



Annual Report

2018



Multiple teams...One ministry...One message



Mission Statement

To present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to prisoners through athletics, and to mentor them towards spiritual maturity and a successful transition into family/community.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a national and international ministry dedicated to making a lasting change in the lives of individuals, their families, and communities through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Core Values

- † To honor God both individually and corporately
- † To minister with passion and Biblical conviction
- † To prudently and effectively carry out our mission
- † To serve with love, compassion, humility, and integrity
- † To pray and evangelize with urgency
- † To cultivate Spirit-led leadership
- † To honor our volunteers, prayer partners and financial supporters as valued stakeholders in our ministry
- † To trust God to fulfill our ministry's potential
- † To convey God's hope and celebrate what He is doing in the lives of individuals
- † To maintain a God-focused perspective
- † To come alongside the local church body
- † To be responsible stewards of God's resources
- † To faithfully meet Departments of Corrections and other external commitments



Letter from the Director

Multiple teams...one ministry...one message. A phrase blending the components of our work into one simple but powerful conclusion.

The Saints Prison Ministry embraces the necessity of discipleship, and has always been involved in Bible Correspondence lessons since inception, but we also recognize that we have ministry partners that excel in that area. Caring for an ex-offender - aka aftercare or post-prison ministry - requires close, constant interaction and mentoring, not programs of large scale. We also have some wonderful partners in ministry for those seek help after release. We recognize and address these elements of prison ministry but, at our core, SPM has always been a predominantly evangelistic work.



The Saints Prison Ministry does one thing better than any other organization operating on a national level - reach inmates with the Gospel through athletics. God has seen fit to sustain us in this work and His blessings continue to flow. When I began with the ministry in 1998, we operated one softball team and one basketball team. Each of those teams conducted one crusade in addition to their season. Two teams and two crusades. In the past year, we operated 12 athletic teams and conducted 8 crusades, with even more planned for 2019!

That is 20 different teams taking the field in 13 different states. 20 different collections of personalities led by 20 different coaches. However, every one of those teams, leaders, and missionary-athletes recognize that they represent the Lord first and The Saints Prison Ministry second. They set aside personalities and individual team identities because we are multiple teams but *one ministry*. Every prison knows they are inviting The Saints Prison Ministry to their facility and when the team arrives, that is what they see. It doesn't matter which team walks up to the gate because each team carries itself the same way - a way that is pleasing to the Lord and makes an impact on all we encounter.

But our focus is not on the teams or even the ministry. Our focus is entirely on the inmates and their need for a Savior. Every team that represents The Saints Prison Ministry behind walls or fences carries the same message: Jesus Christ crucified, buried, risen and coming again for the man or woman standing in front of us. Jesus Christ can provide a freedom known only through Him, despite the bars and chains that face them every day. Our missionary-athletes do not waver from that message, nor do they apologize for it.

Multiple teams... 20 teams or more, 190+ missionary-athletes, 10-15 states every year.

One ministry... setting egos aside to represent the Saints Prison Ministry, for the glory of God.

One message... Jesus saves! Can there be anything else worth talking about?

Serving Him gladly,
Frank Zeidler, Jr.
Executive Director



Letter from the President

In 2014, I retired from actively participating as a missionary-athlete. Yet the passion for inmates never retires. I looked for an opportunity to serve: I drove the bus from time to time, I presented the ministry at local churches, and even helped with preseason meetings. However, the Lord had something else in mind for me. Although I have served on the Board of Trustees before, this newly elected position of President has given me a new perspective of the ministry operations.

In 2018, after celebrating 30 years of God's goodness, The Saints Prison Ministry has embarked on our next 30 years. As The Saints Prison Ministry has grown over the years and changed, the main vision has always been and always will be on the salvation of men and women behind bars and their families.



When we talk of vision, I think of two areas - perspective and focus.

Perspective is the big picture. Jesus said that He "saw the multitude and was moved with compassion because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd" (Matt. 9:36). When we look at the multitude behind bars, we, too, are moved with compassion. We are compelled to go into prisons and fulfill the Great Commission to those that society might have cast out, but the Lord has never forgotten. The prison population is growing and we are only scratching the surface of those incarcerated.

In the past year, we had the privilege of visiting 131 prisons, proclaiming the Gospel, and witnessing 1,684 inmates claim Jesus as their person Savior. Faithfulness... not success. When looking at the big picture, we don't get discouraged about how many places we did not go, we look at where God opened the door and where we faithfully proclaimed Christ.

