

# THE FREEDOM INITIATIVE

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## The Need

- Recidivism 50% in Texas
- Panhandle: over 1500 released every year
- Lostness & brokenness of individuals and communities
- Generational Crime and Incarceration
- Systems in Need of Reform
- Lack of support for parolees
- Separated Efforts

## What is our goal?

Create a comprehensive and holistic treatment of prisoners, starting within prison and continuing as they are released, that puts them on the path of making a significant, positive impact in life and in their families and communities.

We will design our redemptive process to empower prisoners to make disciples who make disciples, prayerfully resulting in a Disciple Making Movement and a local expression of the Kingdom of God.



## What makes the Freedom Initiative special?

We employ Disciple Making Movement principles and tools to not only convert prisoners but equip them to reach other prisoners.

**Empowering prisoners to share and reach one another overcomes racial, cultural, and religious barriers.**

**The Freedom Initiative doesn't stop at the doors of the prison.**

Once a prisoner is released on parole, volunteers work to help these men and women find housing, get a drivers license, assistance in obtaining a job, and other practical needs.

The ongoing mentors further disciple them to not only **reintegrate within society, but also guide them to be disciple-makers within the community.**

We will work to multiply these principles, methods, and processes to prisons all over the US.

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## INSIDE



FI Mentors train, disciple, and coach a group of Christian inmates to reach lost prisoners and do good works within the prison. Having meaningful conversations, they will share stories from the Bible, invite them to start Discovery Bible Studies, and then help them start DBSes with other prisoners through the prison & with their families over the phone.



## RE-ENTRY



As prisoners come up for parole, we will prepare these disciple-makers for transition and aid them as they re-enter society. Working with partners, we'll identify solutions to their needs while helping them find a job.

Each parolee will be assigned re-entry mentors who will support them and continue to coach them in disciple-making now on the outside.

# THE FREEDOM INITIATIVE ACTIONS

## MENTORING PROCESS

- Provides discipleship, accountability, support, guidance, & advocacy
- Equips them to make disciples: serving, engaging, sharing stories, starting DBS's
- Tracks progress and connect/partner with others



### INSIDE

- Disciple prisoners through Discovery Bible Study
- Empower prisoners to reach other prisoners
- Prisoners and a local and global community pray with and for each other
- Build a bridge and prepare them for release

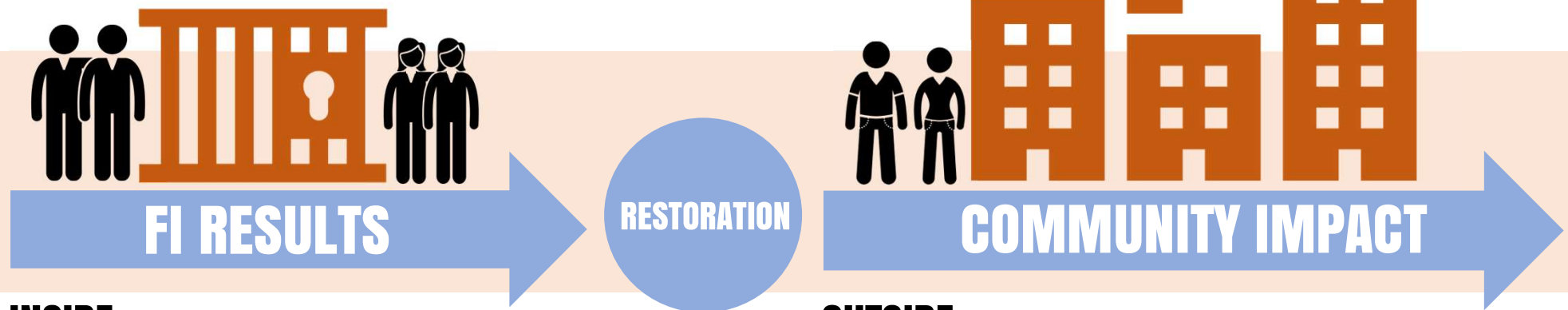
### OUTSIDE

- Help to find housing, clothing, food, & other needs
- Coach parolees to serve their communities
- Develop community to support parolees
- Identify opportunities for education or training
- Mobilize prayer for current and former prisoners
- Partner across areas & states

