

Steps for Strengthening Prison Ministry

- Every Prison Ministry must be entered in with prayer under the auspices of the Holy Spirit and adhere to the imperative mandated by Jesus in Matthew 25: 35 - 40, Isaiah 61:1, Isaiah 58: 6-7.
- Monthly planning and strategy sessions to plan and prepare for meaningful ways to present the gospel to the clientele that you serve.
- Develop a comprehensive Prison Ministry that not only include preaching and teaching inside the prison but establish a follow up plan to nurture our returning citizens once they are paroled.
- Promote the concept that every church member is a prison minister through practicality and diversity. Such as member involvement in practical ways to do prison ministry outside the church. Examples: Van Ministry, Clothing Ministry, Toiletry Ministry, Angel Tree Ministry, Support Groups for returning citizen's spouses, finances and children, Job Readiness Training, Parenting and Survival Skills Training, AA and NA classes etc.
- Re-evaluate the effectiveness of your prison ministry initiatives on quarterly bases to see what is working and what is not. Infuse your programming with new concepts that will be spiritually enriching and relevant to the clientele that you serve
- Accountability. Every Prison Minister should be held accountable for his/her commitment to serve and grow in order to be more effective prison ministers.
- Network with other SDA recognized prison ministry groups by NAD to see what is hot and what is not.
- Have yearly Training sessions to improve methods of ministry and services to both the detained and returning citizens and their families.
- Be genuine, loving, kind, non-judgmental, caring and compassionate to those that Jesus has commissioned you to serve.
- Take time to fellowship together to strengthen prison minister relationships outside of the prison ministry commission for relaxation and renewal.

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