



The Salvation Army Texas Division Correctional Ministries

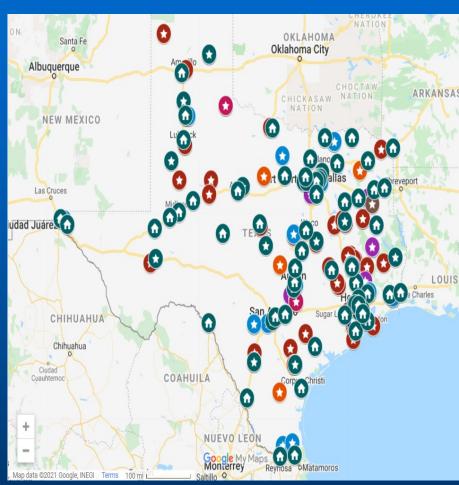


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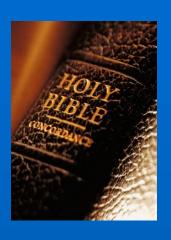


Texas Correctional Facilities Statistics

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# of TDCJ state facilities......101
# of State (TDCJ) inmates....122,000 (approx.)
# of Federal prisons......21
Total # of Federal inmates.....15,700 (approx.)
Immigration Detention Centers......18
254 counties in Texas...
 will have a least one county adult
 facility, probation offices and multiple
 local city jails
# of State (TJJD) juvenile facilities......14
# of youth in State facilities..1,897 (avg. daily)
 *(does not include youth in county facilities)
# of TDCJ parole offices.....50+
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*NOTE: numbers above may vary due to realignment of facilities and recidivism.



Ministry of the Correctional Ministries Department

- Worship services conducted throughout the year as requested by chaplains
- Bible Study Program students in the Texas Division are completing approximately 600 Bible study booklets each month
- Christmas
 - candy gift bags to inmates and correctional staff
 - greeting cards for inmates to communicate with their families at Christmas time and throughout the year
 - Christmas gifts to children of inmates through the Angel Tree Program

Ministry of the Correctional Ministries Department

- Chaplaincy support (TDCJ, immigration detention facilities, TJJD and county juvenile facilities, adult and juvenile parole)
 - Equipping chaplains with resources for their ministry to inmates and correctional facility staff including, but not limited to the following: Bibles and Gospel tracts; devotional materials for both staff and inmates; hygiene supplies for indigent inmates; greeting cards throughout the year; materials for faith-based dorms; children's books for correctional facility visitation areas
 - Assisting with resources for volunteer and staff appreciation events
 - Facilitating relationships between correctional facilities and their local Salvation Army

Ministry of the Correctional Ministries Department

- Death Row ministry minister visits as requested by men on Death Row
- ➤ Christian resources develop and secure good Christian resources for distribution to inmates and correctional staff (Bibles, War Cry magazines - including leftover past issues, Scripture-based calendars, day planner booklets, devotional books, children's books, etc.)
- "Ministry at the Gates" program continuing to focus on ministry to staff as well as to the families of inmates
- > Re-entry assistance
 - referral information for inmates preparing for release (information for housing, job, financial assistance, rehabilitation)
 - coats, clothing, hygiene items, etc. to youth and adults leaving correctional facilities

The following slides provide a glimpse into how The Salvation Army Texas Division serves correctional facilities.

