



# JAIL & OUTREACH MINISTRY

Oakland County MI  
Jail Chaplaincy

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## JOM Reflections

### Are Restorative Practices operative in your local school - community-Family?

In June we were invited to share some ideas about restorative justice, especially in relation to restorative practices within families and schools. Pierre Flajole represented JOM at a meeting sponsored by First United Methodist Church in Farmington. An example cited by Pierre is implemented in the Hamtramck School system. Hamtramck Schools have implemented restorative practices. There is a trained Restorative Practices Coordinator in each school. The RP Coordinator is hired at each school and trained by the **International Institute for Restorative Practices in Bethlehem PA**. Restorative Practices is proven to reduce misbehavior, bullying, violence, crime, and improve the learning situation. An example from Hamtramck is a 15 year old Bengali boy. *"I got into an altercation with another boy. We did a circle on how to restore the problem. We talked about what happened, then apologized and shook hands. Teachers and students and brothers and parents were there. Me and the other boy are friends now. Other schools just kick you out."* From JOM'S perspective, Pierre's presentation about the work of Restorative Practices is a meaningful expression of our Mission Statement. Thanks to Rev Carolyn Wik and her community for inviting JOM to participate in this meeting at her Church.

## JOM Families



Our Spring Easter Baskets for families were a glorious sight and brought joy to the season for many folks! Thank you to schools, churches, organizations, and individuals. In this Newsletter, we are preparing for Back to School, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

**JOM FAMILIES** Recently, we asked the Thomas Family to share their experience of JOM Outreach. In this issue, you will read their words and see pictures which show mom receiving a Master's Degree and all the family serving others. It with deepest sympathy that we tell you that the father of this family died in a traffic accident on the way home from work on August 6th. Please hold them in prayer.



### SUMMER CAMP

Partnering with St. Vincent DePaul Society and Camp Ozanam, children had a chance to participate in three different camping experiences; 1) Traditional Camp, 2) Adventure Camp and 3) Loving Arms Camp. JOM had several registered children for six (6) days of adventure, hiking, sleeping in a teepee, canoe Black River and cooking meals

## Who's New at JOM ?

### New volunteers

Thank you to **Barbara Bolton** from Kensington Community Church. Barbara joined us at JOM Outreach on Tuesdays. She called and met with families to invite and encourage each of them to participate in the St Vincent de Paul Society summer camp experience.

Welcome to **Sister Esther LeDuc, IHM** from Christ the Redeemer Parish. Esther lived and worked in St Louis MO for 30 years. Sister Esther is a clinical social worker, as well as, a teacher. Sister Esther is our JOM Outreach pastoral / resource coordinator. She can be reached at the JOM Outreach Office Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 AM-2:00 PM.

Our summer Jail Intern from Sacred Heart seminary diaconate program is **Paul Nickels**. In preparation for his summer experience, Paul had the opportunity to participate in the March orientation sessions. During the summer he visited men and women inmates in the jail, became aware of various requests and needs, as well as, practice reflective listening with all. Thanks to Paul and Marlene Appledorn. Marlene is our JOM intern supervisor.

**JOM FAMILIES**....an expression of thanks to all who share in this ministry- jail and outreach.

A reflection of thanksgiving written by the Thomas Family for JOM Outreach support when most needed....

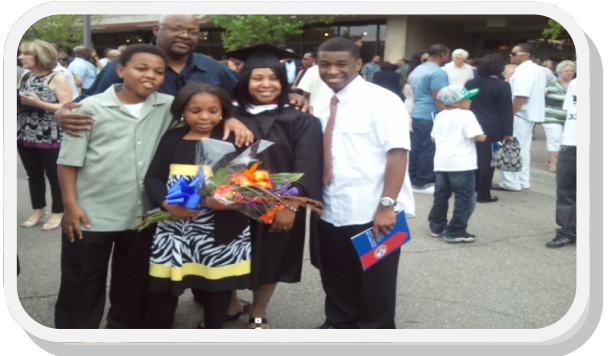
**“Your Gifts Mean More.....**

*We thank God for the blessings He bestowed upon us and the angels He sent our way. It seemed just as times got hard and we had no one to turn to, those outreach angels showed up providing a way through the rough times. A mom and dad held their heads up high because they were given the resources to put smiles on their children’s faces at important times in their lives. Our children were exposed to camping opportunities, school supplies/books, and words can’t express the smiles on their faces when they opened presents and gifts from Santa and the Easter Bunny. Although the latter things all seem materialistic, they provided so much needed assistance for a growing family struggling to meet their basic developmental needs. For each season, it seemed as though just when we were down to our last, the outreach helped us to make ends meet. Our family was provided with nourishment, and how awesome were the examples to guide us to the joy of giving. We have grown from being connected to angels that have counseled us spiritually, supported us financially and partnered with us to get to the next phase in our life. We are blessed to be able to say that the struggle is over, we’re graduating and doing what you showed us is the right thing to do, give back!”*



Thank you &  
God Bless You,

The Thomas  
Family



The Thomas family lost Aaron, husband and father, on August 6th. He was killed in a motorcycle accident on the way home from work. Let us continue in our prayer and support, now, and in the future.

