



## OPERATION TRANSFORMATION **JANUARY 2012** Update

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE - "One in Christ" - Celebrating the Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.**, is the Community Service being sponsored by Blue Water Area Churches (from SSMA, PHMA and EMA, all 3 minister's associations) and OT for **Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.** The event is free and open to all. It will be held at Port Huron High School in the Performing Arts Center. Mr. Anthony Jones, Director of Recruitment and Admission at Fisk University in Nashville, TN will be our guest speaker.

**PASTOR'S BREAKFAST** - OT is sponsoring a free **Pastor's Breakfast, on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am** at Port Huron Hospital in the Duffy Room. A hot breakfast will be served (courtesy of the Hospital). Reservations must be made by Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> by either calling OT at 810-966-8660 or by e-mail to [Brenda@optrans.org](mailto:Brenda@optrans.org).

**COMPASS CHRISTIAN BUSINESS ALLIANCE** - The next *COMPASS* lunch meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**. The meeting will begin at 11:45 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m. at the Black River Country Club. The cost is \$10 per person and reservations must be made in advance by calling OT at 810-966-8660 or by e-mail to [abby@optrans.org](mailto:abby@optrans.org). 2012 COMPASS Membership information can be found on the OT website and COMPASS website at: [www.CalledToBusiness.org](http://www.CalledToBusiness.org).

**CERTIFICATION** – "**A Beautiful Me**", founded by **Karen Palka**, officially received **Certification** by the Operation Transformation Certification Team. This means that after careful review, all of their paperwork and policies are in order. This is a non-profit that works with girls and teenagers to develop self-esteem, confidence and independence.

**PORT HURON COMMUNITY POLICING ZONES** – Police Chief Michael Reaves recently announced his new community policing concept, where the city will be divided into 23 zones. Each zone will have a policeman assigned to them. OT is working with him to have an anchor church in each zone. Stay tuned!

**MOBILE FOOD PANTRY MEETING** – OT is helping to coordinate churches who want to do a mobile food pantry distribution in 2012. There will be a meeting on **Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at OT.**

**CHRISTMAS OUTREACHES** - A special Christmas program was held for 486 inmates at the Intervention Center on December 7<sup>th</sup>, which included receiving Christmas cards, a special Christmas booklet, hearing the Christmas message, caroling and a gift. About 75 books were collected for the children of inmates. OT also sponsored a day of bell-ringing at the mall to help raise funds for the Salvation Army.

**PASTOR'S PRAYER & COMMUNITY PRAYER TIMES** - There is Pastor's Prayer **every Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** at the MOC. Prayer requests may be called or emailed ([Brenda@optrans.org](mailto:Brenda@optrans.org)) to OT any time.

**FINANCIAL RECEIPTS** – Giving receipts will be mailed to those who made financial contributions in 2011.

**MENTORS NEEDED** - People interested in being mentors, especially males, are continually needed for the Prison Reentry program. Mentors receive training. The time commitment is about 1 hour a week. This is a wonderful opportunity to help change a life!

**OUTREACH TO MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL** - OT is **still accepting old cell phones, MP3 players and I-pods** to recycle. They will be sold and proceeds used to purchase prepaid calling cards for American troops. Please drop off your outdated equipment to OT. We have collected **155** so far!

**"FAITH MATTERS" RADIO SPOT** - Tom does a weekly radio spot at **8:00 a.m. every Monday** at WGRT, 102.3 FM". You may also access it on our website. It features information and commentary about spiritual issues, nationally and locally.

**OT WISH LIST** – Stamps, cleaning and office supplies, coffee, and bottled water are always needed. Donations can be made on the OT website, using PayPal at [www.optrans.org](http://www.optrans.org). **Stop in to donate anything!**