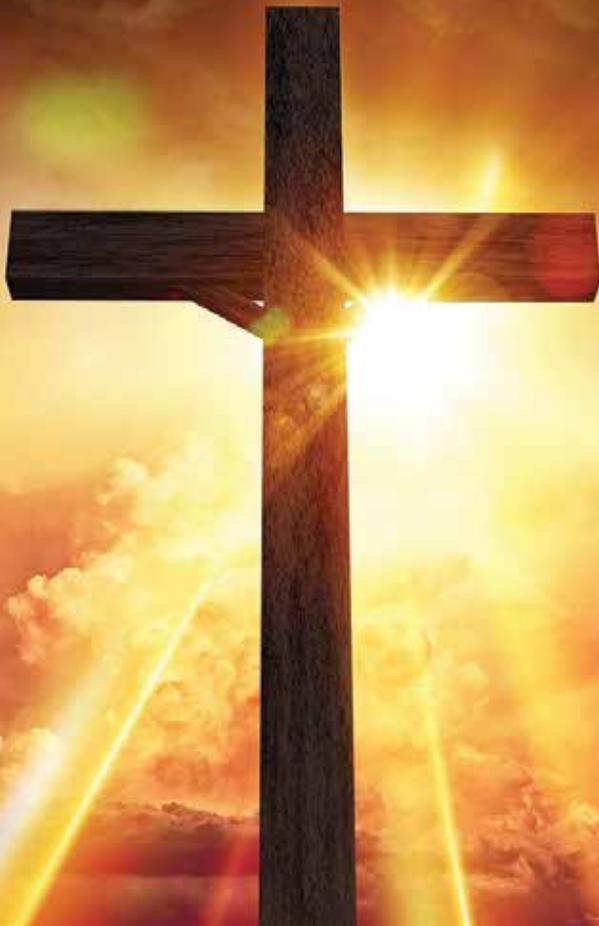




*Shining the light  
of Jesus' love*



## **2022 Annual Report**

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# Thanking God for All of You



Paul rejoiced to see the Word of God at work in the hearts of the Thessalonians. Their love, their commitment to sharing the Word with others, and their support of the ministry brought great joy to the apostle Paul. He thanked God for them. Paul explains this in the first two chapters of 1 Thessalonians. He ends that second chapter by saying, "Indeed, you are our glory and joy." I thought of those words as I thanked our Lord for you and for your commitment to the Lord's Word through Institutional Ministries in 2022.

This was a year of rich blessings. For instance, God opened a door for ministry at Stateville Correctional Center, in Jolliet, Illinois. He also grew our Gracelinks email ministry, which now has over 660 inmate subscribers.

Growth like this is expensive. We didn't know where all the money would come from, but we trusted God's promise that he would open the storehouses of his grace and provide what was needed. We reasoned that he who moves inmates to hunger for the Word can also move hearts to support such a successful mission project. God has done exactly that! Christmas offerings came in very strong, and we are poised to meet those additional expenses. We pray that God would continue this mission growth in 2023.

Paul said it perfectly, and we reiterate: "We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers."

*Philip Henselin*

Pastor Philip Henselin  
Executive Director

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# Shining the Light of Jesus' Love

Among the many word pictures that God uses to teach us about sin and grace is the concept of light and darkness. "Look," Isaiah writes, "darkness covers the earth and deep darkness covers the peoples." With this same imagery, Isaiah foretells the Savior's arrival: "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. For those living in the land of the shadow of death, the *light* has dawned." Centuries later, Jesus uses this same word picture to announce His mission to save mankind: "I have come into the world as a *light*, so that everyone who believes in me would not remain in darkness," and "I am the *Light* of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the *light* of life."



With the help of partners like you, Institutional Ministries shines the light of Jesus' love on the walled-in souls of our communities, caring for souls in four distinct areas: *Correctional Care* (jails and prisons), *Health Care* (physical and mental health facilities), *Extended Care* (nursing homes, rehab centers and hospice), and *Caring Support* (drug and alcohol, first responders and returning citizens). Here are just a few of the ways that God has changed hearts and lives through your partnership with us in this ministry.

