



Once a year Issue!

ANSWERING THE CALL:

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

June 2015

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

From The Founding Director: Tim Page

A Toyota pick up truck was approaching the intersection where I was at (and have been found at every morning) weekdays at least, more or less, for the past 20-25 years as my ministry location, when a 'crumbling' sound was heard from the front end of his vehicle. He hadn't collided with anyone, but it seems something went wrong with his front end, or tires, or axle or something. The point I'd like to share is that 'life was going along nice and smoothly for this guy, when in a matter of seconds, the car came to a screeching halt in just a few seconds and in that time, the vehicle was at a 'dead' stop'. I can compare that to our 'physical life', in that things can be going 'well' and then a tragedy hits us, either physically, or emotionally, or financially, or God forbid, SPIRITUALLY. Our lives can 'end' in a quick few seconds. The question is: If that were to happen to us, would we be READY? The guy asked if I had a cell phone (his apparently wasn't working), but being basically what I feel as the 'only person who DOES NOT own a cell phone, one!) I couldn't offer another guy did. He pulled some and took off manual labor, and less than a half an hour after his vehicle had stopped, he was driving off (slowly I'm sure to find a more permanent fix at a mechanic). We, too can make temporary fixes in our lives, but it's best to make sure, we keep our 'souls' in good running condition EVERYDAY!



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**

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 201,820 Rosaries!

2015 Financial Snapshot!

- January 2015 **-\$675.08 BELOW** expenses ☹
- February 2015 \$306.67 Above expenses ☺
- March 2015 \$385.23 Above expenses ☺
- April 2015 \$106.87 Above expenses ☺

Because of your help, we're staying ahead of expenses for 2015. 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,

Glory, Glory Downeth!

I am planning for you. Wonderful are My Ways beyond your knowledge. Oh! Realize My bounty and My Goodness more and more. The wonder of being led by Me! The beauty of a guided life! These will enter your consciousness more and more and bring you ever more and more Joy. You are very very nearly at the point when you shall ask what you will and it shall be done unto you. You have entered upon a wonderful era, your lives are planned and blessed by Me as never before. You are overcoming. You are counting all things but loss if you can win Me. And the promises to him that overcometh are truly wonderful and will always be fulfilled. June 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.

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The Effects of Charity in Daily Life

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, when true charity fills your soul, it brings many wonderful effects into your daily life. These effects are due to the fact that charity looks for Me in all things. In his desire for a more perfect union with Me, the charitable man seeks to be more like Me in his daily life. Since love always seeks to express itself in some form of self-sacrifice, the charitable man seeks to offer his attention and help to his fellowmen for My sake. Following My words, "You did it to Me," he seeks to serve Me in the people who need his help. The man of charity is patient in many circumstances which arouse others to anger or disgust. He refuses to become impatient because he is keenly aware of My great patience with him and with all sinners. In his love for Me he prefers to reflect My patience and meekness, rather than anger or revenge. When compelled to defend his rights, he does so without harshness or meanness. His kindness brings confidence and encouragement to those who are afraid or down-hearted. Others never hesitate to ask for his assistance because they know that he will not willingly refuse. The charitable man never envies those who have more earthly goods, greater talents, or better success. He is contempt to possess My love and to accept My Will in all things. In his dealing with others he is considerate and fair, because he is not over-eager for his own gain. His love for Me has freed him from all unreasonable ambition and from the vain desire to appear better than others. one whose heart is filled with true charity refuses to judge others rashly.

He prefers to believe good of others rather than evil. When people do him wrong, the charitable man is more pained at the offense to Me than at the harm done to himself. The holy virtue of charity makes one so honest that he can admit the truth, even when it points out his limitations and defects. True charity makes one humble enough to face all facts, even disagreeable ones. These are some of the effects flowing from genuine charity. When this divine virtue is earnestly developed, it fosters many other virtues needed in daily life. The way of charity is the shortest to God because it is the fastest way to Christian perfection. If you strive to develop this glorious virtue in your daily life, you may rest assured that you are walking toward eternal life each moment of the day.

THINK:

The profitable man is the most perfect reflection of God on earth. When he is near, those around him feel a certain awareness of God's presence. His love for God overflows in his soul and touches the hearts of those around him. Being charitable means being a saint. This is the answer to my dreams of success. I can become an eternal success. By my unselfish charity I can draw closer to God in my earthly life, and I can also bring others closer to Him. I can earn the eternal glory of helping others gain Heaven. Through charity I can do most for God, most for my fellowmen, and most for myself.

PRAY:

Dear Lord of Love, You are continually giving Your assistance to me and to all things created. Every moment of existence is a gift from You. I can rise to my highest glory by imitating You. The more I give of myself for Your sake, the more will I resemble You. My greatest proof of love for You will be this effort to become more God-like, since this is Your greatest desire for me. Grant me the grace to favor You in the future as consistently as I have favored myself in the past. Take the place of self in my thoughts, desires, and actions. I ask only that I may never become so rash as to follow my own will, not even in this holy desire to prove my love for You. The higher I aim, the more obedient must I be to my spiritual director. Otherwise, the devil will succeed in drawing me away from You through some foolish extreme. Lord, make me generous enough to try, and humble enough to follow direction in an honest daily effort to give myself entirely to You. Amen.

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.

How are YOU treating Jesus?