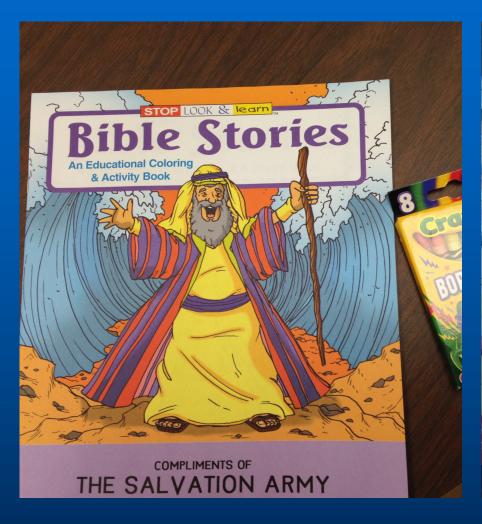
Staff Appreciation Events



Socks and Supplies to Youth In Juvenile Facilities

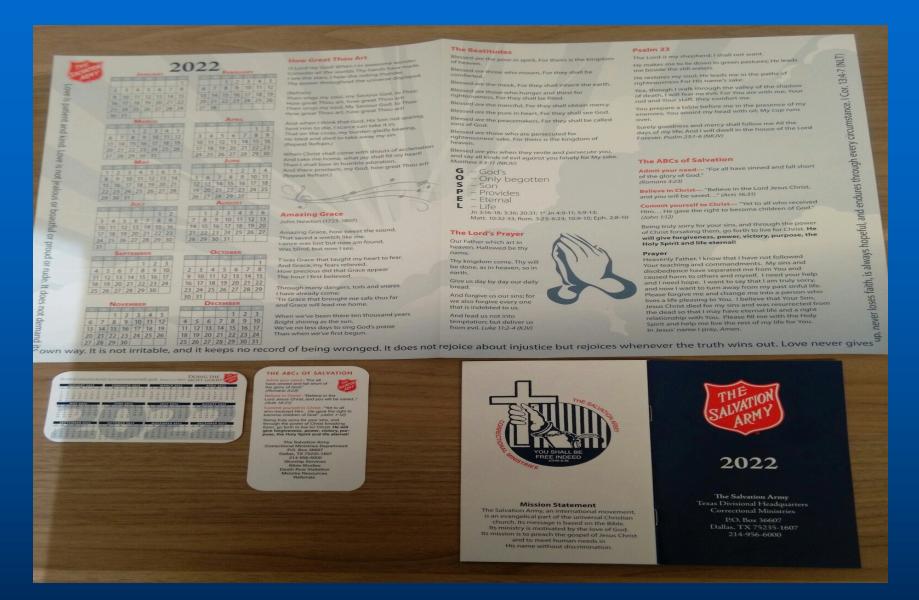


Books Supplied to Prison Visitation Areas for use by Children During Visits with Family Members as well as Children Being Held in Immigration Detention Centers





Calendars and Day Planners Provided Annually to Correctional Facilities throughout Texas

