



JAIL & OUTREACH MINISTRY

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JOM REFLECTIONS WHAT'S HAPPENING AT JOM??

Thanks to you we've had a great summer filled with good news. Thank you again and again for your continuing support!

We have assisted with critical needs, sent kids to camp, and families to a baseball game, Our ever faithful volunteers have shared their life and gifts within the Jail Chaplaincy at Oakland County Jail, JOM Outreach Pontiac, and in their local churches, synagogues, temples, mosques, and organizations.



We are tracking our volunteer hours. It's not an exact science...yet...but we have documented 500 hours plus per month at the jail and a similar amount at Outreach. We have 40 group services and events per week in the jail.

Our summer memories are filled with gratitude.

Rosiland Townes is discovering the Jail and Outreach opportunities for ministry. She worked many hours with us and is taking her insights back to her home Church - Christian Tabernacle in Southfield.



Rita Carey and Karen Kerrigan, IHM Associates helped with computer entry this summer.

A Jail Pen Pal Program—"The Visitation"-was instituted by **Faith @ Work Catholic Books & Gifts** in Troy MI. collaborating with various volunteers and JOM/ Oakland County jail chaplaincy.

75 adults and children from JOM had an opportunity to go to a Tiger Baseball Game. Several families participated in the **St Vincent de Paul and CYO youth summer camping.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

As we journey into fall, we:
-assisted with **Back to School.** Back to School is year round at Outreach. Families are displaced and migrating all year round.



-had our **October Volunteer Prayer Breakfast** with special recognition of Captain Wallace, Ann Russell, Martha Limbaugh, and Jim Bridges. Awards were inscribed: *"When a heart beats with compassion, God is present there."* Thank you!!

JOM is preparing for 100+ **Adopt a Family for Thanksgiving and Christmas.** If you would like to Adopt-A-Family for Christmas or Thanksgiving, give us a call. 248-338-9310. (Significant donors have had to make cuts in their donations...sign of the times.)

JOM is preparing for the **Jail Holiday Project** for 1700 residents. Donations welcome.

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In our last issue we focused on schools and restorative practices. This article looks at the faith community. How does a faith community implement restorative practices in relation to the imprisoned?

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Balancing Justice and Mercy... a healing faith community?...a healing congregation? Restorative practices and the imprisoned? "All are welcome..."

by Pierre Flajole

The Prisoner. Can you imagine yourself being charged and convicted of a crime with inadequate resources and representation, and then being sent to jail or a prison? During incarceration you experience humiliation and belittlement. Then, when you are released from jail if you are fortunate, you are given a bus ticket and a few dollars. No one is there to pick you up from the facility. Your family is ashamed and indifferent to you if you want to return home. How do you find a good job with a felony on your record? Well, this is the experience of many returning citizens (ex-cons) leaving a correctional facility. Each year about 650,000 people are released from prisons and jails in the U.S.

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The Stigma. Many of us are ashamed of those who commit crimes in our communities, of family members who are incarcerated. We fear those who have been in prison. Picture the plight of a wife who finds that her husband has been charged with molestation, or having a son who commits a homicide, or is using or selling drugs. Families are devastated by arrest and incarceration.

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The Real Need Today. There is a big need today for Healing Congregations - Faith Communities-to engage in restoring and healing those affected by crime (offenders, victims, and families of both). The faith community can play a unique role to reduce barriers to successful prisoner reentry and reintegration. Engaged faith communities can make families safer and stronger and reduce prisoner recidivism.

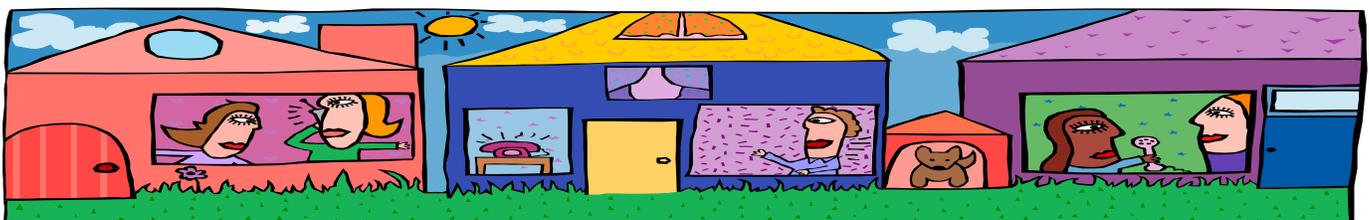
Creating a Healing Community. If each faith community/congregation reached out to two people about to go to prison, then, every person facing incarceration and release would be cared for. Faith Leaders, the shepherds of the flock, have the major call to provide vision and leadership for developing a healing community. Also, volunteers at local churches need to familiarize themselves with the criminal justice process, incarceration and reentry

to engage in restoring and healing those affected by crime

A Resource Guide for Congregations A helpful interfaith guide for Healing Communities is available from the Annie E. Casey Foundation. It is on the Foundation's website. **For more information you can visit this foundation's website at www.aecf.org.**

Using the Resource Guide in your Community If you decide to use this guide with your congregation or a small group, please let us know info@jail-outreach-ministry.com. We would like to have you share your experience with us and others in Oakland county.

