



Photo via Juveniles in Justice

YOUTH IN CRISIS

Over 1 million children are arrested each year, with 500,000 sent to over 1,300 juvenile detention facilities across the country. On any given day, over 57,000 are serving a sentence in a detention facility – the juvenile justice equivalent of jail.



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MISSION

Reaching *Every Youth, Every Facility* with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Currently, only 30% of locked up youth have access to faith-based programs. No single organization can reach every youth. By coming together, a group of ministries, churches and individuals can reach the remaining 70%.

RAISED AT RISK

Incarcerated youth share the following life experiences:

TRAUMA

90%

have experienced significant trauma

FATHERLESSNESS

85%

live in a fatherless home

POVERTY

80%

live below poverty level

EDUCATION

80%

have a learning disability

MENTAL HEALTH

70%

have a mental illness

INCARCERATED
YOUTH ARE
SEEKING
SPIRITUAL
ANSWERS
TO THEIR
QUESTIONS
ABOUT LIFE.



THEY NEED:

Hope for the future

Caring, supportive adults

Opportunities to grow in faith

Services that address learning issues, trauma & mental health

Substance abuse recovery

Life skills & educational support

Opportunities to serve others

DID YOU KNOW?

Abused and traumatized girls are the fastest growing youth population to be incarcerated.

Four out of five children and teens arrested are under the influence of alcohol or drugs, test positive for drugs, admit having substance abuse problems, or some combination of these characteristics.

Black juveniles are held in custody at twice the rate for Hispanics and five times the rate for whites even though the rate of offense is similar.

200,000 youth are arrested each year for "status offenses" – behaviors that are not crimes – like running away or skipping school.

A first arrest during high school nearly doubles the odds of that student dropping out. A court appearance nearly quadruples the odds of dropout.

Ten years ago the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child recommended an "absolute minimum" age of 12 for criminal responsibility. Yet today, in 31 American states, children of any age can be convicted and sentenced.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT TO REACH EVERY YOUTH, EVERY FACILITY

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Connect to the closest juvenile detention facility with the greatest need

Equip



Training, curriculum and tools for juvenile justice ministry

Resource



Up-to-date resources and information



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