

Aiken

Community

Outreach

Ministry

Aiken Community Outreach Ministry is a Christ centered, non-denominational, Bible-believing 501(c)(3) ministry. We are dedicated to reaching men and women whose lives have been impacted by crime. It is our goal to channel ex-offenders into law-abiding productive citizens. We are committed to providing housing, transportation, job placement, alcohol and drug abuse counseling.

We are a channel for those who would like to continue their education or pursue technical training. Our mission is to provide the necessary essentials that ex-offenders will need to have a smooth transition back into society. It is our goal to enhance self-esteem and to help individuals reach his or her potential and find their purpose in life.

Why After Prison Care?

Recidivism has grown to an alarming 50 to 80 percent. Statistics show that faith based programs greatly reduce the recidivism rate among their participants by collaborating with the prison industry.

Consider these statistics put out in a special study of 300,000 prisoners released in one year, 75% of all released prisoners that year:

68% were rearrested for new offenses

92% were male

93% had prior arrest records

82% had prior convictions

70% had 5 or more prior convictions

Within 6 months 30% were rearrested for felony charges

44% were back in the 1st year, and 60% by year 2

Among those in prison before, 73% were rearrested

South Carolina ranks # 7 in the total US in recidivism rates, making it a perfect place to begin this vision.

According to data from SCDC there is a population of 22,273 inmates in SC and 12,204 expected to be released this year. In fact, there is over 33k on parole.

SCDC spent over \$340mm maintaining and housing prisoners in 2002. Additionally, SC spends on average over \$13k per year on each inmate. Furthermore, with the average prison term at 5 years, SC spends over \$65k per inmate just on maintaining and housing these inmates.

For every ex-offender that successfully completes this program, the potential of saving the taxpayer could be over \$65k, plus this person becomes a taxpayer.

How You or Your Organization Can Get Involved

As this ministry operates largely from volunteers, you can also become a partner in supporting this vision. From your local church resources you can support this outreach ministry right here in your own home state through:

Missionary Donations

Monthly Pledges

Adopt a Resident or Home

Become a Mentor Partner

Donating Transportation,

Clothing, Food or other essential needs.

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