



This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast...
Hebrews 6:19

SPRING NEWSLETTER

NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY Food Truck Update



Check it out on page 6!

Please check out our website!
hopeinjesusministries.org

And watch this short video about the
heart and mission of this ministry!

Prison Ministry

Read about the crucial everyday ministry being accomplished in the prison facilities on page 4.

International Ministry

On page 7, the director of Nigerian ministry updates us on exciting international developments.

Community Ministry

Learn about some ways HIJM is present in our community and how you can be a part! See pages 8-9.

LEARNING TO LIVE VOLUNTEER TESTIMONY

At the end of our last lesson I casually asked the inmates if they noticed an improvement in their day after being in the word of God and His Spirit. I was expecting a few to acknowledge the improvement. I was quite shocked to hear their instant passionate reply. Every one of them responded immediately how much they looked forward to our lessons and Godly exchange. They all thanked Bob and I for coming to share our faith in Jesus Christ. We can never underestimate what the Holy Spirit is doing.

**With the love of Christ
Charlie Benson**

LEARNING TO LIVE INMATE TESTIMONY

Accepting Christ in my heart
has moved mountains for me.
He's softened my heart and
restored me and bound my wounds.
In my walk with Christ
I am a soldier and not ashamed
to speak His name.

I really appreciate you guys coming
here every week and giving me
some spiritual words. I know I want
and need God in my life because
without Him I am going to stay
stuck physically and mentally and
my life needs a change. I am lost
like the brother and I want to be
found. I am dead and want to be
alive again. Thank you.

PRISON MINISTRY

We have 8 faith based classes currently underway at the RI Department of Corrections.

Six classes are part of our Learning to Live Initiative, one Genesis Initiative, and one Ministry Training class.

These classes allow us to impact approximately 70 men a week, for 12 weeks per course, with renewed life skills using the foundation of Scripture!



[Click here to read Learning to Live Testimonies!](#)

WE PROVIDE



- Weekly Church at Medium, Minimum, and Women's Facilities
- Weekly evangelistic gospel meeting at Intake
- Medium Church band practice sessions
- One-to-one counseling and visits
- Communion service
- Baptism service
- Men's Mentoring Program
- Holiday family outreach opportunities

CONCERT

We're grateful and excited to offer a concert in April to the inmates at the Medium Facility!

The NotByWorks band are musicians with a common mission to bring the "Good News" to prisons and detention centers. Though their focus has been Maine facilities, the band has traveled as far as South Jersey and will go where God sends them.



[Check them out on Facebook!](#)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We are blessed to be serving in the chaplaincy at the Women's Facility! Chaplains Miriam and Minerva hold Saturday church service weekly. They have seen an encouraging beginning group of 7-13 women which represents approximately 10% of the women's population. The group will soon have a musician join the team to lead the women in praise.

Are you a woman looking for ways to invest in the lives of other women through sharing the gospel, faith-based life skills, or mentoring?

We would love to talk with you about a Learning to Live class or upcoming mentoring opportunities!

**Immediate Need:
Class Facilitators**

**Tuesday mornings 8:30am-10:00am
12 week Learning to Live classes
in the Women's facility**

**Please email us to learn more
about joining the team!**

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HOPE ON THE HOUSE FOOD TRUCK



We are grateful for the opportunity to share an encouraging update on the Evangelism Food Truck ministry of Hope in Jesus Ministry. Through this outreach, we continue to serve our community by providing free meals to those in need while also sharing the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Currently, our food truck is actively serving in multiple locations across Rhode Island, including three areas in Providence, one in Cranston, and one in Woonsocket. Each week, we are blessed to reach between 200 and 250 individuals, offering not only food but also spiritual encouragement and the message that Jesus is the way to God the Father.

This ministry has become a powerful tool for connection, compassion, and evangelism. We are seeing firsthand the impact of meeting both physical and spiritual needs, as we engage with hundreds of people weekly and share the love of Christ in a tangible way.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported this mission through donations, prayers, and encouragement. Your generosity makes it possible for us to continue this work and expand our reach to those who need it most.