Focus is when you direct that perspective to a certain area. I think of all of the decisions for Christ this past year. Most of them were due to some one-on-one dialogue. It can be overwhelming to walk into a prison yard and see the multitude. But God has also called us to the individual. Those are precious moments with an inmate when you can get into some deep serious spiritual discussions. Each inmate has a different history, a different story, and an individual way of reacting to the Gospel message.

As a ministry, we plan to maintain our perspective by looking at the multitude and being moved with compassion. At the same time, our focus demands we not neglect the individual and the spiritual needs that each inmate presents. As we look ahead to the next 30 years, our vision is clear: wherever God wants, whosoever God wills, and however God chooses us to be part of His plan.

In Christ,
Jeffrey B. Marthins
President, Board of Trustees



Ministry Highlights

1987 THROUGH 2018

- ▶ 4,326 games played
- ▶ 456 institutions visited in 33 states and Canada
- ▶ Approximately 431,106 inmate spectators
- ▶ More than 388,400 Gospels distributed
- ▶ 33,190 professions of faith

OCT. 1, 2017 THROUGH SEPT. 30, 2018

- ▶ 28,628 inmates in our database
- ▶ 1,684 professions of faith
- ▶ 14,484 Gospel's of John distributed
- ▶ 93 graduates from SPM Bible Correspondence School

2018 Crusade Locations

New York (Finger Lakes)

Arizona

Ohio (Southwest)

Ohio (Southeast)

Colorado

Indiana

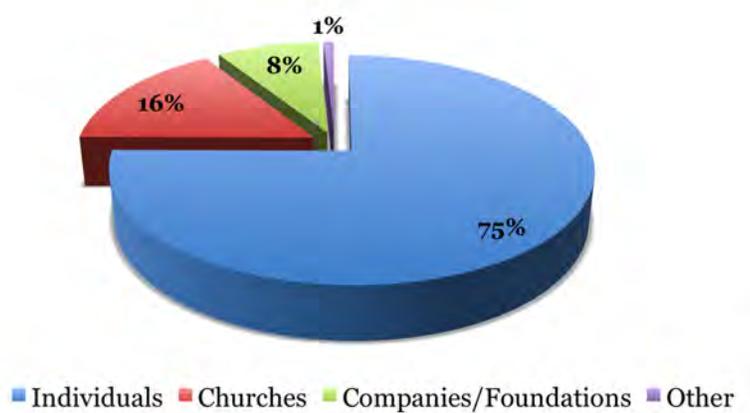
Virginia/West Virginia



Financials

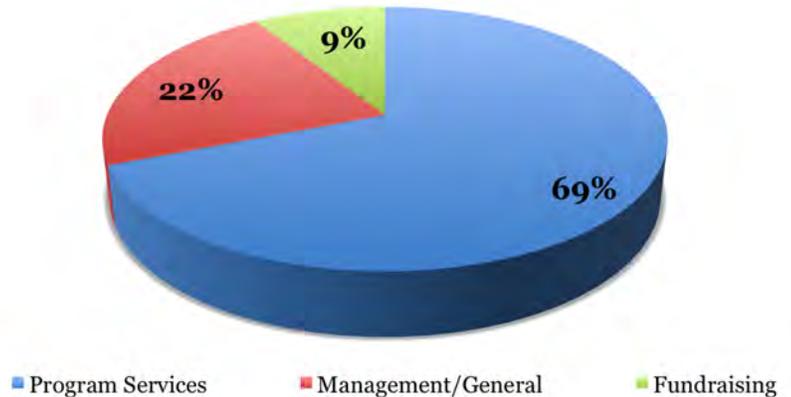
REVENUE SOURCES

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| Individuals | \$427,852 |
| Churches | \$90,492 |
| Companies/ Foundations | \$46,524 |
| Other | \$4,727 |
| TOTAL | \$569,595 |



EXPENSES

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| Program Services | \$381,570 |
| Management/General | \$121,661 |
| Fundraising | \$49,770 |
| TOTAL | \$553,001 |



Letter of Recommendation

On behalf of all of the staff and inmates at Jackson Correctional, I would like to express everyone's appreciation for taking time out of your lives to fill the lives of complete strangers with hope, memories and the power of the Spirit. The inmates enjoyed connecting with you over lunch on a more personal and faith-oriented basis, which comes as a rarity for many.

Your team and organization's support in the correctional field is inspirational and selfless. Our prayers go out to everyone in The Saints Prison Ministry for a continuous safe journey spreading the Word of God and touching lives.

S. Barton
Program Director
Jackson CI, Black River Falls, WI



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