# THE FREEDOM INITIATIVE DESIRED OUTCOMES

## THE BIG PICTURE

- FI process replicated across areas & states
- Current & former prisoners catalyze Disciple Making Movements
- Christians partner to bring societal & cultural change to express God's Kingdom
- Significant reduction in crime & recidivism



### INSIDE

- Increasing baptisms
- Written prayers passed between outside & inside
- Equipped Inside Disciple Makers
- Stories of obedience and changed lives
- Discovery Bible Groups multiply throughout prison

### OUTSIDE

- More baptisms
- Discovery Groups multiply throughout the community
- Significant reduction of recidivism
- Parolees bring positive change & expand God's Kingdom
- Earn good livings & heal broken families and communities

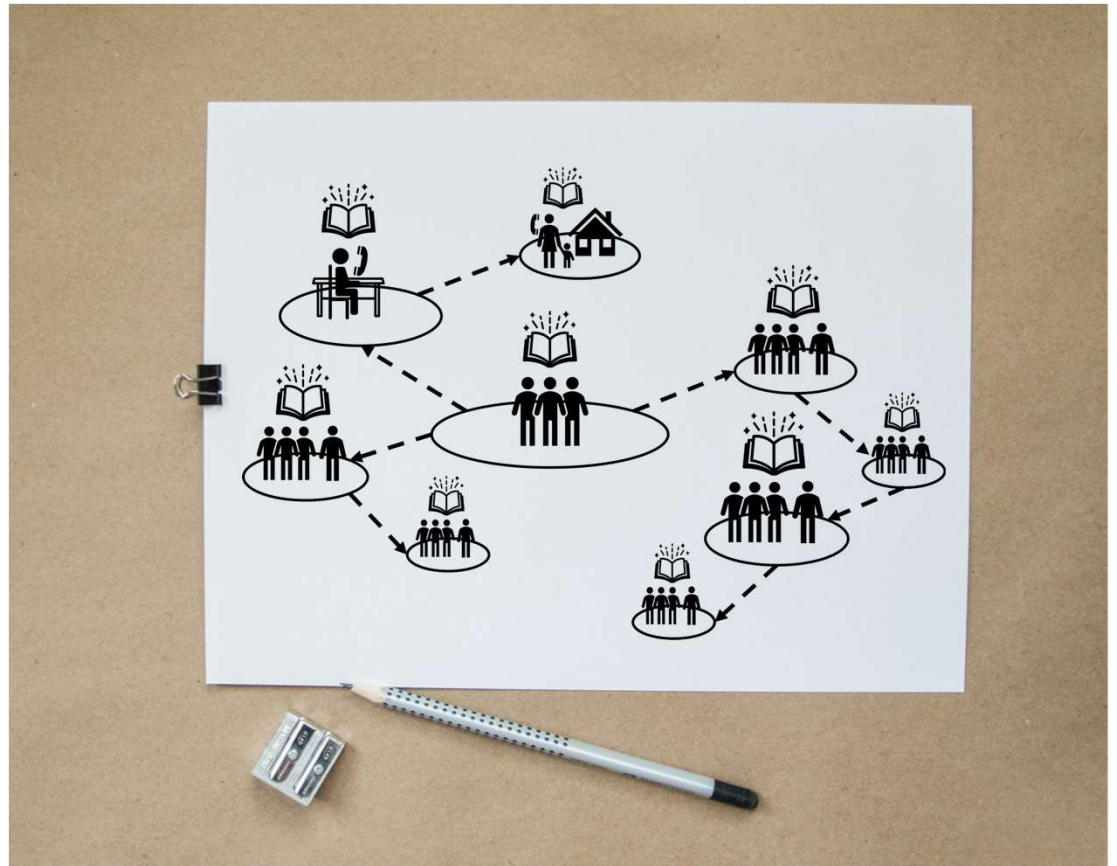
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## DISCOVER MULTIPLICATION

FI Mentors will train and coach a team of Inmate Disciple-Makers in practicing and starting Discovery Bible Studies. A Discovery Bible Study (DBS) is designed to operate without an official teacher so that it can allow all the members of the group to discover what the Bible plainly says and obey it and share it with others for themselves. While most Bible studies focus mainly on gaining knowledge, DBSes focus on actions taken because of what was discovered. The group discusses simple questions like "What does this story say about God and man?", "If this is true, how should I change?", and "Whom can I share this with?" Each member now leaves the group with a specific way both to live out the story and to share the story with others, inviting them to start a Discovery Group of their own. Just imagine how Discovery Bible Studies can pop up all around the prison, and even be shared with family over the phone!