Thank you for standing with us as we continue to serve, feed, and share the message of hope through Jesus Christ.

With gratitude,
Pastor Daniel Mercedes



INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY

The 2026 Learning to Live Initiative programme in Nigeria finally began on Monday February 9th, 2026, building on the significant progress achieved in 2025. **During the previous year, 150 inmates gave their lives to Christ during the End of Year Parties and Graduation Ceremonies.**

The period saw the number of Volunteer Facilitators for the Learning to Live Initiative program rose to eight by the middle of the year when we went from one prison facility to two. That growth momentum continues into 2026.

As of this moment the number of prisons we are running our program in has increased to six (6) with 18 Facilitators. In most centres we hold two classes per week! Only in Suleja facility we hold three classes per week.

Female Participation in the Learning to live Initiative in Nigeria:

For the first time since we inaugurated this program in Nigeria ten years ago, we have enrolled female prisoners in the program! We have a total of 28 female participants in three of the six facilities hosting this program.

The conditions given for the participation of the female prisoners are that (1) the women participants should sit as separate groups from male participants, and (2) that only female Facilitators would lead the female groups. Only in Lafia prison facility are these conditions not needed.

Conclusion:

By the grace of GOD, we have scored modest successes early in the Term. Eighty-two (83) participants have so far given their lives to Christ across the six prison facilities in which we are running this program. Significantly, out of these 83, eight (8) came out openly (in their various Group meetings) and admitted their life-controlling problems.

Surprisingly, none of these participants are in prison for these crimes they have admitted to our Group Leaders! They are all in prison for different crimes!

To GOD be all glory! Amen.
Joseph A. Ali
President for Yes2Christ Global Mission





The after school program has been even better than last year. We have gained a relationship with all the mothers of the children, and we've been able to encourage the entire family as they deal with some very difficult situations.

My favorite part of this whole thing though, is how the children now know the answer to Bible questions! Last year, they had no idea any of the stories in the Bible. Now they are so excited to show us they know who slayed Goliath, or who was in the Lion's den, or who the first king of Israel was. The parents have also seen an improvement in them in their behavior at school over the last year and a half. One family now attends church when they can, and really do care about the things of the Bible.

Our relationship with the children is just such a blessing, as we give them time every class to share any issues happening at school or in their lives, and we've been able to help coach them towards looking to Christ for everything.

I'm so honored to be apart of this ministry, and it uplifts me and the volunteers as well!

Pastor Caleb Kropman



FAMILY OUTREACH

A big thank you to:

Robert Killian - Holiday outreach leader,
volunteer and board member

Maria Killian - Holiday outreach co-leader
Faith Christian Center congregation

FCC's outreach was a powerful and loving Kingdom work for
Christmas 2025!

Just what did we do within our Unity to support the 9 families
and 17 children through our Great Commission efforts?

41 Congregants volunteered
in one or more capacities

All 9 families were Adopted
(10 people volunteered)

41 Gift Cards were donated
by 19 people totaling \$1025

2 volunteers stood ready for
wrapping duties, if needed.

9 volunteers (singly or with family/friend)
Delivered the Gospel message and FCC's other
gifts to 9 families. (Had 11 volunteers)

I choose to think that our collective
Light and Kingdom Ambassadorship
made Jesus smile, you too?!

All His best in 2026!

Bob & Maria

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OUTREACH IS
CURRENTLY
UNDERWAY!**

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SEE WHAT IT'S LIKE INSIDE THE
TRUCK AND HOW WE'RE HELPING
THE HOMELESS ACROSS RI



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FLIP GRILLED CHEESE OR
BECOME A MENTOR?
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IT'S A REPRESENTATION OF THE
HANDKERCHIEF FOUND FOLDED
IN THE TOMB AFTER JESUS AROSE

JOHN 20:6-7

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