



Pacific Youth Correctional Ministries

Serving Orange County Probation Facilities Since 1981



Here are some recent ministry highlights, correspondence from various incarcerated adults, along with encouraging comments I have received in voice mails, emails, cards, text messages, or in person.



Ila Foley became a PCM volunteer back in the 1990's and led a weekly bible study at Juvenile Hall in Unit D. She was employed for several years as the administrative assistant to the president of El Torito Mexican

Restaurants. A couple times a year Ila would have me meet her at one of the El Torito's she was evaluating and I always enjoyed the free lunch. Ila took four mission trips with a ministry that evangelized villages in India. Several churches were planted and a home for women was named after her. Upon retirement, Ila moved to Nebraska to be close to her daughter's family. We stayed in touch over the phone and Ila was a faithful prayer partner for many years. Her son contacted me a few weeks ago to let me know Ila had passed away at home while her daughter was checking up on her. The last time we talked, she let me know how much she was looking forward to heaven.



Several years ago, Tomas was in the Youth Guidance Center a couple times. He contacted me a few weeks ago and wanted to take me to lunch because he was feeling thankful for

his faith. He works for an electrician so when I asked him an electrical question about my kitchen light, he offered to install a new one for free. The photo above was the one he sent me when he and his girlfriend were baptized a couple months ago.

When I met Ruben in Juvenile Hall, the last thing I would have expected was to be invited to his wedding fourteen years later. Over the years, Ruben has stayed in touch regularly and even spoken at a couple of the PCM Volunteer Training Nights. It has been a blessing seeing him grow up, face the loss of his beloved mom, navigate employment challenges, and always be connected to a church. Because he did things right, there were ninety people at his wedding last September. I was one of three ministers who he had pray at the reception for he and his bride, Lauryn. Ruben works for T-Mobile and will be the person I buy my next iPhone from.



In order to limit the amount of times I have to use the bathroom at night, I subconsciously began drinking less water around four months



ago. That caught up with me on Sunday, September 29th right after the church service at Juvenile Hall. A medical emergency ended up in the shift summary notes at 9:45 am when I blacked out. I am thankful that it happened at the facility because I got free immediate care from the medical unit. One of my volunteers drove me to the hospital next door and saved me a few hundred more dollars. Chaplain Tim instantly came to give his support. The doctor found nothing wrong with my heart but told me to see my regular doctor. My regular doctor sent me to a cardiologist who told me to stay hydrated. I was really encouraged with all the concern shown from probation administration and line staff. The last thing my doctor wants is a stress test on a treadmill in January. Fortunately, I have a health savings account to pay the bills and hope to get reimbursed some from Samaritan Ministry members.



I am reaching out to you from the Federal Prison near Victorville, and hope that this message finds you well in both body and spirit. I apologize for the long period of time I went without messaging you.

Not too long after being sentenced, I was moved to the Metropolitan Detention Center in downtown LA awaiting designation for three months and I wasn't able to continue corresponding. So I am glad that you have accepted my TRULINCS request and that we can finally communicate again. I also wanted to thank you for being there during my sentencing and for being a support for both me and my mother throughout the time of my incarceration.

TE

I praise God for your faithfulness all these years to proclaim the gospel to a generation who has lost their way!! It is not a small thing the Lord has appointed you to do in those facilities. It is such a rare gem to have the Lord's people in those dark places. I'm amazed how He found me through you. You were so opposite to my old ways of living but became like a father in the faith to me. I often look back and laugh with joy at the trajectory of where the Lord has sent me. In the natural, we never would have related but because of God's Spirit and power, he uses the most unexpected. I am eternally grateful that you will be a name upon my lips praising Jesus for using your character and conduct as a testimony of Christ.

MP

I've finally hit my turning point and by the time I get out, I will have stopped doing bad things. I don't deserve any shortcuts and want to be a functioning member of society who earns everything he has. Any hardship out there will be ten times better than the hardship I have in here. The personalities in here are something I never want to get used to but know I have to for now. I will be calling you as soon as I can to let you know I am all right and am starting back on the path to righteousness. I gave up for a while but you can never run from God. I thank the Lord and thank you as well.

EM

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This (annual report) looks like you had a good year. Thanks for all you and your volunteers do.

Chief Probation Officer

That was a good meeting. You were the most informed person in the room.

My Boss

I am glad that I met you because after we started meeting, my life began to get better.

Incarcerated Youth

Besides my wife and kids, this ministry has been the best thing I did.

Returning Volunteer

If something happens and I pass away, I want you to do my funeral.

Pastor Friend

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