

Freed? Hardly!



An inmate released from prison faces a variety of daunting problems:

- Little support from family or society
- Old friends gone or best avoided
- Fines, debts and financial obligations incurred prior to and during incarceration
- No job, no money, and frequently few job skills

Elusive Freedom

Reentry After Care is an ecumenical partnership to assist an ex offender in meeting these issues and making a successful transition back into society as an honest and productive citizen.

For surely
I KNOW THE
plans
I have for
YOU,
says (the)
Lord...
TO GIVE YOU A
future
WITH
Hope.
Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV

- The process is simple**
- Inmates apply for **Reentry Aftercare** before their release.
 - They are interviewed and screened to determine their commitment and their likelihood of having a successful experience and
 - They are matched with a **Reentry Aftercare** team of trained volunteers.

Sometimes Reentry Aftercare

- is just someone to talk to
- may help with a job search, finding housing, getting clothing, transportation, or family counseling

Reentry Aftercare is not a handout

Reentry Aftercare is always

- A Fresh Start
- Tough Love
- An Act of Faith
- Team Work
- Reconciliation
- Radical Hospitality

Reentry Aftercare needs your congregation's (and your) financial support. It costs money to train volunteers, provide support, and assist in emergencies. **Reentry Aftercare** depends upon contributions and individuals who care.

Our financial goal for 2010 is \$3,000. Would your church consider being a part of this worthwhile ministry?

More teams and team members are always needed, would you be willing to form and serve on a **Reentry Aftercare Team**?

Speakers are available (see back)



Ask Yourself

Would I...

...like a healthier community?

...dare to welcome a stranger with mercy and kindness?

...lend a hand to someone who is attempting to become a productive member of society?

...be willing to share some of my time and financial resources to make a difference in someone's life?

Matthew 25:40— 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Speakers Are Available:

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Reentry AFTER CARE

An extended ministry of the Church of the Damascus Road

Hebrews 13:3— Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.