JAILS:

MINISTRY IN OUR BACKYARD

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

THE MISSION FIELD



3000

local jails, practically one in every county



More than

731,000

adults and youth are held in our jails

IS BEHIND BARS?

85% MALE

15% FEMALE

56% of men have experienced trauma

98% of women have experienced trauma



68%

deal with substance abuse

grew up in a single-parent home



IMPACT ON CHILDREN



IN 28

children have an incarcerated parent, nearly **50%**



FORCED TO DEAL WITH FEELINGS OF:

- Fear & anxiety
- Distruptive living conditions
- Lack of contact with incarcerated parent
- Shame and stigma



14% were

homeless prior to arrest, for women up to

MINISTRY IMPACT

"Thank you for not judging me...for giving me hope, peace, and acceptance. Thank you for guiding me back into the

lighted path to Jesus and His love." - jail resident





Jail Ministry is providing compassionate, holistic care through the transforming message of the gospel with those who are justice-involved (the incarcerated, those transitioning back into society, their families, victims, and corrections staff). View the Church's Toolkit at lausannena.org

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