

## Outreach Activities

The Catholic Ministry is kind enough to partner with me for the outreaches so both Protestant and Catholic youth can attend together.

After a five year pause, I decided to hold an Easter Outreach at Juvenile Hall and the Youth Guidance Center. Both were well attended and youth who know very little about Christ's resurrection celebrated Easter the right way.

The movie *Breakthrough* was shown on a Wednesday night in August at YGC and on a Friday morning when there was no school at YLA. It really kept everyone's attention and all but five youth at both facilities attended.

The Christmas Outreaches at JH and YLA also turned out great. As I recruited my guests, I was reminded how many people really look forward to ministering to incarcerated youth.

## Teaching Series

I decided to teach from Proverbs again and did ten lessons from the first ten chapters and then another ten lesson from the Sermon on the Mount. Next, I taught six lessons from the first thirty-one verses in Hebrews 11. The rest of the Sundays were covered by the special guests I invited. Chaplain Tim continues to teach every second Sunday of the month. On most Sundays there has been one Spanish speaking youth who I translate my notes for.

## Prayer

I have continued to write a monthly prayer newsletter for several prayer partners but also sent prayer updates weekly to Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa and monthly to Grace Church of Orange and Mesa Churches prayer teams.

## My Ministry Contacts

Church Services:	1436
Bible Studies:	689
Chaplain Requests:	353
Counseling:	145
Discipleship:	164
Aftercare:	283
Outreach Activities:	177



Prayer gatherings were sponsored again for the NDOP in May and "See You at the Pole" in September. The director added a moment of silence to the beginning of each Facilities Meeting attended by administration, unit supervisors, and leaders from partnering agencies.

I continued to have the opportunity to serve at Street Light Church and teach at CC Durango, and Ministerio Cristo es Poder which resulted in an additional 1,187 contacts.

Thank you for your part in making another year of ministry possible and I look forward to how the Lord will use each of us in the future.

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## Photo of the Year

I took over seventy photos last year and had just as many sent to me but the most liked photo on FaceBook was my mom, sister, and I squeezing pomegranate juice in my brother's backyard. I am blessed to be able to visit family and supporters in Stanislaus County throughout the year and thank the Lord for keeping me safe on my March, May, August, November, and December trips.

## Insight of the Year

The fruit on the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was pleasing to the eye and good for food. Sin doesn't have to feel disgusting and look ugly for someone to stop doing it.

## A Normal Year

Even though I enjoy receiving Christmas letters, I don't send any out myself because many of my newsletters already sound like one.

This past year was filled with all the normal activities the Protestant Chaplaincy Ministry needed to provide. Nothing disrupted the work and all of the problems I had were normal. Normal is good when you serve in a correctional facility where anything can happen.

## Ministry Totals

Around 40% of the youth I meet for the first time are unclear about salvation. There are two ways I share the gospel. I either use the seven key verses in John's gospel or use the evangecube.

According to my records, there were 1,197 youth arrested in 2025 which was less than previous years. The percentage of Protestants in Orange County is around 15% but for the youth who get arrested, 31% are selecting Protestant-Christian on their religious preference form.

**"Every time I go to church, what you teach ends up relating to my life."**

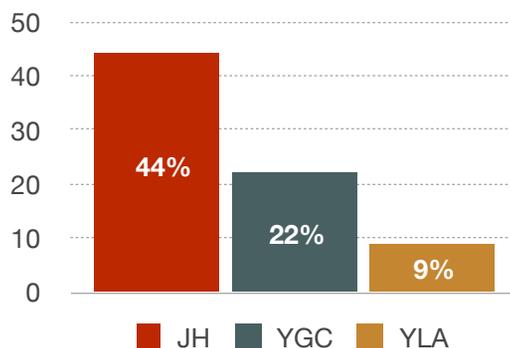
**Daniel**

Each week the PCM conducted four church services (197) and eight bible studies (291) in the three probation facilities. Around 30% of the youth participate in everything the ministry has to offer (see graph). No one signed up for bible study in a unit

only five times all year and none were cancelled due to a shortage of volunteers.

Total contacts for the year were 4,586 with a weekly average of 88 youth. These are the hard to reach youth in Orange County.

Percentage of Youth Participating in Church, Bible Study, and One on Ones



## One on Ones

Every time I go to our Juvenile Hall mailbox and see religious request slips from youth, I am encouraged. Forty-five percent of the requests came from a youth in the intake unit who wanted a bible or prayer for court. For the past few years I have been able to meet with these youth in the afternoons but now an hour of exercise is required.

In July, I had to stop leading my home group on Tuesdays so I can stay late to meet with the youth who just got arrested.

There were 387 one on one requests last year and 40% of these youth asked for a bible. Last year we handed out 157 bibles (three per week). 39 of these youth also requested ongoing contact for discipleship or biblical counseling. Normally 15 youth want to meet for discipleship but this year it was 27.

On average, the PCM meets with 15 youth individually every week. Chaplain Tim and two other volunteers helped meet this need.

## Volunteers

The year started with seventeen active volunteers and two others on a leave of absence. There were twelve individuals who felt led to volunteer with our ministry in 2025. Each of them had an orientation but three didn't pass the pre-screening done by a probation officer, seven changed their minds, and two were able to finish the process and get their volunteer badge last month.

Fortunately, both of the volunteers on a leave wanted to return to the ministry which made it easier to cover all the weekly bible studies. For some reason, the PCM has twice as many men serving as women. Men are definitely needed but incarcerated young men do treat our female volunteers better.

I recruited 57 special guests to serve at an outreach activity and another 44 believers provided music, teaching, or a testimony at a church service. Along with the weekly volunteers, the PCM invested 2,751 hours in the Kingdom of God last year.

## Aftercare

I continue to be surprised at who wants to stay in contact once they go home. Ramon called me in September to let me know that he is going to church. I was encouraged with how positive he has become about his future.

There were 46 released youth and adults who received aftercare this past year (237 contacts). The four who called me the most are four men who are in prison or jail and have very little support. Updates on those I am trying to help out are posted in my monthly prayer letters.