

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in,
I needed clothes and you clothed me,
I was sick and you looked after me,
I was in prison and you came to visit me."
– Matthew 25: 36-37*

For 20 years, Companions Journeying Together Inc. has lived out the mission of Jesus by valuing all people as members of the kingdom of God. One way that this has become manifest is through the amazing volunteer work of church groups and individual members of congregations. Over the years, church folks have...

Signed over 100,000 Christmas cards to prisoners

Collected over 25,000 books for the children of incarcerated parents

Organize fundraising for postage and supplies for Aunt Mary's Storybook project

Packaged over 50,000 packages of stationary for Mother's Day

Corresponded with over 700 prisoners...

The blessing of this work is evident in the words of those on the margins of our society.

Below are ways which you or your youth group can answer the call of Jesus "to visit those in prison".

Pray for those we serve and our organization.

Invite us to speak to your group.

Gather toiletries for women leaving prison.

Organize a read-a-thon.

Raise postage for mailing children's books by using our special postcard information program.

Participate in our Mother's Day, Pamper Yourself or Christmas card project.

Make Valentines or other holiday greeting cards. Be sure to talk to us about prison mail regulations.

Call our Suburban Coordinator Joleen (630) 761-3524

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Quotes from prisoners:

*"I was ready to just give up on life before I met all of you at Companions. I'm doing a lot of time and don't receive any mail. I was so alone. You have changed all of that. Now I receive birthday cards, Christmas cards and letters from true friends. You have given me a reason for living, and I truly thank every one of you who is involved."
– Charles*

*"I'm writing to say thanks for all you have done for me during these difficult times. I have appreciated the books and gifts you provided me and my children. Also, I am grateful for the knowledge that I've gained in Parenting class on being a better parent. God bless."
– Cheryl*

*"Thank you for the cards, stationery and pens you sent to the women here. In a place like this, it is rare to see a woman smile, but today I saw 28 women on my wing smile. It is so easy to believe that we have been forgotten by the 'outside'. Today, we were reminded that someone was thinking about us."
– Sarah*