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**CHANGED BY DISCOVERY:** Read a testimony written by a Clements unit inmate sharing how he was changed by doing DBS with a cellmate.





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## **PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE KINGDOM**

We believe that believing prisoners should take their place in the effort to expand and pray for God's Kingdom where they are and the global Great Commission. Therefore, our goal is to connect Christian prisoners with disciple-makers around the world so that we can pray together for our prisons, lost communities, cities, and nations together.

Each week, our team's inmate disciple-makers send prayer requests for themselves and the mission to our growing outside prayer network, receiving in turn prayers written for them from other disciple-makers from around the world!

In addition, they will receive a report of prayer requests from these disciple-making partners; our inside team then will write prayers to send back, participating in God's plan for the world.

There are other ways in which we connect. Most prisons have access to our prayer podcast where members from our team pray over prisoner's prayer requests and give celebrations and updates from our disciple-making partners in other prisons and around the world.

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Freedom Initiative Prayer Request:

T.C., Clements Unit, Amarillo, TX:

1. Pray for my brother who lost his mother.
2. Pray for me because I am coming up for parole 11/6/25
3. Pray for my son- Josh- he had an MRI on his r and they found a blockage. He may need a ste

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 Father, TY for T.C.s scheduled parole. Show him favor. Comfort his grieving Brother. Let Josh's stent placement be successful & without complications. Draw T.C., his Brother & Josh to you for a close relationship & YOUR PEACE as they are faced with life challenges.

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# PRAY WITH PRISONERS

Each week, our mentors collect prayer requests and written prayers from our inside disciple-makers and send them to our communication team who posts these requests on our prayer page where you can write prayers and requests. Our team then collects these prayers and requests and send them back to the mentors to give to the prisoners. Finally, the Body of Christ can be connected through prayer without the boundaries.

## Prayer Requests

Each request will have the first name of a prisoner or worker, the prison unit where they are incarcerated, and the city and state of the prison.

## Write out a prayer

Each week, we copy all the prayers written for the prisoners and send them to their mentors who will deliver them for the prisoners to read.

We will not send mere indications of prayer like "praying for you" or stock comments like "May God bless you" though we are thankful for your prayers if you cannot at that moment type one out.

### Download the app to get started!

- Click on The Freedom Initiative, then Recent Prayer Quests
- You'll need to ask to be let into our private page, but once you're approved, you can join in the prayer effort!





## SENDING YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS

You can send your prayer requests to the Christian prisoners to pray for your area and mission in making disciples. Sending your requests to these men & women in prison gives them the opportunity to participate what God is doing globally to expand His Kingdom.

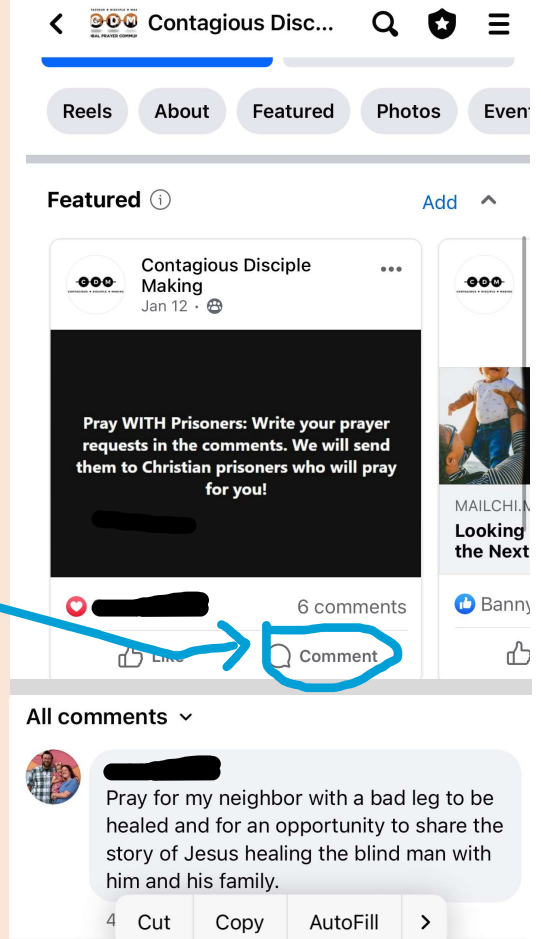
### POSTING YOUR REQUESTS

Find the most recent black background post asking for prayer requests.

