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## A Word from FIC Trustee, Tom Lawson

When we give to a ministry we want to know that our contributions are being used wisely and that the ministry is being operated soundly. As a member of the FIC Board of Trustees, I thought I would share some comforting words with you about how FIC is governed. First and foremost, Tony, Candy and the board seek God's direction in all things that FIC undertakes. You would certainly not expect anything less. Next is Tony Mac, with his very special gifting and calling. He is the heart and soul of FIC Ministries. Those who know Tony can attest to his amazing transformation when he came to know the Lord. But one thing Tony has always been, is a leader of men. God gave him that ability from the day he was born. Be it for good (today) or ill (before), Tony has always had a larger-than-life presence in all that he undertakes. People naturally look up to Tony and seek his wisdom and respond to his leadership. That's just Tony Mac. So maybe it goes without saying, but I will say it anyway...Tony Mac is God's chosen leader of FIC Ministries and he accepts his calling with both humility and dedication. It is a pleasure to watch his leadership skills in action and I count it a privilege to have a front-row seat as a member of the FIC board.

Good leaders just lead. Great leaders seek outside wisdom and council and then

lead. Tony is a great leader. As I've already said, Tony seeks God's will first in all things. And God has put some special people in his life to assist him in finding His will for both his life and ministry. First is his lovely wife, Candy. She has earned his love, respect and admiration by being faithful to Tony through good times and bad. She has offered wise council all along the way. Candy may be half his size, but when she talks, Tony listens. Candy is a major force in the direction of FIC Ministries and that's a very good thing.

Next, when Tony established FIC Ministries, he immediately called a great group of Christian men and women to the FIC Board of Trustees. Tony seeks their wisdom and, more importantly, uses their wisdom in the day-to-day decisions of the ministry. Here is some of the talent Tony has asked to be on the FIC board. The chairman is a successful businessman who built his business from the ground up. On the financial side, the FIC board has both a retired accountant, and a retired IRS manager. How's that for financial expertise? I've told Tony on more than one occasion, that if he had to hire the financial services of these men, he couldn't afford them. But because they love Tony and the Lord, they give Tony

great financial advice just for the blessing they receive. Yes, I am telling you FIC is a financially sound ministry that uses the resources you faithfully give both responsibly and wisely.

The most difficult decisions the FIC Board has to make is often deciding what not to do. Tony gets many requests for his time and talents. It is physically impossible for him to do them all. The board helps Tony focus his time and efforts on those areas that best utilize his talents and resources. Tony will tell you that's the toughest part of the ministry. He wants to do everything that is asked of him, and to say "No," to an otherwise worthwhile endeavor, is not easy. But with the Lord's help and good people like you supporting him, Tony Mac continues to touch hearts and change lives through FIC Ministries.

I trust this view from a FIC Board Trustee gives you some comfort in knowing how FIC is governed and in knowing that your contributions are both appreciated and respected. Please go to [www.freeinchristministries.com](http://www.freeinchristministries.com) and click on "Be a Partner" and select "Financial Statement" to see the financial results for the last two years. From the bottom of my heart, "Thank You."

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## A Word from Tony — We Get Letters



**“Tony at the Senate”**

Dear FIC Family,

I love this time of the year. The grass is turning green, the trees are putting on their leaves, and the flowers are blooming. All these things tell me my Lord is still in control. He still reigns supreme. He is the giver of life.

I love to see people accept Jesus Christ as their savior. Just like the spring time, they come to life. They begin to blossom and bloom. They are full of life. This is so exciting! Then, I turn on the TV, and it breaks my heart to see our nation turning its back on our Lord. But, I know there is hope. Daniel 12:1 says, *“At that time Michael...will arise...Everyone whose name is found written in the Book... will be delivered.”* Praise God!

2009 is off to a great start for FIC. Many things have already happened. Great things are ahead of us; all of which you are a part of. Thank you so much for your time, your prayers and your support.

May God bless you,  
Tony and Candy Mac

Hey bro, Here is my mother's address, please send her your DVD. She has Arthritis and Lupus real bad and needs a relationship with God. Please pray for her. E. B. Tahlequah, OK

Dear Brother Tony, There are thousands of young people who need to hear your testimony, to open their hard hearts. You are the warrior Christ sends to shed His marvelous light. Tony, take our youth back, and show them our Lord Jesus. D. D.

Tony & Candy, You really don't know how much you blessed me. I didn't know what I was going to do about Christmas presents this year. Then you and the Lord came through. I love you very much. May God continue to bless you in the same way you are blessing others. D. P. Oklahoma City, OK

Hello, I was watching You Tube this morning and saw your testimony. What a powerful story. Tony Mac, God bless you and your family as you continue the ministry our savior, Jesus Christ, has given you. See you in heaven. K. D.

Dear Tony Mac, Just want you to know how much your radio program means to me. Each Saturday you send God's message into the prisons for those still there. Please keep Candy on the program. God Bless. R. B. Calvin, OK

Dear Tony & Candy, I am 88 years old and have been sending out your CD's and DVD's since you were in Carmi, IL. Enclosed is a donation, please send me more CD's and DVD's so I can give them to our youth groups. I gave one of your CD's to the check-out person in a shoe store. Behind me was a young man listening and I asked him if he wanted one. He said, "I am one of

them," as he stepped forward. He said he started in a gang, got on drugs, and then went to prison. While in prison, God saved him. May God keep blessing you to reach the lost. I. T. Mt. Carmel, IL

Tony, My name is ....and I met you at Joseph Harp last Christmas. In fact, my 16 year old daughter gave her heart to Christ at the BOJC Christmas visit. It was because of you and Candy. I want to thank you and Candy for giving to the Lord the way you both do. When I get out I want to come to New Heart Fellowship to see and hear you preach. Please send my daughter a copy of your DVD and send me the address for New Heart Fellowship. F. W. Oklahoma Correctional System.

