



## How YOU Can Help.

- Visit [www.thecitymission.org/inmate-outreach-services](http://www.thecitymission.org/inmate-outreach-services) to learn more about our ministries and the work God is doing through Inmate Outreach Services.
- Become a volunteer. We need a variety of skills, talents, experiences and passions!
- Contribute online, by the mail or regularly through your employer or by joining our Circle of Friends (monthly partners).
- Volunteer to minister at Cuyahoga county jail or 27 Ohio prisons.
- Donate reading glasses, stamped envelopes or Bibles to aid in their personal growth and to help them connect with family.
- Pray for the inmates and their families, staff, and volunteers, of Inmate Outreach Services.

The City Mission does not receive any government funding. Operations are funded through private contributions from individuals, companies, groups and foundations.

## About The City Mission

The City Mission serves thousands of individuals annually at two different Cleveland locations through short-term and long-term programs for men, women and children who are homeless or facing other crises; spiritual aid for those incarcerated; and dynamic programs for youth and their families throughout the year.

## History of The City Mission

The City Mission has been meeting the needs of the poor and homeless since our doors opened in 1910 in an abandoned saloon on Superior Avenue. As the population of Cleveland and its needs changed, so did the Mission. In the 1970's, the population of homeless women and children gradually increased. The Mission responded by opening Angeline Christian Home in 1981. In the early 1990s, the Mission's ministries to homeless men, youth, and the poor moved to its current location at E. 55th and Carnegie Avenue. Laura's Home opened in 2003 with 136 beds in 51 suites, eventually replacing Angeline Christian Home. In 2009, Pathways added services for parents and guardians of the students to improve the home environment and to mentor young adults who graduated from Pathways or live in the area.

### Our Mission Statement:

Providing help & hope to all people through the transforming power of God's love.

### Our Core Values:

Gospel, Transformation, Service, Diversity, People, Prayer



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# INMATE OUTREACH Services

*I was in prison  
and you came  
to visit me."  
Jesus*





“Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners...”  
-Hebrews 13:3

The transition from being incarcerated to returning to the outside world can be one of the most challenging processes for men and women who've spent months to years in jail.

Inmate Outreach Services provides Christian discipleship and personal support for inmates during incarceration and after release. We visit inmates of county jails and state prisons letting them know that someone cares deeply about their lives. We also provide support to the inmate families. Their past does not have to be their (nor their children's) future.

We also offer post-release placement into our Crossroads Men's Crisis Center and Laura's Home Women's Crisis Center.

Inmates change as we make the hope of Christ real in their lives and the lives of their families.

### Services to Local Jails Include:

- County jail chapel services, Bibles, and Christian literature for those incarcerated.
- Follow-up visits from Chaplains with inmates for Christian counseling.
- Possible “alternative sentencing” links into our Crossroads Men's or Laura's Home Women's Crisis Centers.
- Communication with jail staff and court personnel.

Aside from the emotional and faith-based foundation, The City Mission also contributes reading glasses, stamped envelopes and Bibles to inmates to help them in their personal growth and connections with family.

We also offer post-release placement into our Crossroads Men's and Laura's Home Women's Crisis Centers.

### Services to Ohio Prisons Include:

- Mailing and literature distribution to more than 1200 inmates each month.
- Personal discipleship correspondence with those incarcerated.
- City Mission group meeting visits a minimum of twice a year with inmates on our list in Ohio's prisons.
- In-depth correspondence Bible studies.
- Family contacts, food baskets, and other needs.
- Possible post-release placement into our Crossroads Men's and Laura's Home Crisis Centers.

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