Great resource and guides for various faiths is located on the Annie E. Casey Foundation website is: www.aecf.org.



Human Trafficking by Rev Dr. Bonita Lauderman

“Twenty-seven million slaves exist in our world today.”

Unfortunately, when most people in the United States hear about slavery, this still seems to be a foreign topic. We are lead to believe that great abolitionists like William Wilberforce and Abraham Lincoln legislated slavery away over 200 years ago in this country.

The unfortunate fact is that this is not true, and today, with the numbers of trafficked individuals in the United States rising, it becomes even more important for churches and individuals that are driven by the Great Commandment and Great Commission to step up to address this modern day tragedy.

At the heart of this issue for most American churches and individuals is the need for awareness about this problem.

Christians and all faiths need to know that human trafficking is happening not just across the ocean but in the heartland of America and on the streets of our cities...yes even Pontiac.

Statistics tell many stories. Their details show the extent of this issue.

Michigan and northwest Ohio are considered hot spots for human trafficking because of their proximity to the Canadian border.

Human trafficking web sites are filled with glaring statistics like:

- Every minute 2 children are trafficked.
- Human Trafficking is the world’s largest criminal enterprise, with drugs. (U.S. Department of State). It would be ranked about 230 on the Fortune 500 list of economic enterprises near Disney, Coca Cola and Mazda.
- The illegal industry of worldwide, human trafficking generates about \$9.5 billion dollars each year. (Trafficking in Persons Report, 2005)
- Approximately 80 percent of human trafficking victims are women and girls, and up to 50 percent are minors. (U.S. Department of State).

At first, it may seem like addressing an issue so large might be too big of a challenge. But through much prayer and knowing God, you can rescue one victim at a time...leading one victim at a time to freedom and the saving and redeeming love of Christ Jesus.

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You can be His light in the darkness where He has called each one of us to go. “For at one time you were darkness...but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.” Ephesians 5:*



For 27 years Rev. Bonita has been Women and Children’s Pastor and is currently a Chaplain with the Oakland County Sheriff in the city of Pontiac , as well as, working with the Haven.

Rev Bonita is a member of The **Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force** which is made up of over 90 member agencies consisting of Federal, State, and local law enforcement, service providers, NGO's, prosecutors, and community members.

“Some observers speculate that, within ten years, human trafficking will surpass drugs and weapons trafficking to become the most profitable criminal activity in the world”, Bishop Sanchez-Sorondo.



JOM SEASONAL PROJECTS - VOLUNTEERS, CHOIRS - SINGING GROUPS-DONATIONS

JOM FAMILY THANKSGIVING Distribution begins at Outreach—

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20. We hope to assist 100 families. If you would like to Adopt-a-Family for Thanksgiving or Christmas give us a call. 248-338-9310



BEGIN PREPARATION OF JOM JAIL Package for inmates at Oakland County Jail-MONDAY DECEMBER 9 Preparation at Outreach—starts Monday December 9, 2013 in the afternoon at the JOM Outreach Center. Pick up of materials at collection sites is in the morning.

JOM Jail PRE-Packaging at Outreach—TUESDAY DECEMBER 10

(ALL DAY/TIL FINISHED) - Volunteers needed; We are pre-packing items for 1700 packages at JOM Outreach.

JOM Assembling of Packages for inmates at Jail —

SATURDAY December 14 9:30 AM until finished (registration required)

Meet at Jail Building 1201 N Telegraph -BLDG. 10 East -Employee entrance and parking.

JOM Choirs at the Jail—SATURDAY DECEMBER 14 —6:30 PM—9:00 PM

(meet at assigned locations—registration required—)

PRO-FOOTBALL PLAYER VISITS OAKLAND COUNTY JAIL by Milton Hill

A former pro football player and champion weight lifter, Jeff Neal from **Pro Share** and his advocate Doug Howard from Adrian, visited the jail on Saturday May 18.

Jeff Neal spoke about the challenges in his life and the life changing events he had experienced. The jail residents listened intently as he spoke. He used the word of God to guide the men through their own challenges and encouraged them by telling them of God's Grace. He told how God's Grace can convert a multitude of sins and how His mercy is renewed every day. Jeff closed each session by asking everyone to join him in prayer. He asked those who didn't know the Lord as their personal Savior and those that felt they needed forgiveness to raise their hands. He led each group in a prayer of repentance and asked God to come into their heart.



The women residents shared in the services and were inspired by Jeff's message. Jeff declared that our righteousness has become ours and that's what makes a difference in a person's life.