**JOM Meets with Rabbi Michael Moskowitz**



Rabbi Michael Moskowitz, President of the Board of Rabbis in Michigan and Rabbi of Temple Shir Shalom, West Bloomfield, MI accepted JOM’s invitation to meet on April 17, 2012 with JOM representatives: Mary Beth Schniederma, Rabbi Ari Kostelitz, and Shirley Townsend. The JOM volunteers shared with Rabbi Moskowitz information about JOM mission and ministry and operations of jail and at outreach. In reflecting on needs, Rabbi Ari Kostelitz followed up with what he does to help Jewish inmates upon their release and gave an example of how he invited a newly released inmate over to his home for a meal.

Rabbi Moskowitz shared with the JOM representatives more specific information regarding the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit which is the Detroit Jewish Community's central philanthropic organization with links to local Jewish social service agencies, camps and schools. Rabbi Moskowitz reassured us that he would take our information and concerns to share with the Board of Rabbis. All of us appreciated the opportunity to come together to strengthen our bond and collaboration, as well as, share our common concerns for victims, offenders, and families of both.

## “Think Twice” Ministries comes to Oakland Jail



Guy Earle of “Think Twice”, Doug Howard of “Helping Hands” Adrian, Mike Smith of HCCS & JOM, and John Earle of “Think Twice”

Former NFL/CFL Football Players Guy & John Earle challenge all of us to "Think Twice!" These unique twins bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ alive with their passion, drive and boldness! The high energy messages are intertwined with Biblical truth and life experiences from the field of football. They know that people are faced with decisions each and every day, and through the message of Christ, always challenge their audience to “Think Twice!” They met with small groups in Oakland County Jail during May.

Mike Smith, one of our volunteers in Jail & Outreach Ministry sums up their presentations in this way: *“Guy and John Earle, through the Holy Spirit, moved men, women and young people to tears as they presented the powerful message of developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We can make millions, be 'superstars', be on television, radio, in newspapers and the movies, but until we fill that emptiness - that 'void in the human heart' - in knowing Him, we are still unsatisfied and empty. Only after developing a relationship with Him, can we experience the very real and true joy of living and truly being alive. This is the message that was delivered to the men and women at the Oakland County Jail in Pontiac and to young people at a private juvenile services facility in Detroit.*

*These two men came from Texas for a weekend in May to share some of their life experiences that led them to Jesus in hopes of sharing with others so that they too could come to know Him. “*

Special Thanks to “Think Twice Ministries” , Guy and John Earle, Doug Howard of “Helping Hands in Adrian MI, and our own Mike Smith for creating this opportunity at Oakland County Jail in Pontiac MI.

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## Spotlight on .



Forgiveness...“To



forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.” **Lewis B Smedes**

“Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.”



**Mark Twain**

“Without forgiveness there is no future.... However, when I talk of forgiveness I mean the belief that you can come out the other side a better person. A better person than the one being consumed by anger and hatred. Remaining in that state locks you in a state of victimhood, making you almost dependent on the perpetrator. If you can find it in yourself to forgive then you are no longer chained to the perpetrator. You can move on, and you can even help the perpetrator to become a better person too.”

**Bishop Desmond Tutu**

“The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.” **Mahatma Gandhi**

In the Jewish faith, if a man offends someone else, only the offended person can forgive him. The offender must go and ask for forgiveness. If it is withheld, he should go again, later, and ask. If it is withheld again, he must go once more to ask for forgiveness. If it is refused him a third time, then the person withholding the forgiveness bears the blame.

**The Power of Forgiveness**



*Justice...heals*

## **JOM Mission Statement**

Jail and Outreach Ministry is an all inclusive ministry organization. We serve and minister to all individuals affected by crime– victims, offenders, families.

We provide hope and healing through an approach to the total person that encompasses quality care, attention to individual spirituality, emotional well being, and human dignity.

