

Prison Ministry Outreaches Seminar

Why would you even need a seminar?

The purpose of this free seminar is to allow the members of each congregation to be aware of things that need to be addressed when dealing with men and women who either are incarcerated or have been incarcerated. Individual ministry brochures give some details of several of these concerns; however, the seminar covers, in full detail, the do's and don'ts of each type of outreach. Volunteers need to know what to expect, what they may run into, and how to respond. All this and more will be covered in the seminar. We know there is always a risk of a good-hearted, well-meaning, child



Inmates pass out Christian literature at one of the prisons.

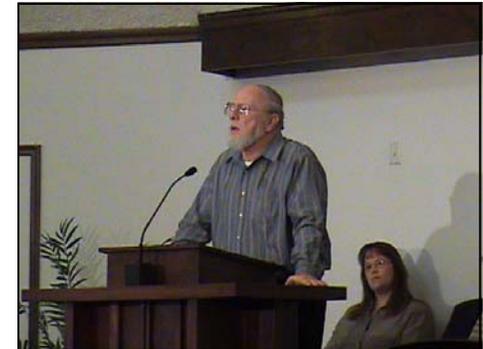
of God being taken advantage of unless they understand the potential dangers before they can develop. Since this ministry has been dealing with inmates for more than twenty years, we can be of assistance with sharing the practical skills needed for the church to help inmates without becoming a victim to a continuing con artist. We do not want to have the actions of an unbelieving inmate to discourage a church (or individual) from being involved in ministry because they were taken advantage of. This is why receiving an instructional seminar is so important before beginning with prison ministry.

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The chaplain can give skills instruction for all the outreaches of this ministry in a four-hour seminar.

Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry needs volunteers!

One of the great things about having a seminar is that people who are interested in doing something for the Lord become aware of prison outreaches and realize this might be their calling from the Lord. Since the outreaches vary from sitting in the safety of your home writing letters, to actually going into the prison and being a part of sharing the gospel with the inmates, to helping in a weekly Bible study, there needs to be training. Age and physical condition should not stop someone from being able to take part in one or more of these outreaches; it is a wonderful opportunity for the elderly to be involved. Or, young people could correspond with the children of an inmate's children. The seminar is a wonderful time of fellowship with a break for refreshments halfway through. There is plenty of time to ask and answer the questions of the participants. One of the main purposes of the seminar is to make people aware of possible difficulties in prison ministry; alerting them beforehand of what to expect, and what to avoid. Also, we try to screen the inmates; someone may not be all they appear to be when they come to the weekly services. That is why we encourage people to get training and be involved with an established ministry such as Rehoboth Jail & Prison ministry, instead of just starting out on their own.



The main focus of the chaplains of this ministry is the preaching of the gospel in the prisons.

The topics the seminar will cover in greater detail...

Ministry to Youth

We do not claim that we are experts in child rearing, but we are aware of the needs of children of single-parent homes with one parent incarcerated.

In-Prison Ministry

If your church wants to begin a ministry in a local jail or prison, there is a greater need for a seminar that in any other type of outreach.

Family Ministry

Even if you have already worked with other families, this seminar can help you become aware of the unique needs of inmates' families, and encourage working together to meet those needs.

After Care

In working with a man or woman just released from prison there is a definite need not to talk down to them or to be to inquisitive about his or her past. We can help you better understand a parolee's emotional needs.

Being a Pen Pal

Never give out your home address when you are writing someone incarcerated - to find out why, and other concerns about being a Pen Pal, a seminar would be very helpful.

Mentoring Family Members of Inmates

I am involved in mentoring and I certainly do not know it all, however hooking up with this ministry may give you insight as to the special needs of ex-offenders and their families.

Restoration House

There are going to be many openings for ministering when we open Restoration House. Even now we have needs in finding land, organizing volunteers, and raising the funds to build.

So Why a Seminar?

Much of the reason for a seminar is to put this ministry in touch with people in the local churches who may be interested in being involved in any of prison ministry outreaches. Just as a pastor of the church cannot do everything, our chaplain needs help-partners.

What does the Seminar consist of?

Part one covers community-based ministries.

Part one of the seminar explains everything except the actual in-prison part of Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry outreaches, including all the topics to the left on this brochure. As the chaplain addresses each topic there will be opportunity to ask questions, and at the end of the seminar there will be a sign up sheet for those interested in any of the outreaches. This is an opportunity for participants to learn about ways to serve the Lord in the local community through their own church and to better understand how to reach out to others by meeting their needs at a time in their lives when they may be searching for spiritual insights.

Part two strictly covers in-prison ministry.

We will explain what is necessary to become an in-prison volunteer of Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry. This two-hour session covers the things one should not do and things they will need to be very careful to do when going into a jail or state prison. It will cover everything necessary for a church to start their own in-prison outreach. When it is over the church members will have a much better understanding of the need for prison ministry outreaches in the jails and prisons, and realize that mission work is needed here as well as in other countries. The prison ministry, if effective, will be a great benefit right here where we live, blessing the church members as well as the recipients. The seminar can be held on a Sunday afternoon or a Saturday morning with a break for a snack of some kind in between.

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