Mission Statement

To establish and strengthen the Christian life of inmates and their families by providing opportunities for worship, instruction, nurturing of children, fellowship, service, mutual aid, brotherly counsel, and to establish and strengthen the Christian life of evangelism. To bring the Gospel to the unsaved and to lead them to faith in Christ followed by membership in the body of Christ.

Offerings & Donations are tax deductible since Rehoboth is a non-profit organization. They can be sent to the address above and will be used to further the Jail & Prison Ministry.



Volunteers and ex-offenders celebrate the annual Day of Jubilee on the last Saturday of each September.

Restoration House

The projected Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry <u>Restoration House</u> will be able to provide housing, clothes, food, and jobs for the male inmates (hopefully women someday) being released with no home. To succeed in this endeavor, we will need the prayers and support of all those interested.

This program is very necessary, especially to inmates who have been incarcerated a long time. Inmates who have completed their sentence and are due to be released may not have a place to go unless a program like <u>Restoration House</u> is made available. Since this program has already been tested in another house, we know it can be successful. Men will live at <u>Restoration House</u> for 12 months while they re-adjust to society on the 'outside. It is totally Christian; ask to see the House Rules and Spiritual Guidelines.

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In-Prison Ministry Family Ministry After Care Pen Pal Ministry Support Groups Mentoring Restoration House Ministry to Troubled Youth



Men celebrate Jesus the Name above all Names

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In-Prison Ministry

This ministry consists of going into prisons and jails, bringing the gospel to incarcerated men and women, and to disciple them. Not everyone feels comfortable going into jails or prisons. That is why Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry offers individual or entire church instructional seminars; to provide training for those who wish to pursue this avenue of ministry.

Pen Pal

This is an outreach anyone can become involved in. Being a <u>Pen Pal</u> can be as rewarding to you as it is to an inmate who receives no contact with anyone on the outside. A <u>Pen Pal</u> can give positive counseling to these new believers. However, there are some things a pen pal should not get involved with - ask for our instructional tract on being a <u>Pen Pal</u>.

After Care

<u>After Care</u> is for the inmate after his release from incarceration. Providing a job

and work clothes for an inmate who is either being released or going before the parole board is a part of this ministry. It is almost impossible to be granted parole without an address



Put your feet into it and do more than pray!

where the local parole office can keep track of an ex-offender. Inmates need a home plan and a job promised in order to make parole; this will speed up a mandatory release as well. If someone in the church is corresponding with an inmate through the <u>Pen Pal</u> ministry, he will know when the inmate needs a home plan and perhaps the church will be able to assist. After

<u>Care</u> for an inmate with no family in the area will be more extensive than for someone who has a family to parole to. This is an opportunity for many churches and individuals to work to-



gether, pooling resources and referring needs that cannot be met in one congregation to others that may be able to meet these needs. Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry is available as an intermediary to coordinate.

Ministry for Troubled Youth

Many children who have an incarcerated parent have little respect for adults or any kind of authority. Children can be very rebellious, especially when they lose a parent to crime and face that embarrassment. These youth need a Christian mentor. Spending time with these young people, inviting them to go places they would not otherwise get to go, bringing the parent and youth to church, Bible study, prayer meeting, and other church activities will make a huge difference in the both parent and child. This outreach works along with the Family Ministry and the Pen Pal Ministry, with a mentor writing the inmate and being an encouragement to the parent incarcerated as well.

Family Ministry

If church members know someone who has a loved one incarcerated, this is a chance to minister to someone who is truly hurting. The pastor can counsel and comfort the hurting person left without a spouse, parent, or sibling. <u>Family Ministry</u> might include financial

help from the church for utilities or rent. Providing food could be very helpful; Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry has access to food pantries in Central VA. Visitation, invitations to church, Bible study, and invitations out to dinner would be nice; or going somewhere with a Christian family that is otherwise unaffordable if they are barely making ends meet. Family Ministry should include mentoring the family with couples or same sex Christians. It should be the desire of the church to get the family as interested in spiritual help as the material things. A follow-up with the Pen Pal ministry to the incarcerated mate would show him the same love shown to the family.

Mentoring

<u>Mentoring</u> by mature church members has to do with <u>Family Ministry</u>, <u>Ministry to Troubled Youth</u>, <u>Support Groups</u>: all things that have to do with Prison Ministry. <u>Mentoring</u> is something anyone can do just by being a Godly Christian living example, and being willing to allow your light to shine in a very dark and sinful world.

Support Group

Many people have no idea what to expect from either the jail or the prison, so they learn the hard way what lies ahead for both the family and the one incarcerated. This outreach should begin when the individual enters jail. It does not have to wait until he has been sentenced. A group of family members may meet as often as they feel necessary to comfort each other and share information to better understand what they are facing as the one incarcerated goes to court, gets sentenced, and either serves time in jail or the state prison. Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry can provide guidance for anyone interested in starting such a group.