the occasional piece from someone who didn't know my change of address). Anyhow, inside the card was written the following:

*a bit from year to year as nice as you are what they are, and do. So don't you bit..."* I felt honored of words to encourage me, but hard to believe they were not 'hand written', but the greeting printed inside from the card company. What? Other people deserve to have those words written about them as well? (I joked!)... But my friend had searched out a card that best expressed her views. We joked later about it (I called to tell her that the 'card that was once lost, is now found!)... and she said, "Yeah, in Walmart's there is a card section that says '... for Tim Page, only!'" It's great to be encouraged and loved, and I'm hoping to lead by example of my Boss, the BIG GUY, Jesus Christ!



"Things change year, but people still admired for also what they change single by these choice

We hope that the articles in this simple newsletter will inspire you to contribute to the future years of Total Involvement Ministry. Happy Easter Season (it doesn't last just one day)!

God bless You, *Tim*

### 2015 Financial Snapshot!

January 2015 **-\$675.08 BELOW** expenses ☹️  
 February 2015 \$306.67 Above expenses 😊  
 March 2015 \$385.23 Above expense 😊

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,

## Find the Spiritual

What can I say to you? Your heart is torn. Then remember "He bindeth up the broken hearts." Just feel the tenderness of My Hands as I bind up your wounds. You are very privileged both of you. I share My plans and secrets with you and make known to you My Purposes, while so many have to grope on. Try to rest on these words, "Seek Ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Then strive not for *them* but, untiringly, for the things of My Kingdom. It is so strange to you mortals, you would think the material things first and then grow into the knowledge of Spiritual things. Not so in My Kingdom. It is Spiritual things first and then material. So to attain the material redouble your efforts to acquire the Spiritual.

May 15<sup>th</sup> reflection

Consider Total Involvement Ministry as part of your tithing of your 'First Fruits' back to God this month!



# The Virtue of Charity

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

## CHRIST MIGHT SAY:

**M**y Child, at y our baptism I placed the virtue of charity in your soul, expecting you to develop it after you had reached the age of reason. This is the virtue which causes you to love Me above all things for My own sake. It also enables you to love others for My sake. This virtue is your highest perfection. There is no greater achievement in human life than to love Me, the Supreme Good. No natural love can compare with the supernatural love of charity. Charity loves what is best, and it loves for the highest reason. The man of charity loved Me above all else because I am the Highest Good. Charity makes a man more God-like. You read in Scripture that "God is Love." By charity you become like Me, loving all that is right and good. Charity is the perfection of all other love. It reaches out to My perfect goodness and places Me first among its preferences. Even in his love for created things, the man of charity seeks them because they help him come closer to Me in daily life. He no longer accepts any person, or thing according to his likes and dislikes, but according to their goodness; that is, according to their ability to draw his thoughts and desires more firmly toward Me. He prefers those persons and things which help him please Me most. Develop this holy virtue in your daily life. Do it firstly by keeping My commandments secondly by honoring Me frequently in private prayers, and acts of public worship, thirdly by dealing unselfishly with people for My sake. True, you have to protect yourself against the selfishness and bad will of people on earth, but in so doing beware of being bitter, inconsiderate, or unjust toward them. For My sake wish everyone will, and as far as you are able, help those in need. In this way you will prove that you possess genuine charity in your soul.

## THINK:

**A**t baptism charity was planted as a seed in my soul. As I reached the age of reason and learned of God's holy gift, I was expected to develop it by a continual effort to use it. My efforts plus God's further graces make the seed of charity grow within me. How have I used this precious gift? Without charity all other virtues lose their supernatural value. This means that I cannot gain Heaven until I have learned to practice charity in my daily life. As I advance in this virtue I become more like God, thinking and acting more and more like Him. I must begin today living as Jesus would live this life of mine. In spite of many failures, I must go on trying.

## PRAY:

**M**y God, You desire to make me eternally great. You want me to reflect Your perfection in my daily thoughts, words, and actions. May I begin at long last to be a reflection of Your love in everything I think, say and do. I desire to be patient, kind, thoughtful, helpful, and long-suffering, just as You have been with me, a sinner. In spite of selfish nature, I want to love You as You deserve. In all things let me never forget Your wisdom and goodness, so that I may always consider and follow what pleases you. My model in all this is Jesus, Your Divine Son. He is the model of perfect charity. Let me strive each day to become more like Him and less like myself. 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.

