

# THE CHALLENGE



Without support, 85% of these individuals will be back inside prison within 3 years.



Only 10% of inmates receive any mail or outside contact from family, churches, or other communities.



**70,000** individuals exit the prison system in the U.S. every month.

Inmates have been out of touch with society for 2, 5, 10, or maybe 20 years. They come out of prison to enter a totally changed and foreign world. Without a tangible or emotional support system on the outside, going back to the routine of prison life is an extremely tempting option.

The community resources that are available are also quite thin. There is the option of a homeless shelter and/or a rescue mission environment. However, beds are limited. And, depending on their conviction, inmates may be excluded from this option.



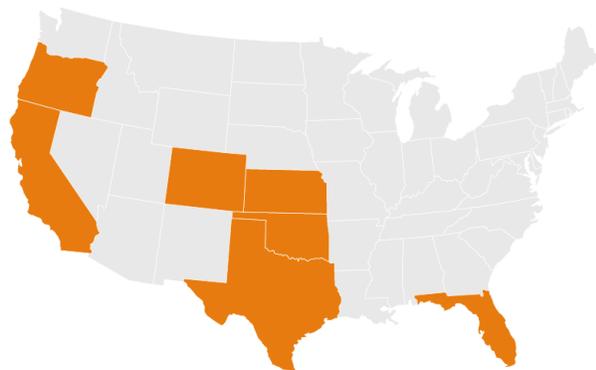
The system puts inmates on the street with little emotional, mentoring or financial support. Many of these exiting inmates have been alienated by their families and outside support system.

# THE HOPE



Well maintained statistics show that, given love, attention, mentoring and faith-based support, the percentage of inmates returning to prison can be lowered from 85% to 15%.

Our Lessons For Life Correspondence course is currently reaching 950 inmates in 7 states.





## A SOLUTION

Prison Talk provides the love and attention that is needed along with a practical training program that teaches exiting inmates how to move forward with their lives, not returning to prison but rebuilding their support system on the outside. This training program was developed by Gary Skinner, himself a former inmate who found inspiring success through following the 24 steps outlines in his book *Lessons For Life*; practical ways to move forward with life upon exiting the system.

## PRISON TALK PROVIDES:



Support and life-coaching provided by volunteers from local churches who walk with them on an intimate basis for at least the first 90 days they are on the outside as they begin putting the pieces of life back together.

Small groups of other exiting inmates and their families who provide mutual support and encouragement on a peer-to-peer level in a local church environment.



Coordination between prison-focused non-profits, working together to be a catalyst among all prison-based programs. Prison Talk encourages cooperation, thus strengthening the overall help available to exiting inmates.

**PRISON TALK IS RAISING \$90,000 IN 2018,**

over and above our normal budget, in order to scale up our successful program.

We also have volunteers working weekly in several prisons and county jails in Colorado and Kansas. They teach *Lessons For Life* to, on average, 15 inmates at a time per facility.



**Our 5 year goal is to reach 8,400 inmates annually.**