- Post your requests in the comments of the weekly CDM post asking for requests. You can find it in the "Recent Requests" feed or pinned to the featured section of the home screen of the group.

#### Writing your request

- Needs and current issues of your area, specific lost families and groups you're trying to reach, challenges you're facing in disciple making are all examples of prayer requests you can send to these men and women who can now be a part of what God is doing globally to expand His Kingdom.
- Be specific- help them know how to pray for you.
- Click the blue arrow once you are done.







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## **THE MISSION CONTINUES WITH RE-ENTRY**

Connecting inside and re-entry efforts into a continuous journey, our inmate disciple-makers will have the experience, skills and spiritual growth to reach their families and any community they encounter. Our FI Team will partner with these men and women as we pursue the same mission of reaching the lost together.

### **THE TRANSITION TO A NEW LIFE**

As our inside disciple-makers come up for parole, we will transfer them to Re-entry FI Mentors and partners to help them re-enter society. We will work with partners to find solutions to their needs while helping them find a job. No need to feel alone, they will join a community of other released FI disciple-makers, prayer partners, and our FI team.

### **DISCIPLE-MAKING ON THE OUTSIDE**

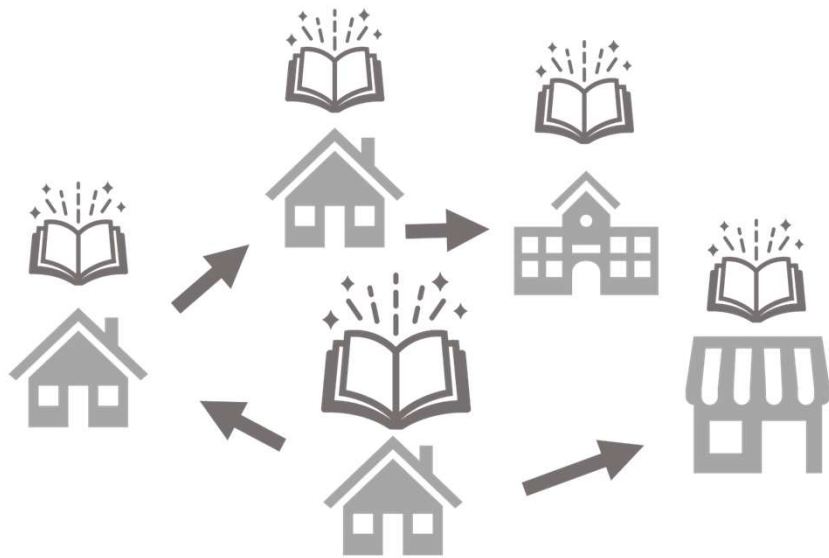
Each FI parolee will be assigned a mentor who will support them and coach them in disciple-making now on the outside. Our released disciple-makers will be guided in serving and volunteering in the community as well as developing relationships with those who don't know Jesus. They will continue to share stories and start and multiply Discovery Bible Studies like they did in prison. As obedience to God's Word spreads throughout our areas, our areas will heal and change to be like God's Kingdom.