- † It was a small group of ladies at the jail that day. When the Bible study ended, one of the ladies was hanging back. Staring at the floor, she said, "I haven't had much belief in God up till now. But last night, my mom had told me to pray. So, I did." Then, with tears in her eyes, she said, "I prayed that God would send me a sign. And then tonight you came." Tears were rolling down both of our cheeks. I assured her that God had not forgotten about her and loves her more than she knows. What an awesome privilege to just be present with God as He works in hearts and uses us to bring amazing, good news. Chaplain Guenther.
- † Adól, an Hispanic man in his mid-thirties, was released from prison this spring. During the last two years of his incarceration, he faithfully attended our Christ-centered addiction recovery program. Even though the program consists of 12 lessons (three months), Adól continued to attend week after week, thirsty to hear again and again what our gracious God has done for him through his Son, Jesus Christ. Today, Adól is finally free, and I'm not talking about his release from prison. Adól is free from the addiction of sin and death that was afflicting him. By God's grace, he is no longer addicted to any substance or destructive behavior; instead, he is addicted to God's love and His Word. On his last day, with a sincere heart and big smile, he said, "It was good for me to be here, for I finally got to know God." Pastor Acosta (Correctional Volunteer)

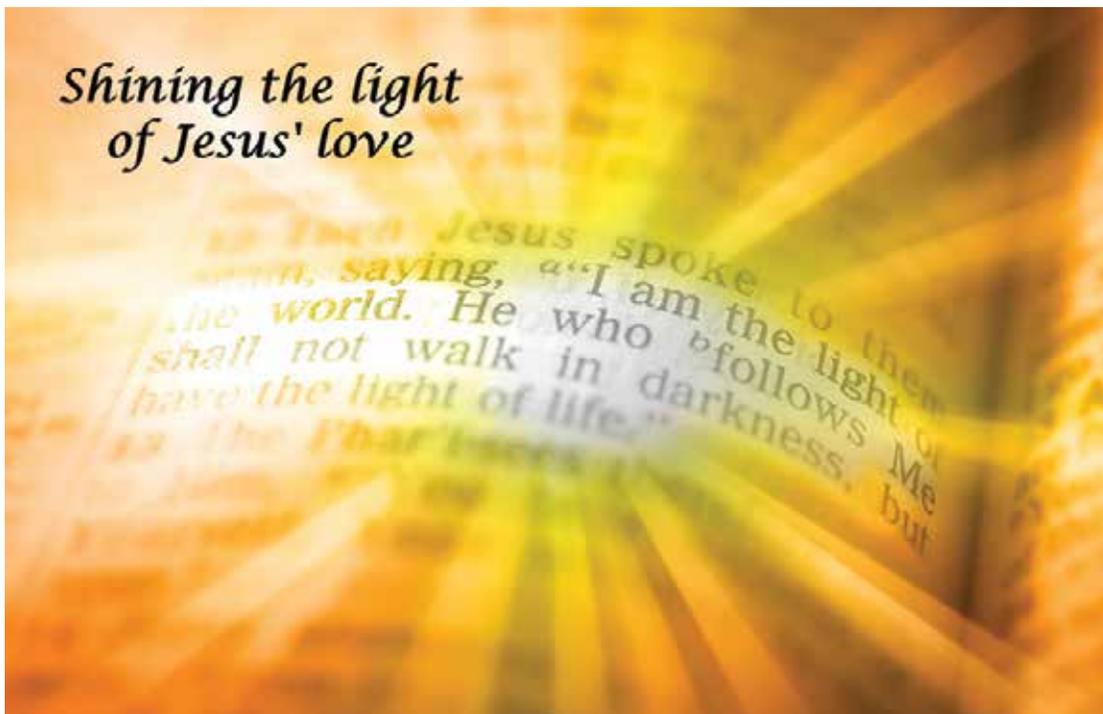
† “Don’t you have to forgive yourself before God can forgive you?” Gabe asked in my prison Bible study group. “You’re already forgiven for everything,” I told him. “You don’t make God’s forgiveness happen by being repentant or anything; it’s already there. It’s more like, if you’re clutching your shame and guilt, your hand is not open to receive His forgiveness, so you’re still miserable even though you’re forgiven.” Gabe just stared and said, “Wow! That changes everything.” Chaplain Merten

