



## WITNESSING THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### “LOVE YOUR ENEMIES...”

Jesus said, *“But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven”* (Matthew 5:44-45).



Do you trust these words of Christ? Imagine coming face-to-face with your enemy.

We met Rolando, “Ro”, in Fresno County Jail in 2023. Once an active gang member, now a family man justified by the blood of Christ, Ro continues to allow the Holy Spirit to cleanse and transform his heart. He confesses his purpose as living Christlike! His story reveals the evidence of the Spirit’s work within his heart.

Some time ago, Ro and his family were shot at. After serving time in the jail, Ro returned home to his neighborhood. Many were expecting Ro to take revenge. The streets were on high alert.

One evening, Ro saw his enemy heading right towards him. He recalls his first thought as, “I got ‘em.” As he was getting closer, coming face-to-face with his enemy, he recalls the Spirit of Christ halting him and prompting him to pray. Ro remembers his prayer

as, *“God, I want to deny my flesh and do this by your love.”* Ro heard God’s whisper as, **“Boast about me.”**

Ro remembers how his heart instantly became sensitive and filled with a warming peace. As Ro’s eyes locked onto those of his enemy, it became clear he had caught his enemy by surprise. Both froze. Ro recalls this moment as “the Holy Spirit taking over.” Ro asked his enemy, “How are you?” He replied, “I wanna be a family man.” At this point, Ro voiced his forgiveness towards his shooter and offered prayer. His old enemy



Ro & David praying @ Friday Night Bible Study

was surprised, but accepted. Ro prayed for him by name, also extending a blessing to his family. By this time, witnesses had gathered and were also surprised when they saw Ro praying instead of taking revenge.

Rolando is confident that God has called him back to the community he once influenced with so much negativity. Ro is committed to reconciling the neighborhoods and city he once ran actively through. Ro, along with a few others, have now been hosting weekly Bible studies for over six months. He still prays for his old enemy, and many are being exposed to the love of Christ within the community he grew up in.

Isn’t it beautiful how God truly works all things together for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose? Hallelujah! Please continue praying for Rolando and the city of Del Rey, CA.



Ro praying with those in his community

# EVENT HAPPENINGS

## THE "FRIDAY FIGHT" BIBLE STUDY

The "Friday Fight" Bible Study began as an alternative to weekend night life. This co-ed group continues to develop. The new location is in downtown Fresno near the Tower District.

**NEW:** Concluding each group study we have implemented a new prayer practice.



Inmates from the Fresno County Jail have gathered up prayer requests asking us to pray for them. Before heading home, each person in attendance draws at random one request. One-by-one, we pray aloud for the inmate, trusting God to meet them where they are.

Join the "Friday Fight" against our flesh. God is faithful!



BIBLE STUDY  
**FRIDAY'S**  
 TOPIC: THE BOOK OF JOHN  
 DOWNTOWN FRESNO 7PM  
 966 N. FULTON ST. FRESNO, CA 93728  
 WWW.ROCKBOTTOM724.ORG

**Friday, 7pm, Downtown Fresno, 966 N. Fulton St. Fresno, CA 93728**

## WASH & WORSHIP #3

Wash & Worship took place in Downtown Fresno at the Dirty Bird laundromat! This service ministry continues to bless volunteers and the community. Laundry is freshly washed while detergent items are distributed freely. Community members have opportunities to receive new and lightly used items as well. Individuals and families receive free spiritual aids, Bibles, devotionals, and prayer. It's a wonderful time of fellowship and worship!

**NEW:** We paused the music every 20-30 minutes to offer a large community prayer. This functioned as a moment for volunteers and attendees to posture our hearts before God and others. This encouragement opened up opportunities for individual prayer times. God is faithful!

DOWNTOWN FRESNO  
**WASH & WORSHIP**  
 JANUARY 31st @ 11am  
 ALL ITEMS ARE FREE!  
 FREE Wash & Dry  
 FREE Clothing  
 1718 E Divisadero  
 St. Fresno, CA 93701  
 @ the DIRTY BIRD laundromat  
 Wash & Distribute Clothing to the Community!  
 Clean the town of Christ & Honor His Kingdom!  
 WWW.ROCKBOTTOM724.ORG



Join us for Wash & Worship #4 later this year! Need items? All are welcome!