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# RE-ENTRY: HOW GOD'S WORD CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING

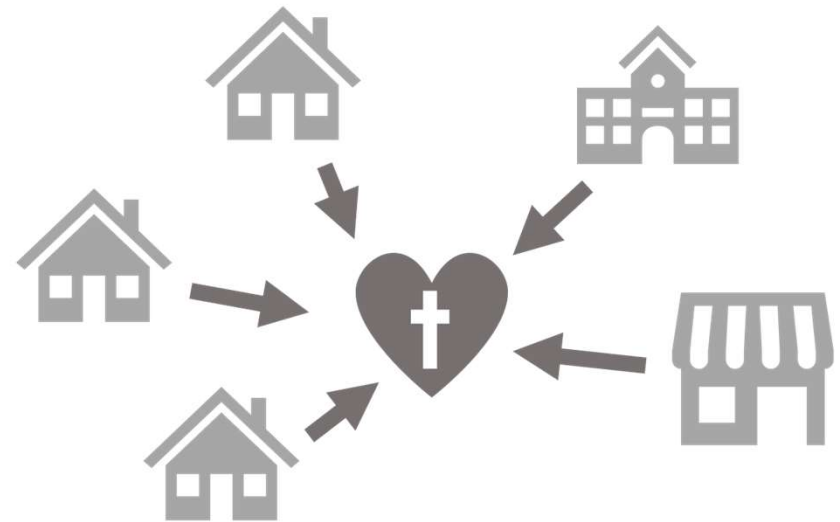
## MULTIPLYING DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDIES

As FI Disciple-Makers start and multiply DBSes, families and friends are discovering, sharing stories, and starting DBSes with other friends and family. They then come to know Jesus, get baptized, and grow in Him. The FI Team coaches and guides the Bible studies and growth all along the way.

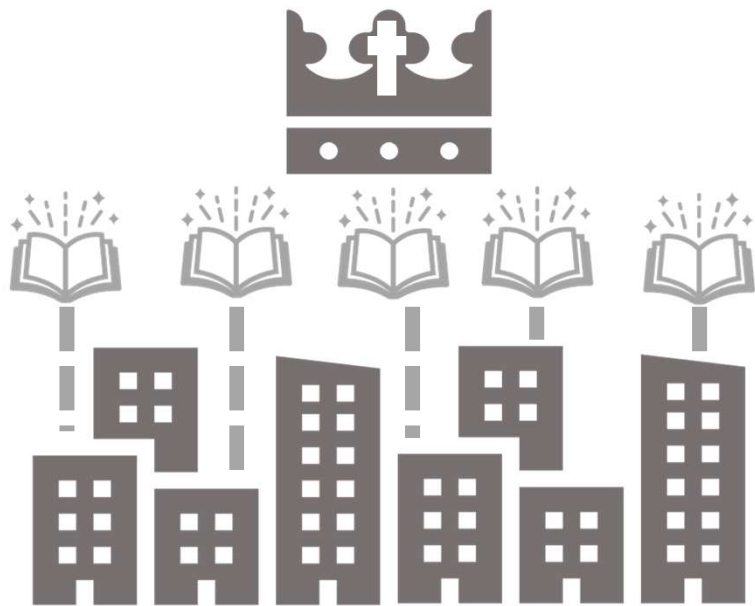


## FORMING CHURCHES

As these groups multiply and mature, these families and friends who already had relationship as unbelievers, now become God's Family as believers and form their own churches. Outside leaders and FI Team disciple and train leaders from within these groups to lead these new churches.



# RE-ENTRY: OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WORD CHANGES EVERYTHING



## REACHING COMMUNITIES SUFFERING FROM CRIME AND INCARCERATION:

Listen to this podcast where Paul details the origin story of FI, its vision, how it works, and what role you can play.



## CITY TRANSFORMATION

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The disciple-makers in these churches continue to share stories and start DBSes with others, reaching more and more communities and people groups across an area. Since the DBS process focuses on practical daily and weekly obedience to God's Word, God's commands and the principles and power of His Rule and Kingdom starts changing everything- from individual lives and families to the way we run our society and culture. We then get to experience the joy of cities and areas that are run according to the Will of God.

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# THE FREEDOM INITIATIVE ROLES & COMMITMENTS



## FI INSIDE TEAM

### Their Mission

A team of Christian prisoners dedicated to make disciples of lost inmates by starting and multiplying Discovery Bible Studies throughout the prison.

### Prayer Intercessors

Through our Pray with Prisoners Project, they partner in prayer with disciple-makers outside the prison for the lost and for the transformation of cities and nations at home and abroad.