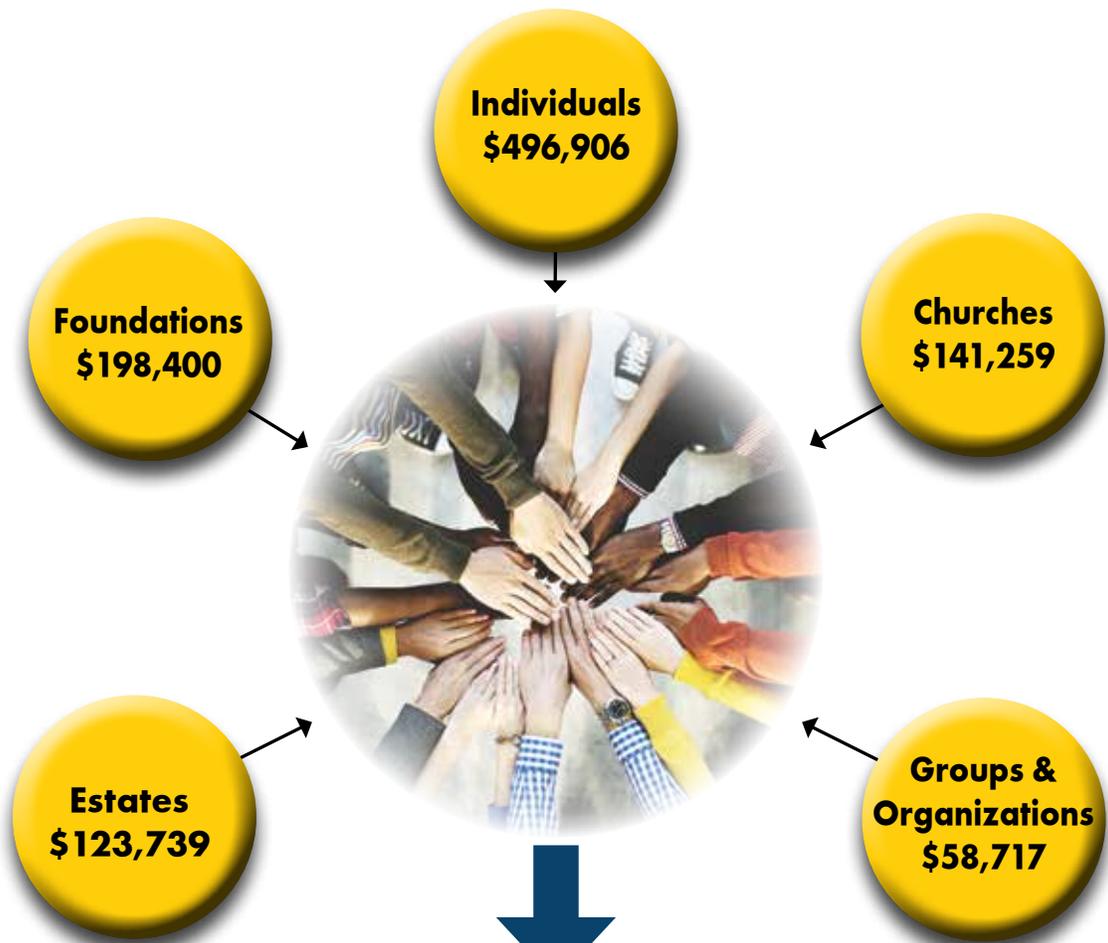
† One Sunday at the jail, Rick, who was a 57-year-old man with a long history of drugs and living on the street, was the only one who showed up for Bible study. Rick had been a regular attendee at church, until he got involved in voodoo, which became his religion for quite some time. He was a broken man when we met and in desperate need of peace in his life. We studied the Sower and the Seed and discussed what faith really was. We then went on to Matthew 7 and talked about treasures and worry. We finally ended up in John 14, where we talked about the “many rooms” in the “Father’s house” and Jesus being the only “Way to the Father.” Rick didn’t understand why our LORD only had the two of us in Bible study that day, but he was extremely grateful for the one-on-one time and the Word given to him. This is our ministry, setting people free...one soul at a time. Phil (Correctional Volunteer)

Working together, we can continue to shine the light of Jesus’ love on the walled-in souls of our communities.



Chaplain Joseph Radsek





While face-to-face ministry increased to 9,882 touches in 2022, our Gracelinks online devotion ministry increased our ministry footprint an additional 172,718 touches. As a result, overall ministry reached 182,600 gospel touches.



**Correctional Care**

- Jails
- Prisons



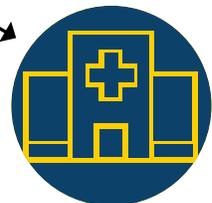
**Extended Care**

- Nursing Homes
- Rehab Centers
- Hospice Care



**Caring Support**

- Drug & Alcohol (AODA)
- First Responders (PTSD)



**Health Care**  
(physical & mental)

# Ministry Locations



## LOCATIONS OF INSTITUTIONS BEING SERVED BY THE MINISTRY

*Institutional Ministries is a nonprofit organization established in 1901 that ministers to people in the upper Midwest, who are living in correctional facilities, drug and alcohol treatment centers, hospitals, mental health centers and extended care facilities, as well as through ongoing support groups.*

