

March 2015 ~ Our 27th Year! ~ February 2016

ANSWERING THE CALL:

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

August 2015

Total Involvement Ministry, Inc., 8458 Langdon Ave Unit 4, North Hills, California 91343-6582



Quarterly/ Twice a year Issue!

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 201,870 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 ☺

May 2015 **-\$171.31 BELOW** expenses ☹

June unavailable at time of printing

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)

From The Founding Director: Tim Page

He had been in jail for the past few months, as well as previous incarceration for minor offenses, and that's why I had not seen Jobanny around the neighborhood. I had met him a few years ago, tried to help him get off the streets (homeless), and did what I could. But it wasn't enough, and eventually I told him that there was no more 'free lunch'... That if he wanted help of any kind, he'd have to earn it, in that I wanted to see 'effort' on his part to move forward in improving his life...He's a likeable enough guy (early 20's), but I'm not sure if I can help him. He speaks all the time, about God, about all kinds of things... When he came by recently, I sat and listened to him speak for a straight ½ hour without his taking a breath (or so it seemed) and with only my occasional nodding of affirmation (but not really saying a word)...It was good to see him, and see that he is still alive and doing

the best with what he's been given. While being locked up, he used the time (he says) to improve his life, to learn to deal with some of his issues, and I pray that things go well for him. As I was packing up my stuff from the corner (where I encountered him in the morning), he noticed the holy cards of Jesus (the Divine Mercy) and made a comment as many Protestants do, that the bible says we are not to make 'images'. I suggested that if he took that literally, that any money with Presidents on him, his possession and them to me. There time to go into a with him about 'images' of dead he could give wasn't enough long conversation doctrine and such (he used up the time I had! ☺), but maybe another time. Actually, most people who have these beliefs against our love and devotion to God, the Saints, etc., by using holy cards, and/or statues, don't want to understand. They just want to condemn. God bless Jobanny and all of us on our journey... 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**

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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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,

Not Punishment

I will guide your efforts. You are not being punished for past sins. Take My Words, revealed to you each day from the beginning, and do in all things as I say. I have been showing you the way. You have not obeyed Me in this. I have a plan that can only in this way be revealed. So rarely do I find two souls in union who want only My Will, and only to serve Me. The union is miracle working. I have told you that I am long to use you. Long ago My World would have been brought to Me, had I been served by many such 'two souls'. It was always 'Two and two.'

August 15th reflection

Submission to God's Holy Will

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, I know all things because I made all things and keep them in existence. Whatever powers and abilities are in each person or thing, they were put there by Me. Whatever happens is foreseen, planned, and permitted by Me. My plan seeks your welfare, not just the welfare which your limited intelligence can see, but your truest and most lasting welfare. When you feel like questioning My wisdom, remember what you are and who I am. You are the work of My hands. I gave you the intelligence with which you judge matters, and the will with which you make your choices. If you disagree with My decisions, remember that I see all the reasons which you see and many other reasons which you do not see. All of your thinking is perfectly clear to Me. When I choose differently from you, it is because your choice is not for the best. On every occasion do what you think is best. Whenever necessary ask for My help, but do it with a desire to accept My decision in the matter. End every petition with this perfect ending: "Lord, if this is really good for me, please grant it; but if You decide differently, I want whatever You want." Place your hopes, ambitions, and efforts at My feet. Do your best and leave the rest to Me. I will dispose things for your highest welfare. Never think of talking to your Creator as to an equal. You are the work of My hands, and

without Me you are simply nothing. Your very next breath belongs to Me. It is a gift of mine to you. Speak to Me with the humility of one who acknowledges this truth. I love you. Why are you troubled, as though I did not care about you? Rely on My wisdom and love, and I will bring peace into your heart. Worries and fears will not leave you until you submit yourself to My Will in all things.

THINK:

If I could even imagine my complete dependence on God, I would never find the least fault with his holy Will. He knows and controls all that can possibly happened and all which will actually occur. He needs no advice nor instructions. He wants me to seek good things and strive for whatever improvements seem desirable. He wants me to ask for what I cannot obtain myself. He demands, however, that I do all this intelligently, without preferring my own desires to His wise and holy Will. As long as I have a firm confidence in His love, and a complete submission to His wisdom, I may be sure that He will send only what is best for me.

