

## 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.



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## Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry Presents Youth Ministry

**This is a ministry to youth, both churched and non-churched, before they reach a youth detention center or jail. It can also extend to youth who have already reached that point.**



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# Train up a child in the way he should go... Pr. 22:6

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Many young people today have absolutely no respect for adults or authority. Single-parent families seem to have a harder time with children, since at times the parent needs to work, or it seems the one parent allows more freedom to the children to make up for the other parent being absent. Many of these youth need a Christian mentor of the same sex as the child. Big Brother has tried to do something about this problem. I enjoy seeing churches reaching out into the community to mentor a troubled child, even if he or she has a two-parent home. Spending time with these young people, inviting them to go places they would not get to go otherwise, bringing the parent and youth to church, Bible study, prayer meeting, and other church activities will make a large difference

in the parent and child. Some of these youth may have one parent in prison, and this



**Getting youth involved with projects in the community is a good way to minister to them and others**

youth outreach would work right into both the Family Ministry and the Pen Pal ministry. The pen pal writing the inmate would be

an encouragement to the parent incarcerated as well as the child and the other parent as a mentor. If these types of ministries are successful, there will be fewer young men and



**Chaplain Ron Baker works with youth some churchgoers and some not.**

women going into the juvenile detention centers, jails, and prisons, and prayerfully, less need for so many jails and prisons. All of this depends on how the youth's troubles are handled and how much the church influences them. If some of the youth are sexually active at a very early age or using drugs, you may want to be sure to talk about these things individually so it does not stir up the interest from the rest of the youth group. We can be sure that the church youth are just as aware of what these other adolescents might be involved in. Perhaps by seeing what that life of the troubled youth is like, it may keep others from getting into the same things. After a while, you will see growth in the spiritual walk of the youth that have not been raised in the church, and hopefully, they will start coming to church regularly. As I said earlier, the church youth should be a good influence on this other group. Be careful it does not work out the other way. If there is anything Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry can do to help with setting up a youth ministry, especially to youth of a

parent incarcerated in a jail or prison, we would be more than happy to help. We realize most churches already have a youth program if the church has young people in the church, but are you aware of any families who may not be coming to church in your area who might be embarrassed because one parent is incarcerated? If you know of such a family and you would like to contact them and you need some suggestions, we are here for you. If we are aware of a family in your area, Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry is looking for contact persons at each church with time to keep in contact with us about such needs. If you are an interested family, contact us and we will add your name to our list. If a need arises in your area, we will contact you, and you in turn can speak to those in authority in your leadership about this need. Thank you in advance.

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