

# Gracious PROMISE

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*Christ centered support for those impacted by incarceration as they seek to rebuild their lives.*

## Serving Ex-Offenders in the Covid Pandemic Aftermath

Our ministry focus is on the Johnson County jails for both men and women. At the same time, we are supporting efforts to establish Gracious Promise ministries in contiguous counties. This year, we were finally allowed, after Covid, back into the jails from June to October but shut down again on October 1 because of staff shortages at the jail. As a result, most of our service has been centered on ex-prisoners who have been released from jail. We have given 1,608 Bibles, 71 nights of lodging, 4 cars and other client assistance for their transition into a stable community life. Most importantly, we involve them in a church and/or a fellowship Bible study to continue growth in their relationship with Jesus.

We are allowed to meet with male prisoners each week at the Adult Residential Center, with average monthly attendance of 120. Each month, we meet with 30 men in the Adolescent Center for Treatment, 40 in the House of Hope young girls' program and 280 in the seven Share the Hope fellowship meetings. We were able to visit 72 women between June and October. Also, there was PenPal mentoring with 58 women since March 1. In addition, we support AnchorHer's ministry that conducts two Bible studies per week with women. Danny (story on the right) is one of the many men who have been helped.

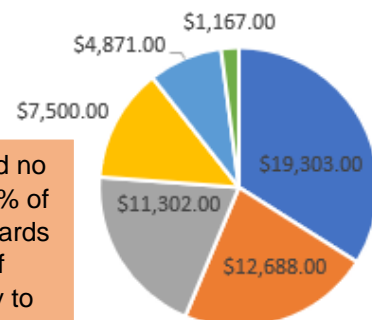


## Meet Danny Russell

"I have been fighting for 30 years. I have had 10 felonies and 9 DUIs and I haven't had a driver's license for 15 years. About 5 years ago, I learned about life available in Jesus and that life is worth living. And I am still learning today. If it were not for God and my Christian friends, I would still be without a car and a license. But Gracious Promise stepped in to provide both, as my related photo indicates. And I have held a job for the past 5 years. Without this help, I would probably be in jail or dead. I still fight today but with help from my Christian friends, I fight to grow in my faith in Jesus."



## Record of Expenses (Thru November)



Led by volunteers and no salaries, only about 2% of donated funds go towards overhead. 98% of donations go directly to meet client needs.

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