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Prison Ministry



Ministering to Those In Prison

34 "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 'For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; 36 naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink?

³⁸ 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? ³⁹ 'When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' ⁴⁰ "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'

Matthew 25:34-40





Ministry Facts & Statistics

Ministry Facts

- Good News Jail and Prison was established in 1961 to provide full time Chaplains to jails and prisons
- It has 90 chaplains in 24 states
- It has 306 international chaplains in 22 countries
- Chaplains serve in 366 jails worldwide
- Entirely supported by private contributions

Local Ministry Facts

- Good News Chaplains have served in Anne Arundel County for over 29 years
- Good News Jail and Prison ministry serves at both the Jennifer Road Detention Center (JRDC) in Annapolis and the Ordnance Road Correctional Center (ORCC) in Glen Burnie

Local Facility Facts

- Average Daily Inmate population
 - 600 at Jennifer Road
 - 400 at Ordnance Road
- Current facility beds
 - 735 at Jennifer Road
 - 600 at Ordnance Road

Local Facility Facts

- Total people in AA country detention centers in 2010 was 12,000
- The average age of male inmates is 33 years old
- The average age of female inmates is 30 years old
- 63% of inmates are AA County residents
- The annual taxpayer cost per inmate is \$30,000
- Inmates are from minimum to maximum security

2010 Ministry Statistics

- Decisions for Christ 118
- Recommitments to Christ 53
- Church services 574
- Inmates in attendance 4,809
- Bible classes 1,833
- Inmates in Attendance 7,676

2010 Ministry Statistics

- Counseling sessions 866
- Individual Bible Lessons 1,795



Ministry Overview

Ministry to Inmates

- Daily pastoral presence
- Distribution of requested materials
- Verification and notification to an inmate of the serious illness or death of a family member
- Facilitation of all religious programs currently over 30 each week in both facilities

Ministry to Inmates

- Weekly Chaplains Bible studies
- One on one counseling

Ministry to Staff

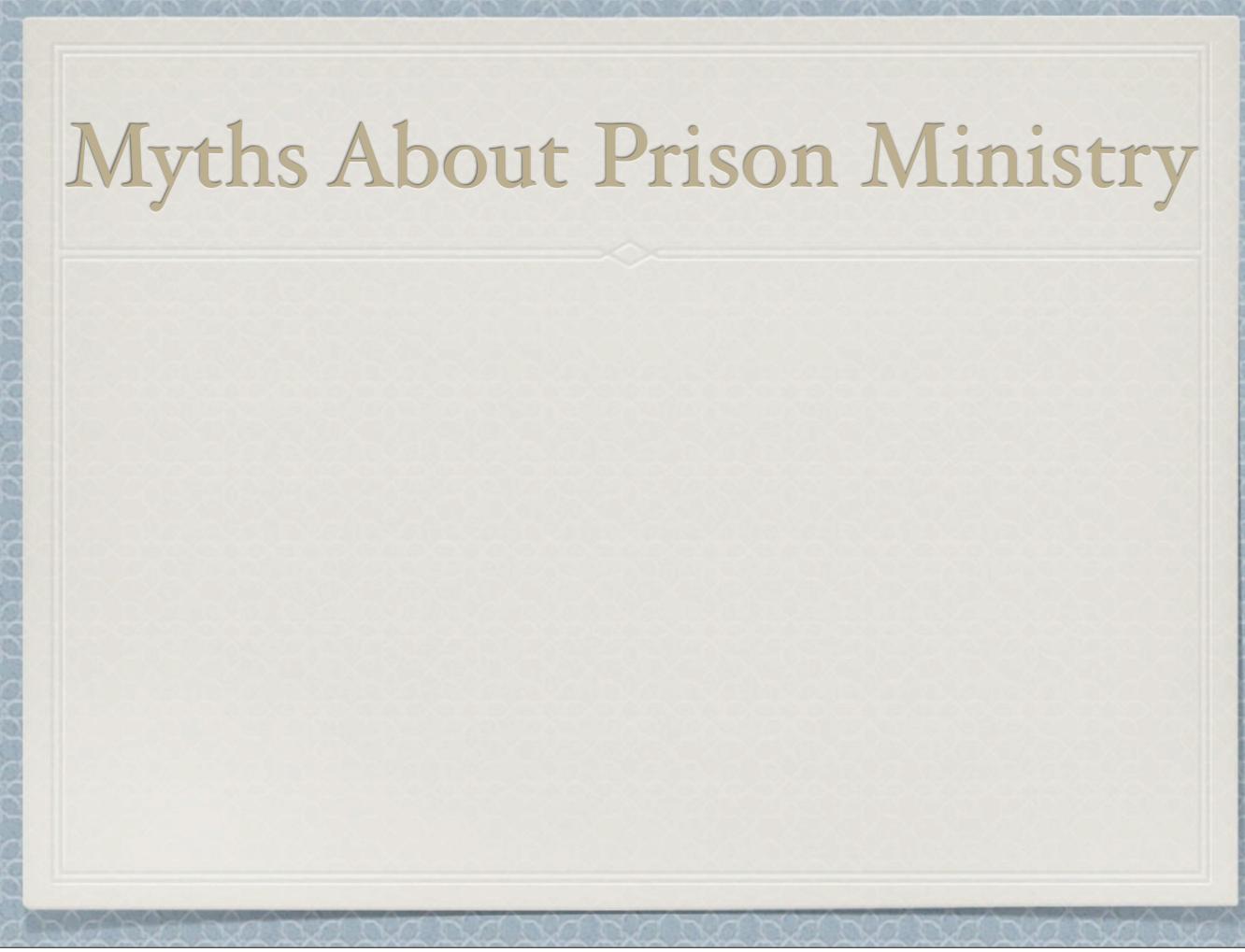
- Daily Pastoral presence for staff
- Attend viewings and funerals of staff family members
- Lend support to correctional officers and unit managers in their fulfillment of daily responsibilities

Ministry to the Local Community

- Promote the ministry to churches, community groups, and individuals
- Liaison to connect pastors and inmates
- Connect the community to the detention center by presenting needs of the center
- Offer opportunities for volunteering inside and outside the jail, including providing volunteer training



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