Our Church is really great at a lot of things. No one feeds more of the world's hungry and clothes more of the world's naked than the Catholic Church. This is as it should be, because as our Lord Himself declared, 'how we treat people who need us, is how we treat HIM. A sobering thought if perhaps we're not doing all we could. According to Jesus, our very salvation can depend on it! One of the areas in which our Church could really improve, however, is how she visits those in prison. True enough, there are a number of dedicated ministries that seek to meet the spiritual needs of those in prison, but we live in a culture that largely demonizes the imprisoned, and that attitude tends to affect us without our even realizing it. I know this was true in my case... Until I became an inmate, myself! The truth is, I have been blessed far beyond anything I could ever deserve. It was in prison that God brought me out of darkness into His Church. He's shown me that I have gifts to offer to my brothers and sisters that I'd never known I had. But as Blessed Teresa of Calcutta said, "The greatest threat to many is a kind of poverty of affection, of love." In other words, we're lonely. This is especially true for those of us in prison. We are largely cut off from family, many of us completely abandoned by those we held dear. I don't really know how to describe the sense of utter solitude and desolation of heart that one can experience in prison. I am not saying that we shouldn't be punished for our crimes, but can there not also be compassion? It is not practical for most people to physically visit those in prison, but nearly everyone can write to those in prison. This kind of 'visit' takes only a little time and a stamp. You don't have to send money --- ever. You don't have to be a theologian or a saint. Just be a friend. And please, prayerfully considering 'visiting' Jesus in prison! **Joseph** (Soledad Prison)

Praying God's Purposes For your City ©

Prayers for Schools in your city

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

There may be more Humpty-Dumpty hand wringing hopelessness about the problems in schools than possibly any other part of your city's institutions. "All the King's horses (technical expertise) and all the king's men (human resourcefulness)" can't seem to salvage many of these egg-shattered school situations. In the Bible we are exhorted to pray (1) supplications, 2) prayers, 3) Intercession, 4) Thanksgiving for ALL people (1 Timothy 2:1) These are our foundations for praying for school personnel and school functions. As you saturate the Schools of your city with prayer, pray:

Supplications, plead the NEED for God's supernatural Help... what school board members, administrators, teachers, counselor and social workers, students, parents and family caretakers NEED from God.

PRAYERS. for the PURPOSES OF GOD for the schools... Pray God's purpose for classes, for quizzes and exams, homework, for language study, math, literature,

science, physical ed, home ec, arts and music, study time, cafeterias, gymnasiums, and libraries.

Welcoming God's presence and working in the schools... of God the Father as Creator, Maker, Owner, Protector, Provider and Most High. As Jesus the Son as Savior, Redeemer, Teacher, Good Shepherd, and Lord, as the HOLY SPIRIT as Encourager, Illuminator, guide, Uniter, and convincer of sin.

Affirming God's KINGDOM Authority over forces of evil... Declaring God's ownership plan for the school (psalm 24:1) Affirming God's word, evil shall NOT rule the school (psalm 125:3), Inviting God's Kingship rule and righteous will (Matt 6:9-10), and daily 'silencing' the powers of evil in the school (Psalm 101:8)

THANKSGIVING... for school board, administrators, teachers, aids, social workers, cafeteria staff, custodians, parents and students.

Ask God to form a 3-fold prayer cordon of prayers around the schools of your city:... 1) school personnel, 2) parents and neighbors, 3) pastors, the spiritual gatekeepers, in the community where schools are located.

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.

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...

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.

My only prayer desire is for anyone in distress, is that they have faith. Life always gets better! *Unknown*

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

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

By: Richard Carlson, PH.D

Think of your problems as potential Teachers

Most people would agree that one of the greatest source of stress in our lives is our problems. To a certain degree this is true. A more accurate assessment, however, is that the amount of stress we feel has more to do with how we relate to our problems than it does with the problems themselves. In other words, how much of a problem do we make our problems? Do we see them as emergencies, or as potential teachers? Problems come in many shapes, sizes, and degrees of seriousness, but all have one thing in common: They present us with something that we wish were different. The more we struggle with our problem and the more we want them to go away, the worse they seem and the more stress they cause us. Ironically, and luckily, the opposite is also true. When we accept our problems as an inevitable part of life, when we look at them as potential teachers, it's as if a weight has been lifted off our shoulders. Think of a problem that you have struggled with for quite some time. How have you dealt with this problem up until now? If you're like most, you've probably struggles with it, mentally rehearsed it, analyzed it again and again, but have come up short. Where has all this struggle led you? Probably to even more confusion and stress. Now think of the same problem in a new way. Rather than push away the problem and resist it, try to embrace it. Mentally, hold the problem near to your heart. Ask yourself what valuable lessons(s) this problem might be able to teach you. Could it be teaching you to be more careful or patient? Does it have anything to do with greed, envy, carelessness, or forgiveness? Or something equally powerful? Whatever problems you are dealing with, chances are they could be thought of in a softer way that includes a genuine desire to learn from them. When you hold your problems in this light, they soften like a clenched fist that is opening. Give this strategy a try, and I think you'll agree that most problems aren't the emergencies we think they are. And usually, once we learn what we need to learn, they being to go away.

Let's get connected!

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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!

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!

In appreciation for your support,

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

Next Mass June 24th, 2015 8:30 a.m.

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

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 made with God when proposal he started the ministry, "I'll give 24/7 (24 hours a day, 7 days a day, serving Your people, (God) agree to provide 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!

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