

# They're Worth Supporting!



Jesus befriended prostitutes and tax collectors because they needed Him.

Today these individuals are called *gang members*, or *prisoners*, and society often avoids them much like they did the lepers of Christ's time.

Think about your own situation and how you respond to the endless news reports of gang violence with young people convicted of atrocities and sentenced to incarceration.

Most people shut out these terrifying images of youth on the streets in trouble.

In our prisons there are tens-of-thousands of young people who need personal attention and spiritual interaction from those willing to share their faith and hope in God.

At home, in school, and in their neighborhoods these unfortunate young people living in fear and rejection look to **Total Involvement Ministry** for trusting friendships and guidance.



## PRISON MINISTRY

Bringing God's peace to the imprisoned is the primary goal of our prison ministry programs. From praying the rosary, reading the bible, or teaching the faith, our unique charism is effective because of our sincere commitment to the spiritual needs of each prisoner. At Mass the prisoners like to participate in the readings and songs. Some cry; some are deep in prayer; and some just relax with their buddies, and always we sense a positive change in their life.

## STREET MINISTRY

When most people think of street ministry they conjure up images of soap box screamers proclaiming salvation through the word of God. However, our mission is a direct attempt at personal interaction with needy young people in violence torn neighborhoods. Through parish presentations, school seminars, and neighborhood walks we offer young people positive alternatives to a painful life on the streets.



## AWARD-WINNING PROGRAMS

**Total Involvement Ministry** sponsors dynamic award-winning prison ministry and gang intervention programs which bring troubled teens together to pray and learn more about the Catholic faith. After school weight lifting programs, evening tutoring, and outdoor adventures to local state parks offer these young people opportunities to escape from hostile surroundings and experience their faith in

## FRIENDSHIPS AND GUIDANCE

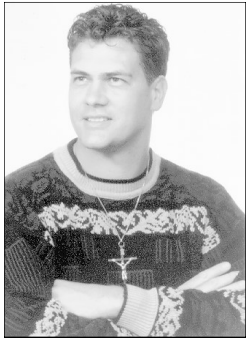
Prevention, intervention, and follow-up are the practical goals of our mission to troubled youth. We accomplish this through our many programs designed specifically to foster a deeper commitment to their faith and build trust in us. Friendships are the most important element of our work and from these caring relationships comes life changing decisions and experiences.



- *"Thank you very much for taking the time to listen to my problems. You're the only person I can talk to like this. I also trust you very much."* Jorge, 17 yrs. old, San Fernando, CA
- *"Your mission, 'I was in prison and you visited me', gives me an opportunity to participate in your very efficacious and meritorious work with gangs and youth in prison."* Ed Becker, Evansville, IN
- *"Thank you for your enthusiasm and commitment in the service of troubled youth. Your deeply religious ideals and high moral standards are an immeasurable asset to our society."* Fr. Rettig, Los Angeles, CA

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## A PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO AT-RISK YOUTH



Timothy J. Page, Founder

We started this mission in 1989 filled with high ideals and hopes of creating a better tomorrow for at-risk youth through Christian outreach.

Today, we maintain that same intense drive and determination as we continually strive to find new ways to

reach youth in-crisis.

Some of the programs that **Total Involvement Ministry** has developed include sports activities, tutoring programs, outdoor adventures, street counseling, and prayer vigils, all bi-lingual and all for troubled youth.

Our programs stress our philosophy to be available when difficult challenges occur in a young persons life and help them by providing a new opportunity for change.

In a supportive spiritual environment, these troubled youth begin to see other options and experience meaningful alternative life styles that will lead them to more productive lives.

It is our mission to fulfill the command of Christ: *"for I was in prison and you visited me"*. Matt. 25:36.

Through our dynamic prison and street ministry programs, we are building a better tomorrow for at-risk youth.

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## ANSWERING THE CALL:

*"For I was in prison and you visited me."*

Matt. 25:36



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is a non-profit, 501c3 corporation  
dedicated to ministering to prisoners,  
gangs, and at-risk youth.