



Greetings Friends!

The Prison, Jail and Re-entry Program of Willow Creek Community Church would like to share a vision with you and invite you to join us in an opportunity that has blessed our church for the past six years and inmates throughout the state of Illinois.

Our congregation packs 70,000 Prison Packs in early December, which are then delivered to every man, woman, and juvenile throughout the state prison system, the collar county jails, the mental health facilities, and some of the Chicagoland re-entry facilities.

What is the result? The Prison Packs...

- give a positive message of hope and joy. Each gift contains a variety of materials to encourage self-reflection and break boredom (puzzle book, snacks, greeting card w/calendar) and lets inmates know that they are not forgotten.
- encourage changing the culture of prisons to be more peaceful and hope-filled, thereby changing the prison environment for inmates, staff, families, communities, and businesses. Our congregation members have been changed and transformed in their thinking towards the incarcerated because of this initiative.

If we want people to succeed after incarceration, we need to reform the prison experience. What if churches all across our state and yours were to partner with us? We are currently working on the materials for 2019 Prison Pack. By participating in this initiative together, we leverage our creative resources and contain our costs to make this a very affordable, do-able project at \$5.00 per Prison Pack.

There are several ways you can participate:

_____ 1. Help fund the initiative by simply making a donation. Your church/organization name will be printed on the Christmas card contained within the pack.

_____ 2. Take ownership of a prison or jail in Illinois, pack with your congregation, and distribute. Tell us the number of packs you'd like to purchase, we'll ship you all the materials. (Cost=\$5 per Prison Pack)

We arrange the clearance for the pack contents, you arrange the clearances for your volunteers, and distribution with the facility.

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_____ 4. Take ownership of a prison or jail in your area or state and pack with your congregation. Tell us the number of packs you'd like to purchase, we'll ship you all the materials. (Cost=\$5 per Prison Pack) You arrange the clearance for the pack contents, you arrange the clearances for your volunteers, and the distribution with the facility.

To donate to the Prison Pack Holiday Initiative, please send a check to:

Willow Creek Care Center

67 E. Algonquin Rd.

South Barrington, IL 60010

Please note Prison Pack Initiative in the memo line.

Please contact us at prisonandjail@willowcreek.org to learn more. Our team is looking forward to walking alongside you to bring HOPE!

Sincerely,

Anne Rand

Willow Creek Community Church

Program Manager