## **Jail and Outreach Ministry**

- **JOM is a non profit organization.** Jail and Outreach Ministry is a charitable 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization. This means that Jail and Outreach Ministry is a charitable organization and is able to provide donors with tax-deductions for contributions and donations.
- **JOM is all volunteer.** We have hundreds of volunteers working within Jail and Outreach Ministry. We oversee the Jail Chaplaincy office. The jail has 1700 inmates on a daily basis. At Outreach we are responding to emergencies, information and referral, as well as, encouraging hope and healing. We are always in need of volunteers. We need volunteers in both offices: jail and outreach. Some items can be accomplished from home or school.

Some examples of volunteer opportunities:

- computer input
- folks on-call to pick up donations from churches & organizations
- website and social network development
- grant writing
- communications-writing, photography, letters, mailings,....
- assist and on-going development of information and referral
- assist in developing an inter-faith training manual and materials
- assist in encouraging businesses to donate to various seasonal projects and events
- hospitality at the Outreach Center
- phone messages
- prayer for the victim, offender, families, and all working with them

These are just a few examples. If you would like to volunteer, give us a call.

All gift/s and giftedness is welcome!



### **DONATIONS/ CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

**JOM or Jail and Outreach Ministry c/o Peggy Devaney, IHM**

46352 Woodward Ave PO Box 1366

Pontiac MI 48343-1366

OR

**c/o Martha Limbaugh**

1201 North Telegraph # 10 East

Pontiac MI 48341

**JOM SEASONAL PROJECTS—2012**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—CHOIRS NEEDED—DONATIONS NEEDED**

**MARK THE DATE(S)**

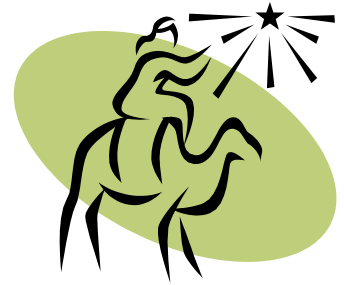


**BACK-TO-SCHOOL**

Donations are needed at Outreach office. Please contact Shirley Townsend or Esther LeDuc, IHM at (248) 338-9310, if you have additional questions or concerns.



**JOM THANKSGIVING—**  
DISTRIBUTION AT OUTREACH—Monday, November 19  
If you are interested in adopting a family please contact, Shirley Townsend or Esther LeDuc, IHM at (248) 338-9310



**Christmas is Coming !!!**  
**JAIL ON DECEMBER 15**  
**FAMILIES ON DECEMBER 21**

**THE WEEK BEFORE THE JAIL HOLIDAY PROJECT**

**JAIL ITEMS COLLECTED BY DECEMBER 10TH AND PRE-PACKED DECEMBER 10TH-12TH  
(DECEMBER 13TH IF NOT FINISHED)**

**JOM Jail Package for inmates at Oakland County Jail** Preparation at Outreach—starts Monday, December 10th in the afternoon at the JOM Outreach Center.

**JOM Jail PRE-Packaging at Outreach—December 11-12 2012** (ALL DAY/TIL FINISHED) - Volunteers needed; We are pre-packing items for 1700 packages at JOM Outreach. Building closest to Cottage Street inside St Damien Parish Hall.

**JOM OUTREACH LOCATION:**

JAIL AND OUTREACH MINISTRY  
46352 WOODWARD AVENUE, PONTIAC, MI 48342  
(ST. DAMIEN (FORMERLY ST. Vincent DePaul Complex))

**JOM Assembling of Packages for inmates at Jail —Saturday, December 15, 2012—**  
9:30 AM until finished (registration required) Meet at Building 10 East. Parking in Employee N lot & Use employee Entrance.

Oakland County Sheriff Department Campus  
1201 North Telegraph Road, Bldg, 10 East  
Pontiac, MI 48341

**JOM Choirs at the Jail—December 15, 2012—6:30 PM—9:00 PM** (meet at assigned locations—registration required and ID) Choirs will be notified of their location.

**YOUR HELP & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

SOME ITEMS ARE PURCHASED- **CHECKS PAYABLE:**

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**JAIL PROJECT ITEMS**

**QUANTITY 2000**

Soft covered Bibles, Candy Canes, Bookmarks, Prayer Cards, Playing Cards, Combs, White Socks, Bar Soap, Shampoo, Pads of Paper

**QUANTITY 6300**

Stamped Christmas Cards for residents to send to their children and families

**Quantity 300**

Board Games



**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 fax 313-831-2009 or e-mail: [Councilweb@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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

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**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

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248-975-4390 Fax

**Prisoner Information and**

**Family Visitation Times**

**WWW.OAKGOV.COM/SHERIFF**

Or 248-858-1800

**Jail Counseling**

248-858-1731

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Rabbi Raphael Eisenberg

248-547-7970

Sajid Sayed, Muslim Representative

248-858-5475 Jail Office

Other faith groups, please contact:

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