

Gracious PROMISE

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

Bringing Hope to Ex-Offenders

This year, doors have opened for ministries in jails in surrounding counties: Cass, Clay, and Platte. We have also had a vibrant ministry in the Johnson County Adult Residential Center and the ACT Juvenile Program. But our primary focus has been on released prisoners in their transition back to the community. Besides clothing, hygiene products, cell phones, and food, we have provided 1,810 Bibles, 72 nights of lodging and several cars. Most importantly, we try to connect them to a good church and/or fellowship group to continue growth in their relationship with Jesus.

We hold several weekly bible studies and outreach meetings. More than 135 prisoners per month meet weekly at the Adult Residence Center. Another 140 per month meet weekly in Share the Hope fellowship meetings. Although having limited access with the men, we have met with 279 prisoners to date in a one-on-one basis. Meanwhile, we are able to meet with women in the Adult Residence Center and Share the Hope follow up meetings.

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

Will you please consider a generous donation to Gracious Promise at this time? Donate online at:

www.GraciousPromise.org/get-involved

or by mail: PO BOX 642
Shawnee Mission, KS 66201

Meet Tyler Dodds

There is an episode on "Cops" where this 30 something year old man gets busted for drugs, yet again, and they bring him copies of all his booking photos. He stared at them and flipped through them with complete sadness on his face. Year after year getting arrested so many times, nothing seemed to help.

My name is Tyler, and his story is a lot like

mine. God came into my life when I was so lost and alone. Only by God's grace do I have the strength I need for each day. For 20 years I struggled with a horrible drug addiction. One that sent me to prison, and drug rehabs numerous times. I joke with the guys at ARC that I watched the jail being built. But it was not a joke.

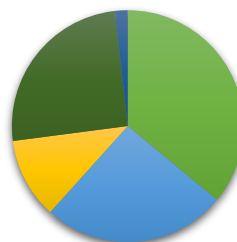
But what the enemy meant for evil, he will turn it for good!! On July 15 of 2019, I went to jail and I found out about a group called "Share the Hope". This started an amazing journey of following God. Through bible studies at Lenexa Baptist church and fellowship with close friends in this wonderful ministry in Gracious Promise I'm able to keep growing and changing into the man God wants me to be.

The book of James chapter 1 verse 2 says "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sister whenever you face trials of any kind". That verse sums my story up in a couple words. God was able to take what I went through, repeatedly visiting jail and breaking close relationships with family, and bring joy from those times!!! Amen

Now with the help from my brothers in Share The Hope, we are able go back in as volunteers and love on men who need help in jail. So the same place I spent so much time at, I'm now able to look guys in the eyes and give them the one gift that will change their life.....Jesus.



Record of Expenses (thru November)



■ Bibles- \$24,911

■ Lodging- \$17,734

■ Transportation- \$7,792

■ Client Assistance- \$17,486

■ Overhead- \$1,228