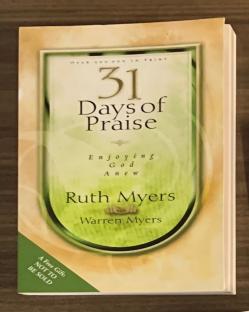


Hygiene Items to Indigent inmates

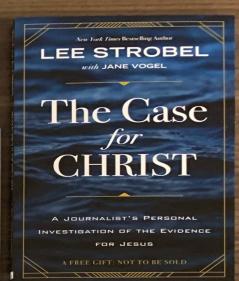


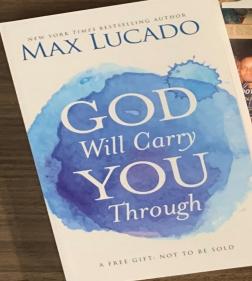
Bibles and Christian Literature

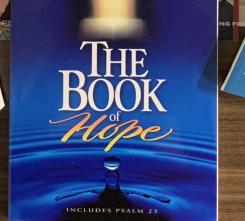


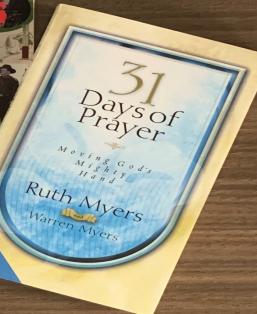




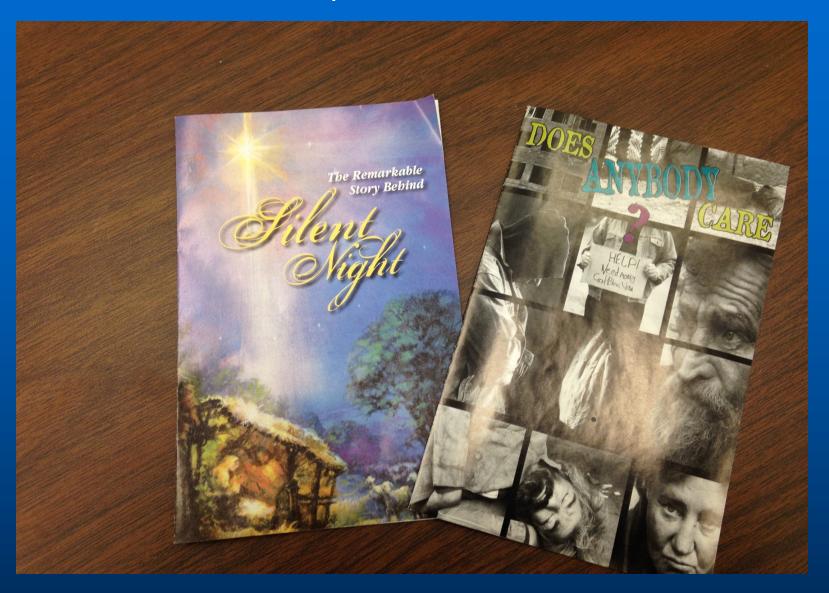








Gospel Tracts Included with our Correspondence to inmates



Blank Greeting Cards For inmates to Send Home to Family and Loved Ones



Christmas Candy Gift Bags for Correctional Staff and Inmates



Death Row Ministry

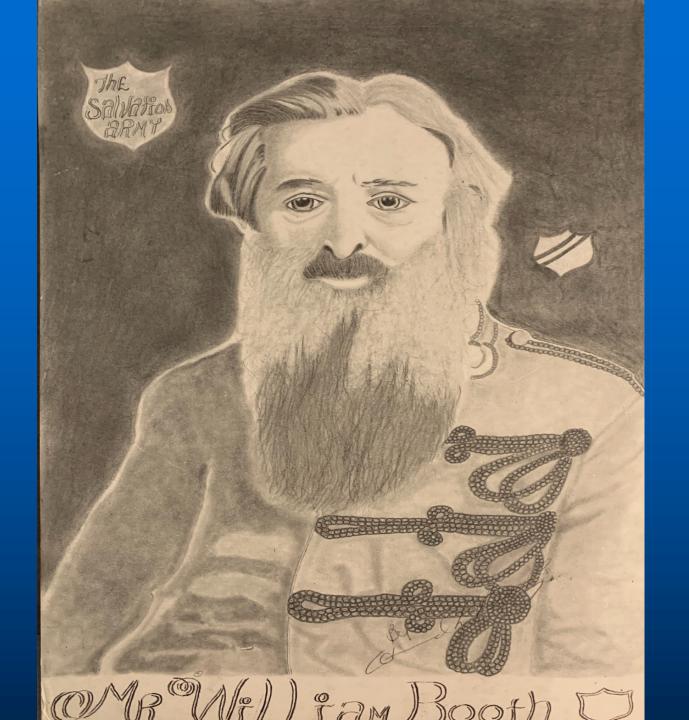
Minister Visits with Men on Death Row at the Polunsky Unit in Livingston, TX



