



# Christ Behind the Wall

Prison Ministries

A "Life-Changing" Study for the Incarcerated

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## QUIPS FROM INSIDE

Trash: Something worth little or nothing; Junk; rubbish. However, if it were up to William Rathje, a Harvard-educated researcher, he would state that "Trash is Gold." He is convinced we can learn a lot from the trash dumps of the world. His organization, The Garbage Project, finds meaning and treasure in our garbage.



Prisons are also known for being dumps. Housing mountains of trash—the junk and rubbish of society. The media, politicians and many others often refer to prison inmates as society's trash. Yet, if they would set their eyes to see all people as Jesus saw them, they would see potential and life within.

Covered deep inside the mountains of mistakes, and hills of stereotypes, are men with golden hearts. Men that are longing for the cleansing polish and disinfectant of the Gospel. Yet many a time there are none (Christian believers and churches) to roll up their sleeves, willing to dive their hands, arms, and elbows deep within the cesspool of sin gathered behind prison walls, and embrace a ragamuffin inmate.

My point: I challenge anyone reading this to become a garbologist-partner for Christ and His Gospel. It's simple: the qualification is L-O-V-E. No college education required.

I beg you to pray about teaming up with Christ Behind The Wall Ministry to help bring the Gospel deep into the dumps of society. Your prayers, encouragements, financial support and going "forth" into the prison and jails cells are greatly appreciated.

Adrian Torres, Fac "C", Chino Prison

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## 1ST ANNUAL CBTW AUTUMN CAR SHOW

God is awesome!! In lieu of a Fundraising Dinner this year, we decided to host a car show. The goal was to get the Christ Behind The Wall ministry story out to the public.

I have been told by the car show experts to be committed to the car show concept for three years in order for the effort to be successful. We were told not to expect much the first year; the second year would be better, and by the third year the show should be impactful. Ten to twelve cars the first year would be a decent goal to shoot for, they said, and we should be prepared to end up in the "red" with respect to expenses versus intake.

Well, God apparently didn't side with the car show experts. We were blessed with twenty-six cars participating in the show! Many of the car owners stated they thought the show was very well put on, made some suggestions for next year, and said they would like to be a part of next year's Autumn Car Show.

And, after expenses, we actually did end up in "the black!"

We feel the show was a resounding success for its first year, even though we were novices to the concept, and are looking forward excitedly to next year's show!



## SEPTEMBER ACTIVITY

Eight volunteers held 31 classes out of 36 scheduled (86%) with 454 students participating. Biggest culprits: My clearance is lost in administrative chaos, as well as my vacation.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

1. More volunteers with a heart for prison ministry would be directed to us by God.
2. Ministry contributions will pick up.
3. The successful insertion of The Urban Ministry Institute (TUMI) program unto D Yard, Pleasant Valley State Prison in Coalinga

### ZAC'S CORNER

We may look for many things and try to find the best...but we need to pursue what is good!  
Hebrews 12:14



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