



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 support! We have assisted with critical needs, sent kids to camp,

families to baseball games, and assisted with Back to School.

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.



FR FRANK NOW...BISHOP FRANK

For several years, Fr **Frank Kalabat** has come to the jail once a week. He meets with inmates, especially, those requesting the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Those of us familiar with Fr Frank through jail ministry, know that, he is a man of God that exudes a deep love of life, joy of the gospel, a listening and merciful heart. He encourages his local community to volunteer within the jail to meet with those who are often forgotten and abandoned. Continued blessings! By the way, he intends to keep coming to the jail as long as his schedule permits.



One of the **CYO teen campers** asked his mom to get the dates for *Camp next year*. As far as he is concerned, it is the greatest experience of his life. Summertime experiences open up new directions....

A mom, her teen son, daughter, and grandparents sent a video text from the **Tiger game...Havin a**

ball! Thank you so much...(Tigers won that evening)

Our **Volunteer Appreciation Prayer Breakfast** in October recognizes several of our jail volunteers. **Receiving our thank you and recognition this year:**

- * **Tony and Lisa Brown.** They are members of the River Church in Holly and the Hogs in Ministry (H.I.M.) Motorcycle group. They are on call to serve wherever the need.
- * **Pam Daly** is being recognized and a member of H.I.M. and the River church. She works with women struggling with addiction, Christian groups, coordinating scheduling, and assisting in the Office.
- * **Mary Beth Schneiderman** is a member of Holy Name Church and creates Bible Studies and groups in the jail to study and pray the **Life Recovery Bible**. Mary Beth works to receive donations for the **Life Recovery Bible** and many crucial needs of women recently released.
- * **Pastor Richard Blue** is working with jails and prisons and missions over the past 42 years.

"When a heart beats with compassion, God is there."



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Pro-Football Player, Jeff Neal, Visits Oakland County Jail ...by Milton Hill and Jim Jenkins



Jeff Neal, Peggy Devaney, IHM, and Doug Howard

Lately, we are hearing about professional football with descriptions of domestic violence policy. Elevator videos will not let us cast aside reality. Hopefully, the focus on domestic violence and professional football will help our country to come to a new awareness and response to the cycle of violence in our midst. Our attitudes need to change and perhaps this football moment will help all of us to change.



Each year, we are blessed with a pro-football player coming to share his faith and values with groups of those incarcerated within the Oakland County Jail. In May, Jeff Neal, a professional football player was in Michigan for several hours and spent his day at the jail. Jeff is a former pro-football player and champion weight lifter.

Jeff Neal is from Pro Share and his advocate and sponsor is Doug Howard from Adrian. They visited the Jail on Saturday, May 31. When Jeff met with the first group of men in the jail, Doug gave a brief introduction about Pro-Share and his Adrian organization. After his brief introduction, Jeff began his Christian witness in which he spoke about how sin can take a hold of our life. He talked about Jesus paying the ultimate price for our sins. Jeff also made the point of how righteousness cannot be earned, but God's salvation is only received. Jesus is our Savior.

When speaking with the second group in the jail, Jeff gave his testimony on how he became a football player and shared God's message to people he would meet. He said that we are all sinners regardless of who we are. People often think just because a person may go to church they are saved. In actuality, going to church doesn't mean that you are saved. Jeff spoke of the scripture John 3:5*a person must be born again to be saved*. Jeff then asked everyone the question "*if you were to die today, would you go to heaven*?" One by one by the raising of the jail residents hands, Jeff would lead each one in prayer and ask for forgiveness of their sins. The men's sincerely appreciated that Jeff came to jail to be with them and listened intently to his message and testimony. Jeff Neal and Doug Howard are authentic and inspire others

NEW PUBLICATION: RACE AND PUNISHMENT: RACIAL PERCEPTIONS OF CRIME AND SUPPORT FOR PUNITIVE POLICIES

"white Americans' strong associations of crime with blacks and Latinos are related to their support for punitive policies that disproportionately impact people of color."

This report examines how racial perceptions of crime are a key cause of the severity of punishment in the United States. ***Race and Punishment: Racial Perceptions of Crime and Support for Punitive Policies***, authored by Nazgol Ghandnoosh, Ph.D., research analyst at The Sentencing Project, synthesizes two decades of research revealing that white Americans' strong associations of crime with blacks and Latinos are related to their support for punitive policies that disproportionately impact people of color.



Tom Naemi- A Man Restored

"An Evangelist and Healer "... written by Pierre Flajole

This is the story of God's activity in the life of Tom Naemi. It is the story of how God found Tom bound in chains, his unchaining Tom, and sending Tom home to be an Evangelist and Healer. Wow! It's an incredible story! Tom is our guest Speaker at the annual meeting of the Oakland County Jail and Outreach Ministries.



"in darkness, behind prison walls...in the orange jump suit"



CHOSEN TO HEAL by Laura Wright

Sent to Prison in May, 1990

Shown in the orange jump suit in the below photo is an unrecognizable Tom in darkness, behind prison walls. What led Tom into prison was pride, arrogance, rage, threats, brutal business competition, and fire bombs. Tom was in essence sentenced to life in prison.

Restoration Starts

The first ten years in prison were filled with anger and resentment. The newspaper recounts: *"as prison volunteers visited and spoke to Tom they encouraged him to seek to forgive the people he hated, which began, slowly but surely, to move him toward forgiveness and healing"* (MCN 5-14-2014). As Tom was becoming restored, his prison sentence and security level were reduced. One night in prison Tom gave his life to Jesus.