Tony, I was released from E.W.C.C. on the 18th. I want to thank you soooooo much. You have changed my life. I love you and Candy very much. I will be coming to your BBQ in October. I am a changed woman and I want to be a part of your ministry. I was supposed to go up for parole in 2015. That's what man said, but he didn't know our God, did he? I kicked my shoes off at the curb because when you've been through the water and come out clean, you don't put dirty shoes on your brand new feet! God bless you. J. E.

Tony, I heard your testimony on a CD from Rig Ministries. Candy is the root of your story and you are the fruit. Praise God for Christian loved ones. I recently gave my heart back to the Lord. It was because of the prayers of my Grandmother and other family members that my heart was convicted to run towards Him. You are a miracle, Tony, and a great example to those who hear you. God is good! M. H.

## Other News

### Update on Our DVD Project

Last year, FIC was blessed by your generous donations to make the DVD project complete. Chuck and Chad Douglas of Douglas Audio and Video, Inc. did a super job filming in jails and prisons, and produced the first edition of the "Choices" DVD.

Some feedback we received led us to believe we needed a version tailored especially for teenagers. Through prayer and searching, we found a talented young man at Union High School who agreed to take the raw material and produce that version. We now have two editions of the "Choices" DVD and both are sending a powerful message to people about the results of bad choices.

### Editorial by Charles Stanphill

2009 has already been good for FIC. In February, Tony was asked by Senator Bill Brown, District 36, to be the Oklahoma Senate's pastor for a week. What a blessing!

Then he was asked to be the guest preacher for the grand opening of Rig Ministries' new chapel in Carmi, IL. Rig Ministries reproduces Tony's Testimony CD and DVD and gives them out by the thousands. While there, he was invited to show the "Choices" DVD to students at the high school. A large number showed up that night at Rig Ministries. Another blessing!

Tony went to Angola State Prison in Louisiana with the Christian Motorcycle Association. While preaching there, he witnessed first-hand how the love of Christ, through Warden Burl Cain, has changed the attitude of the whole prison population, which numbers around 5,200 inmates.

Then he was asked to go to Concord, Georgia to speak to three churches. A young man, who was saved on April 2, went with him.

Tony will be going back to Angola State Prison with the Mike Barber Ministries later this year.

Finally, the FIC Board of Trustees asks that you pray to make this ministry complete. The Board would like to be able to financially support both Tony and Candy in the ministry so she could devote 1,000 percent of her time to helping Tony do God's calling. Right now her job responsibilities prevent her from traveling with Tony and participating as they both would like.

If you conclude that God wants both of them in full time ministry, please join us to make this possible with your financial support and prayers.

These are the highlights, but believe me, there are hundreds more I could tell you about if space permitted.

### A word from an FIC Trustee

April 1st was an exciting night at Pryor Creek Community Church for the youth from Thunderbird Institute. Tony started the meeting by showing the "Choices" video. Twenty-eight young men and women gave their hearts to Jesus and twenty came to rededicate their lives to the Lord. It was a victorious night and I was blessed to be there to experience it with Tony.

Jerry Hamlin  
Trustee

### FIC Website

FIC has been blessed to be able to

expand its website presence by using a professional Christian hosting service who provides a template designed especially for churches and ministries. The local webmaster has the flexibility to customize our material. If you have not visited the website recently, please go to [www.freeinchristministries.com](http://www.freeinchristministries.com) and see how great our site looks.

We are now able to provide interactive services for our users for prayer requests and praises, direct messaging and inquiries to our staff and Tony, and other useful content.

One of the more exciting additions allowed on this site, is the inclusion of Tony's complete video testimony. You can now refer your family and friends to the site to view his magnificent story without having the DVD. Of course, the DVD and CD are still available by request, but now it is more accessible to people. We are receiving "hits" from all over the world.

### FIC Barbecue, 2009

Mark your calendar! The FIC Annual B-B-Q is coming up on October 10, at 11:00 AM. Tony will again host this event at his acreage in Coweta, Oklahoma. Brent Davis, from Exiting Southeast Baptist Church in Pryor, has agreed, once again, to smoke brisket, chicken, and sausage. Remember how good it was last year? There will be games for the kids, and music and inspirational messages for the adults. We have been fortunate, the last few years, to have lovely weather for this event and all have enjoyed the day.

We will send out a reminder and map in early October. See you there!

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**Thank you for your  
continued support!**

## Praises



**Senator Bill Brown with Tony**

During the week of February 23-26, Senator Bill Brown nominated Tony to be Senate Pastor of the Week. From where Tony was just a few short years ago, to serving as the Senate pastor, is nothing short of a miracle. We are proud of Tony and what he has become through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Remember that SUV we were praying about on the last newsletter? While in Oklahoma City last February, God blessed again with an SUV available for purchase. We now have the vehicle necessary to carry volunteers and equipment to the various prisons and other locations where Tony is called to serve. Thank you!



**Senator Randy Brogdon with Tony**