



Grace Inside

VIRGINIA'S PRISON CHAPLAIN SERVICE

ANNUAL REPORT

— 2025 —

FROM THE BOARD

Wow, what an amazing year for GracelInside. I invite you to share with me in a sense of deep joy at seeing what the Lord has done with this ministry. In looking at the organization's accomplishments this year, it truly feels like new life has been breathed into old bones.

If you have been following our progress this year, you know that GracelInside has undergone some major directional changes to ensure our organization can live up to God's call to minister to our incarcerated brothers and sisters. Paul could not have made it much clearer in Hebrews 13:3, when he wrote, "Remember those in prison, as if you were with them in prison." That is exactly what we do as an organization and it has been thrilling to see our turnaround to ensure that this ministry is focused, vibrant and growing.

GracelInside's success this year is of course a gift from God, but it has come from the hard work and thoughtful dedication of many. First, we have an amazing group of chaplains. They have incredibly hard jobs with almost countless demands, but through love and determination they persist in sharing God's word. They are supported by a dedicated religious advisor and three regional supervisors. The whole organization functions by the great work of our central staff and an active Board. One-third of our Board teaches weekly in prisons, and two others are members of clergy. Finally, the success we have enjoyed this year is in large part to the leadership and diligence of our Executive Director Nick Meyer, who in his inaugural year has recharged the organization.

I cannot wait to see how this ministry grows in 2026. Thank you for being a part of it, and I promise that we will continue to steward every dollar entrusted to us to get the best returns for the Lord, as we work to grow his kingdom.

With gratitude and appreciation,

James T. Bailey
Chairman of the Board



2025 HIGHLIGHTS



- ✓ **Three new Special Assignment Chaplains** joined our team this year! Two are serving the super-max dorms, and the other is serving Hispanic populations in two facilities.

- ✓ Several chaplains transitioned to **full-time status**, 100% supported by donor-funding.

- ✓ **3,000 volunteers** joined our chaplains in prison ministry through partner programs such as KAIROS, Prison Fellowship, Kingsway Jail and Prison Ministry, God Behind Bars, Crossroads, and dozens of individual churches.



OUR TEAM

GracelInside has an amazing team of dedicated chaplains.

Please visit our website for a full list of chaplain names and locations.

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MEET OUR RELIGIOUS ADVISOR



Chaplain Patrick Jones became our Religious Advisor in September. A proud grandfather and native of Montpelier, VA, Chaplain Jones is a pastor with extensive experience and education, and has served as a chaplain at several VADOC facilities. He writes:

I was inspired to make the transition to Religious Advisor after prayerful consideration along with the understanding that I enjoy being a resource/consultant for others. I've had opportunity to be an instructor for those working through their call to the ministry for several years as well as facilitating workshops for congregations and church leaders. The Religious Advisor position gives me an opportunity to be a resource for chaplains as well as the VADOC. That said, I recognize the significant responsibility of the position and the tremendous contributions of our previous Religious Advisor, Bernard Morris.

IN MEMORIAM

In 2025 we mourned the sudden passing of two dedicated team members: **Chaplain Bernard Morris** (Religious Advisor) and **Chaplain Lynn Robinson**. We are grateful for their years of faithful service.





THE CHURCH INSIDE

Ten of the men pictured above were baptized at Coffeewood Correctional Center (CWCC) with support from chaplains and volunteers.

After faithfully serving as a volunteer at CWCC for seven years, **Chaplain Luis Medrano** (pictured above far left) joined the GracelInside team in August as a Special Assignment Chaplain for the Hispanic populations at CWCC and Haynesville. He writes:

*In my life in Christ Jesus, I have been able to experience special moments, and one of those moments is the instant of **seeing lives transformed by the power of God's word**, and then witnessing the obedience of those transformed through baptism and their continuous pursuit of God's presence in their lives.*

When Chaplain Nick Meyer (Executive Director) visited Haynesville with Medrano, an inmate told him through tears: *"la iglesia aqui ha estado orando por un pastor."*-- **"The church here has been praying for a pastor!"**

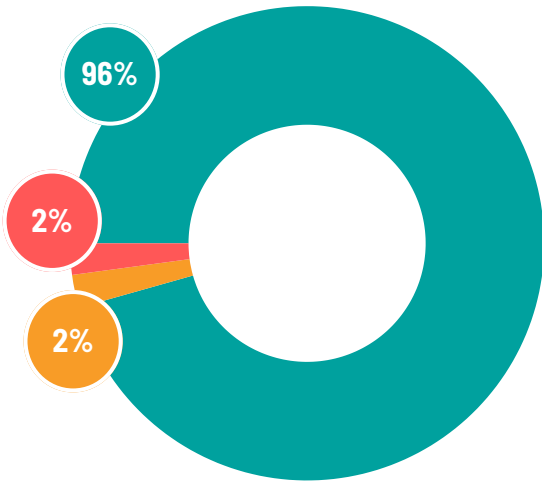
Praise God, who has heard the prayers of the prison church!