In the East Annex Building of the jail, a significant number of men were able to take part in the services. Every man seemed very interested and Jeff continued with the same powerful message of repentance and forgiveness. He also led them in the same prayer, asking the Lord to take over their life. It was a very successful and enriching experience for all those present. Hopefully, we will meet those men and women who made commitment and with support in our local churches and communities they will be able to live the promise now and into hereafter.

Thanks to Pro-Share, Jeff Neal, Doug Howard, as well as, our volunteers Milton Hill and John Mittelstadt, Lt McClellan and the Oakland County Sheriff's Office for supporting this program.

Jail Holiday Project

PREPARING ITEMS FOR JAIL

HELP NEEDED!

- **MONDAY DECEMBER 9 AT**
JOM OUTREACH SORT ITEMS
EARLY AFTERNOON
- **TUESDAY DECEMBER 10**
SORT ITEMS JOM OUTREACH -
9:30AM TIL 4:30PM
- **DECEMBER 11** SORT ITEMS
CALL TO CHECK PROGRESS
248-338-9310
- **SATURDAY DECEMBER 14 JAIL**
ASSEMBLE ITEMS FOR THE
HOLIDAY BAG **AT THE JAIL**
9:30 AM TIL FINISHED
USE **NORTH DOOR OF MAIN JAIL**
EMPLOYEE ENTRANCE
& PARKING LOT
REGISTRATION NEEDED.

Jail and Outreach Ministry is a charitable 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. This means that Jail and Outreach Ministry is able to provide donors with tax-deductions for contributions and donations.

**DONATIONS PAYABLE TO: JOM OR
JAIL AND OUTREACH MINISTRY**

JAIL CHOIRS –BAND-SINGING GROUPS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14TH AT 6:30PM
ASSEMBLE AT DESIGNATED
LOCATION WITH CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE
REPRESENTATIVE

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

IF YOU ARE MAIN JAIL OR ANNEX CHOIR
WE NEED TO USE EMPLOYEE ENTRANCE
AND PARKING LOT LOCATED ON
NORTH SIDE OF MAIN JAIL.

A CHAPLAINCY REPRESENTATIVE WILL
MEET YOU WHEN YOU ENTER THE
EMPLOYEE ENTRANCE

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JOM FAX: 248-338-2695

JAIL PHONE: 248-858-5475

JOM OUTREACH: 248-338-9310

CELL PHONE: 248-770-5198

JOM OUTREACH

building for pre packing December 9-12 is located
at 46352 WOODWARD AVE

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LOCATED IN ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH -ST
DAMIAN PARISH CENTER

PROPERTY NEAR GYM / SOUP KITCHEN

East side of Woodward-South of Orchard
Lake between Cottage and Whittemore Streets-
first parking lot after Cottage Street

We are the 2 story brick bldg. facing Woodward.

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Clergy Clearance and Visiting Oakland County Jail

Clergy Clearance

The jail visitation desk uses the Directory of Churches prepared by the Metropolitan Christian Council as a basis for clergy entering the jail to visit a member of your faith community. Changes need to be updated through the Council 313-870-9550 or e-mail: Councilweb@sbcglobal.net.

How/Why to get listed in the Directory of Churches ?

Many denominations and communions update all their church listings annually. Other faith groups and denominations have to do the updating individually before October. This usually becomes urgent when you are trying to visit a member in jail. Plan ahead. 313-870-9550

Tips on Security

- Send materials directly from *publisher*.
- No staples or hard back books allowed
- All Religious materials need to be cleared and delivered through the *Chaplains' Office*
- Bring *Picture ID*
- Be prepared to place *all personal items* in a locker

Clergy visiting a family member or relative

If you are visiting family/relatives, you are required to visit as a FAMILY MEMBER in a Jail Setting within *FAMILY times and guidelines*.
248-858-1800 Prisoner Information

Professional Clergy listed in Directory of Churches

Family Visitation is not the same as a professional visit with a member of your local church / faith community. If you are listed in the Directory of Churches you will only need to:

- check on inmate location
- clergy times for visiting.
Call 248-858-1800 Prisoner Information
- Picture ID is mandatory.

Professional Clergy not listed in Directory of Churches

Clergy / Faith Representatives needing to visit and NOT LISTED in the Directory of Churches need to Contact: Martha Limbaugh and / or the Chaplains' Office 248-858-5475

DIRECTORY

Chaplains' Office— OCSO

1201 North Telegraph Bldg. 10 East
Pontiac MI 48341
248-858-5475 Office
248-975-4390 Fax

Prisoner Information and
Family Visitation Times

WWW.OAKGOV.COM/SHERIFF
Or 248-858-1800
Jail Counseling
248-858-1731

JOM Outreach Center

Monday, Thursday

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Rabbi David Nelson

Jewish Representatives

Rabbi Ari Kostelitz
Rabbi Raphael Eisenberg
248-547-7970

Sajid Sayed, Muslim Representative
248-858-5475 Jail Office

Other faith groups, please contact:
248-858-5475 Jail Office

