

# JAILS: MINISTRY IN OUR BACKYARD

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.... Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." - Jesus



## THE MISSION FIELD



More than  
**3000**

local jails, practically one in every county



More than  
**731,000**  
adults and youth are held in our jails

85% MALE

15% FEMALE

**56%** of men have experienced trauma

**98%** of women have experienced trauma



## WHO IS BEHIND BARS?



**68%**

deal with substance abuse



**56%**

grew up in a single-parent home



**14%** were

homeless prior to arrest, for women up to **50%**

## IMPACT ON CHILDREN



**1 IN 28**

children have an incarcerated parent, nearly **50%**

of these are under the age of **10**

### FORCED TO DEAL WITH FEELINGS OF:

- Fear & anxiety
- Disruptive living conditions
- Lack of contact with incarcerated parent
- Shame and stigma

## MINISTRY IMPACT

"Thank you for not judging me...for giving me hope, peace, and acceptance. Thank you for guiding me back into the lighted path to Jesus and His love."  
- jail resident

