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That's how much it costs taxpayers for EVERY PERSON in prison—over \$30,000 per year, per prisoner!

And about 2/3 of all prisoners released end up back in prison

We have the answer, and our success rate is about 87%

That means we break the cycle of crime and its costs to society for almost 9 of every 10 men, not 1 out of 3!



Although your taxes force you to fund a system with a 2/3 failure rate, you can be part of our 87% success rate by choice. As a decidedly **Christian** organization, we receive no tax money. We believe the best way to rehabilitate a prisoner is to change them on the inside. Jesus Christ is the only one who can do that!

Jesus stated in Matthew 25:35, "I was in prison and you came to visit me." He loves prisoners. Prison does not just destroy a person, it destroys a family. Jesus has the power to restore these people. He does so completely, and He gives us the privilege of being His hands, feet, and voice.

Since 1984, Alpha Prison Ministries has focused on the whole person. We disciple men, and then watch God do miracles. Included here are just a few highlights of how our success is achieved.

The hidden costs of prison

Children of prisoners often grow up to be prisoners themselves

Most prisoners are repeat offenders

The waste of human potential robs society; prisoners are a burden instead of being productive

Absent fathers and broken homes are a leading cause of crime, which leads to prison sentences

How we solve these problems

Our volunteers minister in prison, face to face, developing relationships, and studying the Bible with inmates

We supply Bibles, study guides, and other Christian literature to inmates

Inmates often become missionaries, mentors, and leaders themselves, both in prison and after prison

Former inmates who are accepted at one of our *Alpha House* facilities live in a controlled, Christian environment for 6-12 months developing Christian character, family values, and life skills

How you can help

Volunteer to minister in prison. You may start out with the intent to be a blessing, and you will be, but you will find yourself being the one who is blessed by serving.

Mentor Alpha House residents. This is your chance to participate in a legacy. You not only help keep a man from returning to prison, it could save future generations.

Provide employment. Finding work is very challenging to an ex-offender, so by giving them a chance, you often get a worker of exceptional loyalty and performance.

Pray for us. The value of prayer can never be overstated, and we appreciate your prayers for this ministry because they do make a difference.

Give. Whether it's donated items, services, or money, the gifts of God's people are the ONLY support we receive. Thank you for your generosity!

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