### Guided by our FI Team

FI mentors will disciple, train, and coach this team in Disciple-Making, prayer efforts, and growth in Christlikeness. Study and practice DMM methods under the regular coaching and training of FI mentors and leadership



## FI MENTORS

### Their Mission

FI Team Members responsible for mentoring one or more prisoners or parolees using DM methods & supporting the overall FI process.

### Works with Global Team

FI Mentors mobilize prayer locally as well as support the national effort of FI (prayer, sharing stories, fundraising, networking, etc). Bringing prayers and requests back and forth from the outside, they play a crucial role in connecting prisoners to Body of Christ.

### Coached by FI Leadership

FI mentors are trained in Disciple-Making Methods and are strategically guided and coached by our FI Leadership. Weekly coaching and tracking keeps our teams growing in the right direction.



## RE-ENTRY SERVICE TEAM

### Their Mission & Role

Work with Re-entry Mentors and the FI Advisory Board to support FI inside team as they go through the transition of re-entry. They assist in practical help such as helping them find food and clothes, driving them to get their ID, or assisting them in finding a job. They may also support the FI team in practical or administrative tasks. The re-entry team relieves FI mentors and other staff to better accomplish their role.

- Examples include clerical support, media developer, prison assistant, on-call parolee support.
- Work w/ FI team under the FI leadership
- Participate in & mobilize prayer locally & w/ CDM global prayer
- Participate in FI coordination meetings



**Their Mission**

To develop a local FI chapter under the guidance of National FI Leadership while partnering with the National FI Community. Using movement principles, the FI National Team & the board solve community problems and create a comprehensive, sustainable process among partners that works to transform communities and reflect the Kingdom of God.

**FI INTEREST FORM:** Join the FI Team! Contact us for an appointment to learn more



**REGULAR ACTIONS**

**RECRUIT & ESTABLISH TEAMS**  
Recruit volunteers and team to assist in all the goals, positions, and projects.

**BUILD & WORK THE PROCESS**  
Create the FI process locally, solve problems, & manage the teams & functions of the process

**DEVELOP KEY PARTNERS**  
Form partnerships with churches, ministries, organizations, and city departments

**DEVELOP RESOURCES**  
Partner w/existing services & raise funds for needs and the operating costs to accomplish FI goals

**RAISE PRAYER PARTNERS**  
Recruit prayer team & mobilize prayer for prisoners, their families and communities, and the FI team

**NEEDED SPECIALTIES**

-  **RECRUITMENT**
-  **GOVERNMENT ADVOCATES**
-  **RE-ENTRY SERVICES**
-  **MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY**
-  **DEVELOPMENT & FUNDS**
-  **PRAYER MOBILIZATION**
-  **CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS**
-  **PRISON MINISTRIES**

## FREEDOM INITIATIVE TEAM MEMBERS

ADVISORY BOARD	INSIDE MENTOR	INSIDE DM TEAM	RE-ENTRY MENTOR	RE-ENTRY TEAM	PRAYER TEAM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responsible for developing FI in their area while partnering and developing the overall FI community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responsible for mentoring an Inside DM Team &amp; supporting the overall FI process (both in-person and phone mentors)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incarcerated disciple-makers responsible for leading prayer &amp; multiplying DBSes and disciples on the inside</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responsible for mentoring 1 or more parolees &amp; supporting the FI process</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist the FI through practical help, includes job search, housing, food, medical, &amp; transportation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicates prayer requests &amp; celebration stories &amp; develops prayer partners locally &amp; w/ CDM global</li> </ul>



 Freedom Initiative Team

## PROVIDERS, ORGS, AND PARTNERS

INSIDE PARTNERS	RE-ENTRY SERVICE PARTNERS	CHURCH PARTNERS	LEGAL/JUDICIAL DEPARTMENTS	PRAYER PARTNERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chaplains and other prison/jail ministries who partner with us in mobilizing prayer and discipling prisoners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contacts within government agencies, non-profits, and ministries who provide key services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Churches or church friends who will help mobilize prayer, provide community, &amp; recruit volunteers to mentor &amp; serve parolees &amp; their communities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key contacts connected with the legal and judicial system who will seek needed reform &amp; coordinate with and open opportunities for FI</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Believers committed to pray within local and global FI/CDM prayer communities for their city and those affected by incarceration</li> </ul>

 Providers and/or Partners

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