PRAY:

My Creator, I am truly Your property since You made me and keep me in existence each moment of the day. Yet, You want to deal with me as your child. You are all-knowing and all-wise. Grant me the wisdom of preferring Your holy Will in all things. Of all the harm which can come to me on this earth, the worst is my own disagreement with Your loving plan for me. I here and now place my daily life at Your feet. Do with me as You see fit. I shall use the intelligence You gave me to better myself as far as possible. When, however, my plans and efforts fail, I shall not rebel or complain against You. I cannot desire my own welfare and advantage as wisely as you do, In Your holy Will, I hope to see my greatest success from now on. 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 would ask you to pray for my family that they might walk with You always, and You shall lighten their ways, as they go thru their trials.
Todd

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

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.

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

By: Richard Carlson, PH.D

Get Comfortable NOT knowing

There once was a village that had among its people a very wise old man. The villagers trusted this man to provide them answers to their questions and concerns. One day, a farmer from the village went to the wise man and said in a frantic tone, "Wise man, help me. A horrible thing has happened. My ox has died and I have no animal to help me plow my field! Isn't this the worst thing that could have possibly happened?" The wise old man replied, "Maybe so, maybe not." The man hurried back to the village and reported to his neighbors that the wise man had gone mad. Surely this was the worst things that could have happened. Why couldn't he see this? The very next day, however, a strong, young horse was seen near the man's farm. Because the man had no ox to rely on, he had the idea to catch the horse to replace his ox, and he did! How joyful the farmer was. Plowing the field had never been easier. He went back to the wise man to apologize, "You were right, wise man. Losing my ox wasn't the worst thing that could have happened. It was a blessing in disguise! I never would have captured my new horse had that not happened. You must agree that this is the *best* thing that could have happened." The wise man replied once again, "Maybe so, maybe not." Not again, thought the farmer. Surely the wise man had gone mad now. But, once again, the farmer did not know what was to happen. A few days later the farmer's son was riding the horse and was thrown off. He broke his leg and would not be able to help with the crop. Oh no, thought the man. Now we will starve to death. Once again, the farmer went to the wise man. This time he said, "How did you know that capturing my horse was not a good thing? You were right again, my son is injured and won't be able to help with the crop. This time I'm sure that this is the *worst* thing that could have possibly happened. You must agree this time."

But, just as he had done before, the wise man calmly looked at the farmer and in a compassionate tone replied once again, "Maybe so, maybe not." Enraged that the wise man could be so ignorant, the farmer stormed back to the village. The next day troops arrived to take every able-bodied man to the war that had just broken out. The farmer's son was the only young man in the village who didn't have to go. He would live, while the others would surely die. The moral of this story provides a powerful lesson. The truth is we *don't* know what's going to happen, we just think we do. Often we make a big deal out of something. We blow up scenarios in our minds about all the terrible things that are going to happen. Most of the time we are wrong. If we keep our cool and stay open to possibilities, we can be reasonably certain that, eventually, all will be well. Remember: maybe so, maybe not.

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 August 26th, 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 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 necessities of life."



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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!**

Praying God's Purposes For your City ©

Praying for Businesses

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

Can you envision Business and Company leaders in your city bowing in awesome acknowledgement to God Almighty as the Source of their resources and the Director of their purposes and activities? Can you imagine leaders in YOUR company saying publicly, "Only in the Lord's ways do we know the right principles to do business," and "Only in the Lord's strength is our ability to accomplish what we do in this company? What could God DO in companies whose managers lead daily prayer in their offices?"

Saturating their company with praise and thanks to God... Praising God for the founding vision, skills and resources, as Strengthener of the CEO And managers, for business achievements and successes, for providing good suppliers and customers.

Surround their company with God's Presence and power... Praying for God's rule over the company's daily operations, His rule over managers and their work styles, fir His rule over government regulations, for the Holy Spirits' sensitivity to worker's needs.

Covering their company with God's protection and care... Praying for God's protection over any dishonesty by suppliers, over customers using products, protection for 'outsourcing' and services, for internal company safety.

Bathing their company with God's gracious, just cleansing... for any idolatry of greed among company leaders for any selfish ambition superseding love for people, against any illegal or unethical company activity, for any work conditions that hinder good health, for removal of

exploitive, bitter, unforgiving attitudes, for the elimination of trash talk, gossip, lying, and lust.

Upholding their company with God's supportive strength... Praying for honest, caring relationships among workers, for servant work styles not 'hireling job habits', for creative development of workers and skills, for God's guidance for just conflict resolution.

Praying for Individual needs of company people... Praying for the personal salvation of company workers, family financial concerns of workers, for health needs within families, for family conflicts and special struggles, praying with confidentiality about personal concerns.

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.

How are YOU treating Jesus?

Our Church is really great at a lot of things. No one feeds more of the worlds' hungry and clothes more of the worlds' 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)