2025

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

EXPENSES: \$1,603,987

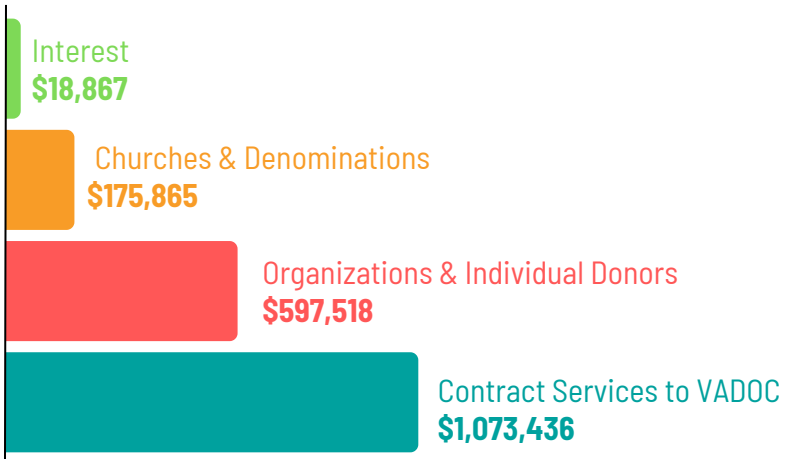
Personnel	Development	Office
\$1,533,720	\$36,118	\$34,150



Personnel breakdown:

- 23 Full-time equivalent chaplains
- 2.5 Full-time equivalent central office staff

REVENUE: \$1,865,686



OUR SUPPORTERS

THANK YOU to our **303 individual donors** in 2025,
and to the following churches and organizations:

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“ Those who are incarcerated need heavy doses of hope and encouragement. We are hope dealers!”

-Chaplain Calvin Corbitt (St. Brides Correctional Center)

LOOKING FORWARD

At Coffeewood Correctional Center in 2017, I became known as “Chaplain Meyer” to a mostly forgotten group of 1,000 men who were often reduced to labels like “offender,” “felon,” “convict,” “criminal,” or “inmate.” Yes, mostly forgotten, but this was my flock, and they were very special to me.

Gracelnside exists to send pastors as chaplains who can demonstrate God’s love for each of these 23,000 men and women inside the Virginia prison system. By going inside, we hope to communicate “I see you. God sees you. You have not been forgotten.”

As our chaplains walk the boulevard, preach at services, or visit special housing units, we go on behalf of the wider church. [Please pray that God would continue to raise up workers in this vineyard of the Virginia prison system \(Luke 10:2\).](#)

In 2025, Gracelnside’s team of 32 chaplains served over 40,000 hours inside Virginia state prisons. [In 2026, we expect to approach or exceed 50,000 hours as we continue expanding our ministry of presence.](#) Last year, we saw glimpses of the fruit of our work, most tangibly in over 200 baptisms. With your generous support, steadfast prayers, and by God’s grace, we will continue to serve these often forgotten, but very precious men and women. They are worth it!

To Him be glory in the church forever!

Chaplain Nick Meyer
Executive Director





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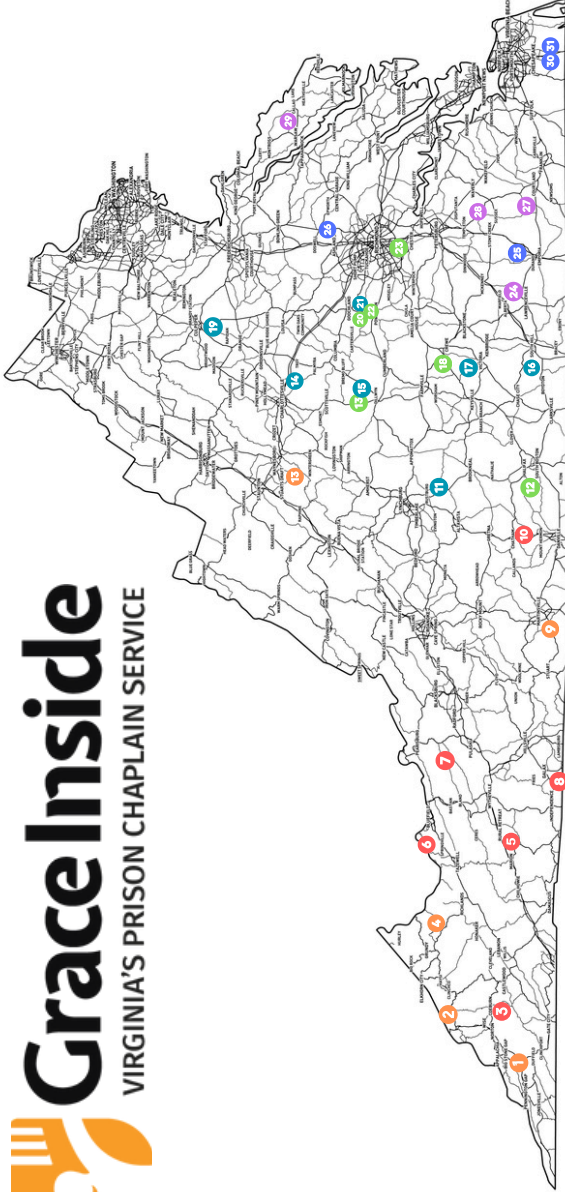
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(VADOC Facilities Map, 2025)

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to nurture faith and hope
in Virginia prisons