Check out the website for updates: [www.rockbottom724.org](http://www.rockbottom724.org)

Dirty Bird Laundromat @ 1718 E. Divisadero St., Fresno, CA 93701

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# A CALL TO MINISTRY

## JUVENILE JUSTICE CAMPUS – FRESNO COUNTY



**EVERY MONTH.** Often the men and women we work with share stories involving the Youth Authority or Juvenile Justice systems. Remember, God uses the willing.

Step out in faith by attending a volunteer training class with the JJC. Be in prayer as you commit to sharing the Gospel regularly!

**When:** Apply the Last Monday of Every Month, 6pm

**More Info:** <https://rockbottom724.org/events>

## UPCOMING PRISON MINISTRY



**FALL, 2026.** RBCM partners with Bill Glass Behind The Walls prison ministry. We visit the prisons around the Fresno area roughly five times per year. Men and women are allowed to participate in these evangelism events.

Often, the ministry seeks about 200 volunteers to enter each prison. Ride a motorcycle? Ride it in! Sign up with the ROCK BOTTOM to stick with the group. We offer 10 scholarships

covering the \$25 registration fee as needed. Be sure to view the schedule!

**More Info:** <https://rockbottom724.org/events>

## UPCOMING BAPTISM CELEBRATION



**MAY.** You are invited! Join us as we celebrate with those who are professing Christ as Lord!

This is a wonderful day of fellowship and praise!

Everything provided is free! If you would like to give towards this event please see back panel. Title your gift, "Baptism". Thank you.

Please be in prayer.



## THE WEDNESDAY IN-N-OUT BURGER BIBLE STUDY

Two years running and this Wednesday evening study has become known as "Bibles & Burgers." We pray, read, and discuss Scripture, all before enjoying a Double-Double meal. The ministry is happy to provide meals to all in attendance. It's a wonderful time of fellowship.



Often, newly released inmates will arrive for a juicy burger! This study functions as an introductory study to the "Friday Night Fight". We scratch the surface of Scripture on Wednesday while Friday allows for a more focused study of the same portion of Scripture. This seems to work well!

**Special Celebration:** Mariano was gifted a Tres Leches cake upon his completion of parole! Congratulations Papa! Seek Christ and stay out of trouble! We love you!

Join us every Wednesday near 'Hope Point' in Fresno, Ashlan & Blackstone, @ In-N-Out Burger. See you there!



**Wednesday, 6pm, @ In-N-Out. 4302 N. Blackstone Ave. Fresno, 93726**

# COMMUNITY PRAYER PARTNERS

## FRESNO COUNTY JAIL CHAPLAINCY UNIT



Would you please pray for this opportunity? We know God is able and we are asking you join us in prayer.

The Fresno County Jail has never before allowed baptisms to occur inside the jail. Recently, there has been a high demand from the inmates wanting to be baptized.

After a thorough introductory meeting with the Chaplain, the ministry was tasked with collecting data. The department is curious to know how baptisms contribute to the practical evidence of rehabilitation. They want to see true rehabilitation of character. Their request is a mature one.

As Christians we understand the sacrament of baptism, however, from the perspective of the jail, we are having to approach baptism from a different viewpoint.

We are honored to approach this project in faith. Our attempt to compile hard data evidence, in order to reveal how one's spiritual transformation is connected to one's character transformation is challenging. However, it has allowed onlookers to recognize the seriousness of our love for the inmate, and the seriousness of the inmates love for God. Essentially, we are having to reveal the truths behind God's transforming grace. Inmates and officers are witnessing the love of Christ. **FUN STORY:** Just this past Easter, one pod decided to perform a skit of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ! Use your imagination.

Pray God helps us articulate what the department desires, while not compromising the sacredness of baptism. Also, pray for the softening of hearts over the decision makers. Ultimately, pray His will be done. We appreciate you uniting with us in prayer. 🙏

**YOUR INPUT:** Have an idea of how to capture presentable data reflecting the connection between spiritual transformation and moral character?

**We'd like to hear from you:** [info@rockbottom724.org](mailto:info@rockbottom724.org) or ATTN: "Jail Baptism"

# COMMUNITY MEMBERS

## 18 CHURCHES REPRESENTED

In association with the Fresno County Sherriff's Jail Chaplaincy Unit, this past February marked our second Jail Training event. Volunteers are trained to enter the jail with the purpose of sharing the Gospel. God's loving Spirit drew them. What an amazing testament to His glory and faithfulness!