I just hope God helps me during my incarceration and let's me go home soon to my wife and kids. **Martin R.**

**I**f 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

**M**ake 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!

## **Let's get connected!**

If you have an email address, please send it to us at:

[totalinvolvement@gmail.com](mailto:totalinvolvement@gmail.com)

Visit us on the world wide web @

[www.angelfire.com/la3/totalinvolvement](http://www.angelfire.com/la3/totalinvolvement)



## 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

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

By: Richard Carlson, PH.D

## Do a Favor and don't ask for, or expect one, in Return!

This is a strategy that can help you practice integrating service into your life. It will show you how easy it is and how good it feels to do something nice for someone without expecting anything in return. So often, either consciously or unconsciously, we want something from others, especially when we have done something for them, "I cleaned the bathroom, she should clean the kitchen." Or "I took care of her child last week, she should offer this week." It's almost as though we keep score of our own good deeds rather than remembering that giving is its own reward.

When you do something nice for someone, just to do it, you'll notice (if you're quiet enough inside yourself) a beautiful feeling of ease and peace. Just as vigorous exercise releases endorphins in your brain that makes you feel good physically, your acts of loving kindness release the emotional equivalent. Your reward is the feeling you receive in knowing that you participated in an act of kindness. You don't need something in return or even a 'thank you', in fact, you don't even need to let the person know what you have done.

What interferes with this peaceful feeling is our expectation of reciprocity. Our own thoughts interfere with our peaceful feelings as they clutter our minds, as we get caught up in what we think we want or need. The solution is to notice your "I wasn't something in return" thoughts and gently dismiss them. In the absence of these thoughts, your positive feelings will return.

See if you can think of something really thoughtful to do for someone, and don't expect anything in return, whether it's surprising your spouse with a clean garage or organized desk, to give your spouse a break from the kids. When you complete your favor, see if you can tap into the warm feeling of knowing you have done something really nice without expecting anything from the person you have just helped. If you practice, I think you'll discover that the feelings themselves are reward enough.

*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.*

*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](mailto:totalinvolvement@gmail.com))*

## 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 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. We love to hear from you.



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## 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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### In appreciation for your support,

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

Next Mass May 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 @

### Praying for Salvation of your city

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

God wants your city to be saved, and your city needs to be saved! God's purposes are clearly stated in 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:1-4, "First of all I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for ALL PEOPLE... this is good and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desired ALL PEOPLE to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth." Our prayers saturate the city with seeds of God's Word and the soaking of the holy Spirit, who germinated and grows these seeds of God's will into the plantings of His pleasure. As you pray then for the Salvation of your city, pray for:

**A Salvation soaking of God's preparation...** to bless people with a hunger and thirst for righteousness, to magnify the emptiness of sinful self-serving in their lives, to arouse a curiosity for a genuine relationship with God, to convince them of sin, righteousness and judgment, to birth a desperation of NEED for God within them, and to generate authentic heart-life repentance for sin.

**A Salvation soaking of God's revelation...** praying that God reveal HIS passion for personal intimacy with everyone of His creatures (John 3:16), that the seeking, saving grace of Jesus for lost persons like Zaccheus be unveiled (Luke 19:10), praying that Jesus be identified as the "friend of sinners", praying that God's salvation opportunity and His kingship timing to repent and believe be revealed (Mark 1:15) that Jesus' call be clear that

"whoever wants to follow Him, let him deny himself, take up his cross" (mark 8:34), that a gift of faith to trust God be given. (Eph 2:8) and praying that the saving power of God be imparted (Rom 1:16)

**A Salvation soaking of God's purposes...** Praying that persons be saved into God's family (John 1:12), be saved into sonship at heirs (Gal 4:5), become friends with Jesus (Rev 3:20), become crucified with Christ (Gal 2:20), become worshippers of God (John 4:23), become salt and light disciples (Mt 5:13), become witness of Jesus (Acts 1:8), be ambassadors for Christ (II Cor. 5:20).

**Be sure to pray for people in your family and neighborhood to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.**

## 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!

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> Year of Ministry- February 2016

## 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 201,745 Rosaries!