



# JUVENILE JUSTICE MINISTRY™

*YFC reaches young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their godliness in lifestyle, devotion to the Word of God and prayer, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement.*

## WHY JJM?

On any given day in the US there are over 500,000 teens actively incarcerated in local detention centers. The sad fact is that, for many of these young people, the detention center is the only place they feel safe, have reliable meals, are sober, or are not facing constant verbal abuse. It is also a place of deep despair for many, and a place where they have the time to think about their lives with a clear mind and an open heart. It is during this time that they are most open to hearing the transformational message of Jesus. JJM gives believers around the country effective tools to pursue the thousands of young people experiencing the challenges of incarceration, abandonment, addictions, and abuse in institutions and programs all over the United States.

## HOW DOES JJM IMPACT KIDS?

Every kid is wired for relationship. Whether they are outgoing and loud or quiet and reserved, they want deep relationships with people who care about them. We believe this is a God-given desire, true of every kid, and we want to be those caring individuals who engage them in relationship. Every program, every interaction, is designed to build a relationship and to start conversation. Through those conversations we earn the right to speak into the lives of the youth we meet with the hope and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

## WHAT IS JJM?

We strive to respond to the needs of incarcerated youth with relational programs that encourage conversation and build capacity for success in kids. Since every kid is unique and their situations are all different, we reach teens in a variety of youth-serving institutions (i.e. detention centers, probation, correctional facilities, group homes, residential treatment centers, emergency shelters, etc.) Our strategy is to help young people develop a way of living taught by Jesus Christ; balancing the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual aspects of life. We build valued relationships that are sustained through ongoing involvement as they re-enter their communities.

## THE 5 ESSENTIALS

All YFC ministry sites, including JJM sites, are judged by the vitality of the 5 Essentials needed to bring about real change in a young person's life. They include:

### WIDESPREAD PRAYER

We deliberately engage lots of Christians to intercede on behalf of the ministry site.

### LOVING RELATIONSHIPS

We consistently pursue lost kids & engage them in life-long relationships with Jesus.

### FAITHFUL BIBLE TEACHING

We accurately handle Biblical truth, regularly coaching kids to apply it in their lives.

### COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

We intentionally work together with local churches, agencies and other partners to provide sustainable youth and family ministry.

### ADULTS WHO EMPOWER

We strategically develop leaders to reach young people from every people group.

## WHAT ARE JJM'S FOCAL POINTS?

### BALANCED PROGRAMMING

Using outreach, Bible study, small group programming, and personal mentoring to meet the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual needs in a young person's life.

### FREQUENT CONNECTIONS

Entering into a youth's world to build healthy relationships and model Christ-like behavior on a frequent and ongoing basis.

### ONE-TO-ONE CONTACTS

Meeting individually with a young person to provide personal attention and focus on specific needs.

### AFTERCARE

Creating systems and structure for sustained relationships with caring adults to help teens successfully re-enter their communities.