**A FIRST:** It was a blessing to train 2 men who we met 3-years ago as inmates. God continues to work in these men's lives. Please pray for Rolando (front story) and Elais. God is so good! 🙏



**ATTEND A TRAINING:** Are you or someone you know interested in entering the jail as a religious volunteer? The next Fresno County Jail Training will be held late, 2026.

**Check for updates:** <https://rockbottom724.org/events>



Visit our website [www.rockbottom724.org](http://www.rockbottom724.org) to learn about our ministries

# WORDS FROM MIKE ALLEE

Founder, Rock Bottom Christian Ministries



Righteousness is gifted by God.

Have you seen this marking, *M7:24*? It's intentionally part of our logo. **Matthew 7:24** is our ministry verse. In view of Christ's teachings, may we practice wisdom in all we do.

Jesus concludes His *Sermon on the Mount* in addressing wisdom and its relation to His new commandment of love. Christ commands the practice of a deep, rich, agape love, or perfect love. Perfect love is the nature of God and only made perfect by His Spirit. Christ associates a righteous wisdom with those who receive and practice His command of perfect love.

Christ's teachings are radical. Only He, by the power of His Spirit, may empower the believer. The wisdom He provides is required in order we 'put into practice' His command of love. His teachings were followed up with His 'doings'. This not only provides us with an example to follow, but also with a confident spiritual hope!

Our hope in drawing nearer to Christ is that His Holy Spirit draws near to us. May we be wise along the journey of salvation, following the narrow path of righteousness, 'putting into practice' an intentional obedience and discipline of love for God and neighbor. May His desire naturally become ours as we live by faith. May this true faith move us into His will.

Jesus has made our love of God and neighbor the foundational commandment of life. In His Spirit, and by His Spirit, we are able to live righteously and holy. Let us be disciples, who both hear and do, like the "wise man who built his house on the rock!"

M7:24

In God's faithfulness,

Mike

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## COMMUNITY UNITY ORANGE LAMB MINISTRIES

RBCM has often partnered with Orange Lamb Ministries.

This local ministry honors the Lord with their time and resources. They assist and serve many in significant need. Orange Lamb Ministries is intentional in their response to love. They honor God through their work done.

– please visit: <https://orangelambministries.org/>



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## VEHICLE DONATION

Kenny has been praying for a vehicle for some time.

**FUN STORY:** One this day, a Subaru became a problem for Orange Lamb Ministries. They were to clear an area of land, but there was no key to be found. They reached out asking if we could help. "The one who can move the car, can keep the car." We agreed to help. You see, our boy Kenny can start just about anything. No key required! God truly does work *all* things for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. Kenny gives God the glory for receiving a new vehicle that day! Thank you Orange Lamb Ministries!



Call for more information

# COMMUNITY UNITY SERVICE MINISTRY



RBCM recognizes service ministry as beneficial for those within the discipleship program. Orange Lamb Ministries works, in part, with widows. Thank you to Orange Lamb Ministries for allowing RBCM to tag along and bless the community you are witnessing to.

If you are interested in allowing RBCM to partner and participate in your service ministry, please contact us. [info@rockbottom724.org](mailto:info@rockbottom724.org)

## REMEMBER YOUR YEAR-ROUND TAMALES!



Vanessa provides delicious tamales!

**Order Year-Round:** [info@rockbottom724.org](mailto:info@rockbottom724.org) Attn: TAMALE

**Available:** Chicken, pork, shredded beef. \$25 dz. donation includes home-made red or green sauce.

Get an order with friends and family! Minimum order is three dozen. We've known Vanessa since 2023, and all donations serve to help her and her family. You are appreciated!

## GODLY STEWARDSHIP 5 WAYS TO GIVE.



**Text:** Simply text the word "GIVE" to **(888) 657-8630**

**Online:** <https://rockbottom724.org/give>

**Venmo:** @RockBottomChristianMinistries

**Check:** Rock Bottom Christian Ministries  
1520 Jensen Ave. Ste 154 Sanger, CA 93657



**Material:** Please contact us: [info@rockbottom724.org](mailto:info@rockbottom724.org) or 1(559) 387-0508

### Opportunities Available:

If you share the RBCM vision please step out in faith by contacting us.



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