# 2022 Staff

## Full-time Staff



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Executive Director



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Chaplain



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Chaplain



Rev. Mark Wenzel  
Chaplain



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Advisor

In addition to our full-time and part-time chaplains, our ministry is also carried out by a growing number of volunteers who help serve the institutionalized in correctional, health care and extended care facilities, as well as in various ongoing support groups. We have been blessed with many dedicated volunteers who are committed to the ministry of **shining the light of Jesus' love on the walled-in souls of our communities!**

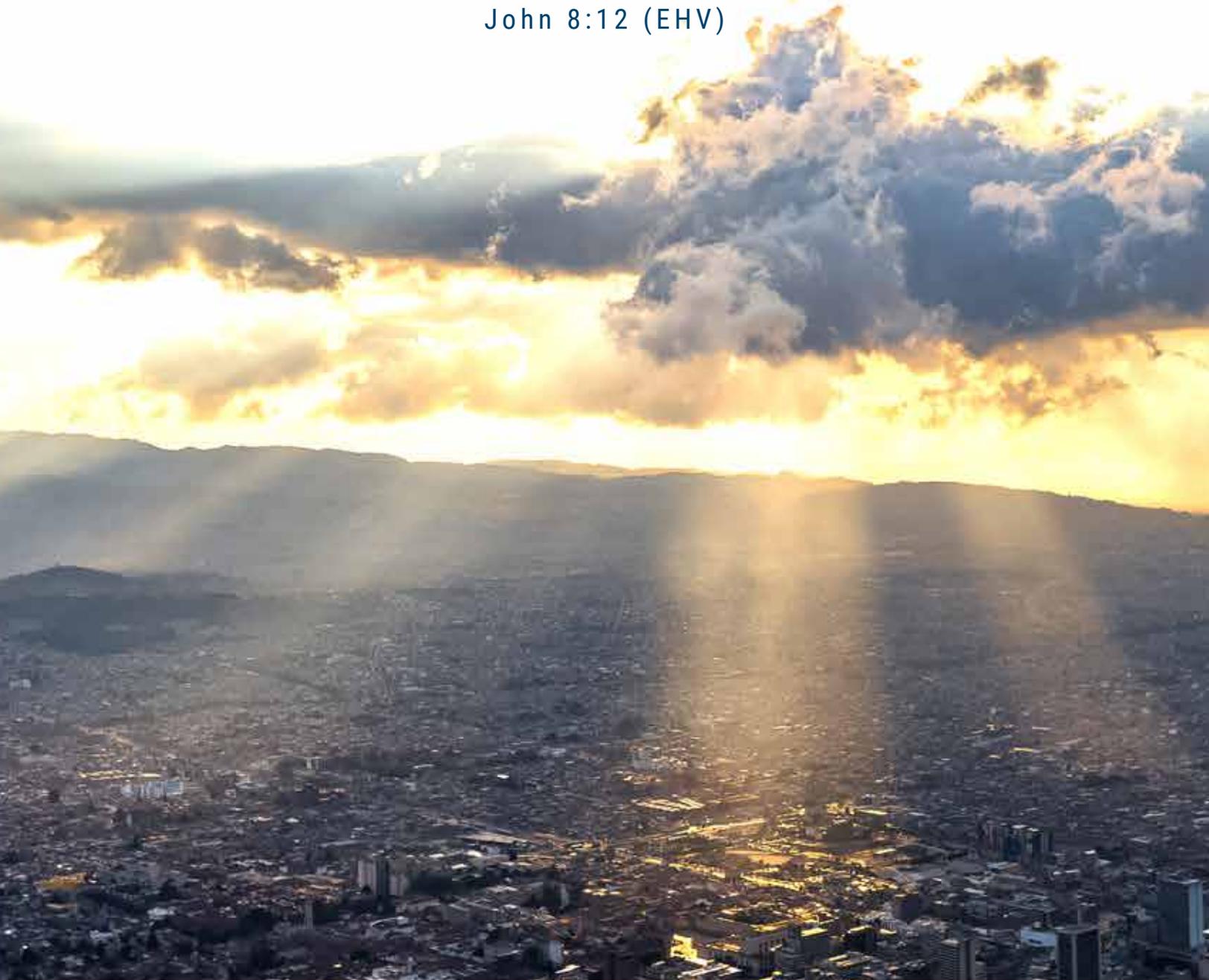
## Our Mission

To provide direction, comfort and hope by shining the light of Jesus' love on the walled-in souls of our communities.

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“I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

John 8:12 (EHV)



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