The Jesus Dreams

In prison in 1999 several incidents happened that indicated that God had a much bigger plan for him. Tom began having unusual dreams of people needing prayer and healing. The dreams were confirmed when Tom made phone calls and prayed; people were healed.

Prison Evangelist

On March 10, 1999 God had told Tom to pray for a fellow inmate who had an injured wrist. While subsequently watching TV with some inmates, this man complained of an injured wrist. Tom, even though being laughed at, asked the inmate if he could pray for him. The man's wrist was healed the next day. Tom was also instrumental at having Mass for Catholics scheduled in the prison facility

Go Home and Tell

On Nov 15, 2006 Tom was released from prison after 15 years and 11 months of incarceration. At home Tom began speaking about how God gave him a heart transplant in prison, teaching bible classes at Chaldean parishes around the city of Detroit, and speaking at the Eastern Catholic Evangelization Center (below left).

"Tom began speaking about how God gave him a heart transplant in prison"



Also, people began coming to him to be prayed over (God does the healing). Tom states "I've seen God heal everything, but he doesn't heal them all." Tom's healing ministry has been noted in the recently published Book **"Chosen to Heal"**, cover of book shown in above right photo.

To read Tom's full testimony, go to his website at <http://jesuslightoflifeministries.com/home.html> or check out his Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/tom.naemi>.

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



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

JOM FAMILY THANKSGIVING

Distribution begins at Outreach- **WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19**. 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



DETAILS ON THE CHRISTMAS AT THE JAIL PROJECT.

BEGIN PREPARATION OF JOM JAIL Package for inmates at Oakland County Jail-
MONDAY DECEMBER 8 Preparation at Outreach—starts **Monday December 8, 2014** in the afternoon at the JOM Outreach Center.

Pick up of materials at collection sites is in the morning of December 8.

JOM Jail PRE-Packaging at Outreach—TUESDAY DECEMBER 9

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



JOM Assembling of Packages and need for Choirs during Jail Project

SATURDAY December 13 9:30 AM until finished with packages (registration required) Meet at Jail Building 1201 N Telegraph –BLDG. 10 East – Employee entrance and parking.

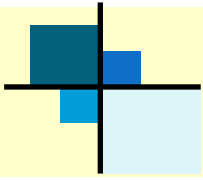
JOM Choirs at the Jail—SATURDAY DECEMBER 13 6:30 PM—9:00 PM (meet at assigned locations—registration required)

DETAILS ON THE ADOPT-A- FAMILY PROJECT CHRISTMAS PROJECT

We receive Adopt a Family donations in December. Usually, we have about 100 families that churches, individuals, organizations, and various groups adopt.

We distribute the gifts during the week before Christmas
through the JOM Outreach Office.





Jail Holiday Project

PREPARING ITEMS FOR JAIL

HELP NEEDED!

- **MONDAY DECEMBER 8th AT JOM OUTREACH** SORT ITEMS
EARLY AFTERNOON
- **TUESDAY DECEMBER 9th**
SORT ITEMS JOM OUTREACH -
9:30AM TIL 4:30PM (or til finished)
- **DECEMBER 10th Outreach**
SORT ITEMS- CALL TO CHECK
PROGRESS 248-338-9310
- **SATURDAY DECEMBER 13th JAIL**
ASSEMBLE ITEMS FOR THE
HOLIDAY BAG **AT THE JAIL.**
9:30 AM TIL FINISHED
(usually before 1:00 PM)

USE **NORTH DOOR OF MAIN JAIL**

EMPLOYEE ENTRANCE

& PARKING LOT

REGISTRATION NEEDED.

JAIL CHOIRS –BAND-SINGING GROUPS

**SATURDAY DECEMBER
13TH AT 6:30PM**

**ASSEMBLE AT
DESIGNATED LOCATION
WITH CHAPLAIN'S OF-
FICE REPRESENTATIVE**



PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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

EMAIL: info@jail-outreach-ministry.com
pegdev@comcast.net

JOM FAX: 248-338-2695

JAIL PHONE: 248-858-5475

JOM OUTREACH: 248-338-9310

CELL PHONE: 248-770-5198

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JAIL AND OUTREACH MINISTRY

(Just a friendly reminder from Doug Zande, our treasurer. Bank computers prefer exact name on check, so, please make your donation check payable to: Jail and Outreach Ministry)

Thank you!

JOM OUTREACH
building for pre packing
December 8-11
is located at
46352 WOODWARD AVE
PO BOX 1366
PONTIAC MI 48344-1366



Clergy Clearance and Visiting Oakland County Jail

Clergy Clearance

The jail visitation desk uses the Directory of Churches prepared by the Metropolitan Christian Council and the Directory of the Archdiocese of Detroit, as a basis for clergy and faith leaders to enter 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 annually update all their church listings. 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 the Chaplains' Office 248-858-5475

DIRECTORY

Prisoner Information / Visitation

OAKGOV.COM/SHERIFF or 248-858-1800

Jail Counseling 248-858-1731

Chaplains' Office— OCSO

1201 North Telegraph Bldg. 10 East
Pontiac MI 48341

248-858-5475 Office 248-975-4390 Fax

Representatives-Co-Chaplains

Martha Limbaugh 248-858-5475 Office

Email: viersm@oakgov.com

Peggy Devaney, IHM 248-770-5198

Email: pegdev@comcast.net

Jewish Representatives

248-858-5475 Jail Chaplaincy Office

Rabbi David Nelson

Rabbi Ari Kostelitz

Rabbi Raphael Eisenberg 248-547-7970

Muslim Representatives

Sajid Sayed 248-858-5475 Jail Office

Other faith groups

please contact:

248-858-5475 Jail Office

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