Gifts of Artwork to The Salvation Army from Men on Texas Death Row

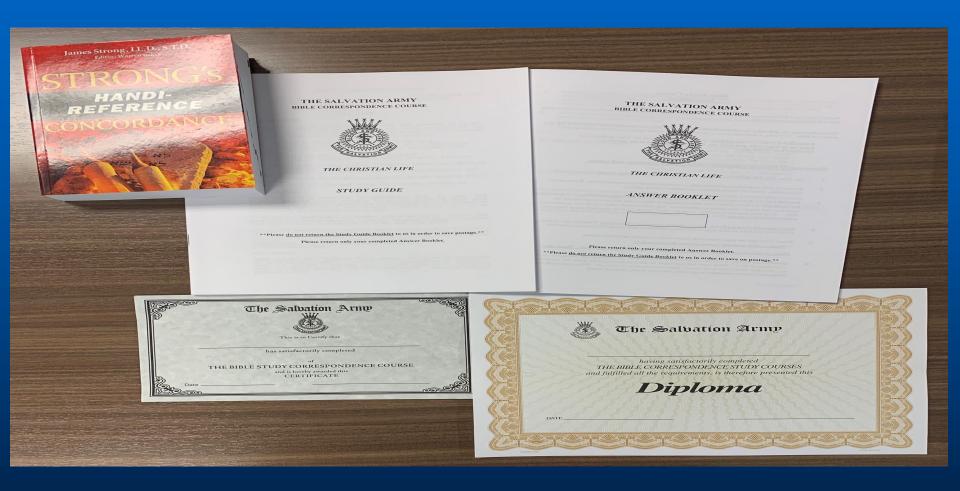








Bible Study Program



Correctional Ministries Department Re-entry Info & Referrals

In addition to our Bible Study Program, our administrative team responds hundreds of requests each month from inmates, ex-inmates, families as well as correctional staff.

Requests Include:

- Bibles, War Cry magazines, day planners/calendars, devotional books and other Christian reading materials
- Re-entry information including referrals to Salvation Army locations
- Halfway House & Substance Abuse Programs

Correctional Ministries Department Our Mission

To preach the Gospel and serve others in Christ's name...

- ✓ while equipping and encouraging chaplains as they minister and serve inmates, correctional facility employees and the families of both groups.
- ✓ while educating and empowering inmates to make positive changes through reconciliation, rehabilitation and reintegration.

We continue to focus on:

- Ministering to youth and adult inmates and supporting chaplaincy departments within correctional facilities.
- Assisting with events at correctional facilities focused on correctional staff as well as offender families during visitation.
- Developing, acquiring, and distributing Christian resources and re-entry information for inmates.
- Connecting correctional facility chaplains with local Salvation Army officers, employees, and volunteers.

Above all, our ultimate goal is for God to be glorified and lives to be changed as we serve men, women, and youth in correctional facilities across Texas.

Matthew 25:35-40 (NKJV)

³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;

Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

- ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You*, or thirsty and give *You* drink?
- ³⁸ When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You?*
- ³⁹ Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'
- ⁴⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.'

William Booth's Last Public Address in 1912

"While women weep, as they do now, I'll fight

While little children go hungry, as they do now, I'll fight

While men go to prison, in and out, in and out, as they do now, I'll fight

While there is a drunkard left, While there is a poor lost girl upon the streets, While there remains one dark soul without the light of God,

I'll fight-I'll fight to the very end!"

WHY?

Why assist and minister to the incarcerated?

What did Jesus do?

- Barabbas
- thief on the cross

It's reason enough for me!

WHY?

BECAUSE...



We let people know that somebody cares!

There are many ways for your Corps to become involved and support correctional ministries.

- Praying daily for the victims, inmates, and their families as well as the employees of correctional facilities.
- Sponsoring one or more of the programs described in this presentation: Bibles, hygiene items, greeting cards, Bible Study Program, War Cry magazines, resources for children and youth, etc.)
- Connecting with your local county jail or other correctional facilities in your area to make them aware of your desire to assist inmates, their families and the employees of correctional facilities.

If you would like to help make a difference in the lives of incarcerated youth, adults and correctional staff, please contact the Divisional Correctional Ministries Department.