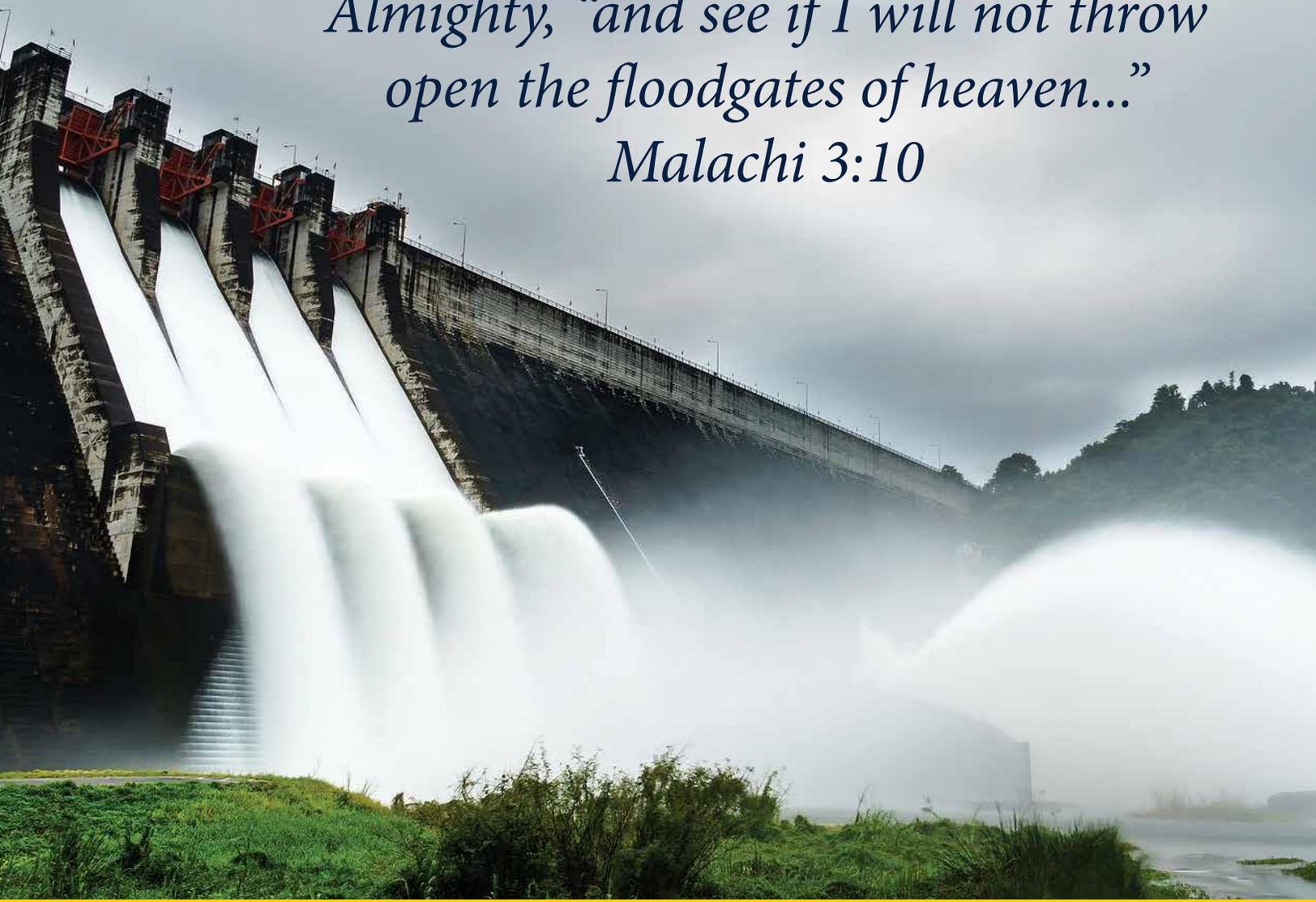




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Malachi 3:10*



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Test Me and See



Test me and see if I can't bless – during and even through – Covid.

Test me and see if I can't bless, even as you prayerfully await a staff member's healing.

Test me and see if I won't move donor hearts to give in response to how I have opened windows of Gospel opportunity.

"Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it" (Malachi 3:10).

2021 has been a year of God proving his promises. The ravages of Covid continue to limit physical access to inmates. Yet God has tripled email devotions to prisons, from a "congregation" of 150 in 2020, to 450 in 2021. For the first time, printed devotions are available to jails where there is no email access. Over-all ministry touches quadrupled, from 21,757 in 2020 to 89,887 in 2021.

God has poured out his blessing in another way - he provided donors like you! As our donors learned of the increased ministry opportunities and the growing costs associated with them, they opened their hearts and their wallets. With faithful partners like you, and with the blessing of our ever-faithful Lord, we eagerly wait to see how God will open windows in 2022.

Philip Henselin

Pastor Philip Henselin
Executive Director

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Institutional Ministries shines the light of Jesus' love upon the walled-in souls of our communities. Often these are forgotten and overlooked souls living behind physical walls. Others are behind walls that cannot be seen. Yet every one of these souls is someone for whom Christ has died. Our great privilege is to let the "Light of the world" shine behind these walls so that they will "never walk in darkness but *always* have the light of life." This behind-the-walls ministry is divided into four unique areas: *Correctional Care, Extended Care, Health Care* and *Caring Support*.

Correctional Care



With 68 county jails, 39 state prisons and 2 federal penitentiaries in the state of Wisconsin alone, Correctional Care ministry is an enormous mission field. Not only is the prison population in excess of 23,000 inmates, most of the people we serve are either un-churched or do not have a church home. Over the past few years, our gospel outreach has extended into as many as 75 different jails and prisons throughout the state of Wisconsin and parts of northern Illinois and Indiana.

GraceLinks: When COVID 19 closed the doors to in-person ministry, we began sending electronic devotions to inmates. Soon, the number of inmates requesting these devotions exploded and we are now sending devotions six days a week to over 450 inmates (including prisons outside of Wisconsin).



Health Care

People frequently seek out advanced medical procedures and specialized treatments beyond their local communities, making it increasingly difficult for their pastors to serve them. Teaming up with local pastors, Institutional Ministries helps provide spiritual care for these individuals while they seek help in hospitals and mental health facilities that are often far from home.



Extended Care

With over 50 million Baby-boomers retiring in just the last two years, and 69 million more on their heels, the spiritual needs of this segment of society will soon increase exponentially. This presents us with a unique opportunity to prepare, evangelize and serve these soon-to-be *Saints Triumphant* who are living in nursing homes, rehab centers and hospice care facilities.



Caring Support

Today, more than ever, there is a staggering number of people suffering in silence behind unseen walls of addiction, anxiety and depression, PTSD, and moral injury. Our chaplains and support groups provide an *Oasis of Grace* where spiritual guidance and caring support can be offered to those struggling with issues like drug or alcohol addiction; moral injury or post-traumatic stress; or returning to society following

incarceration. *Grace Oasis* support groups provide a safe place where we can explore personal struggles and everyday challenges in each of these unique areas.



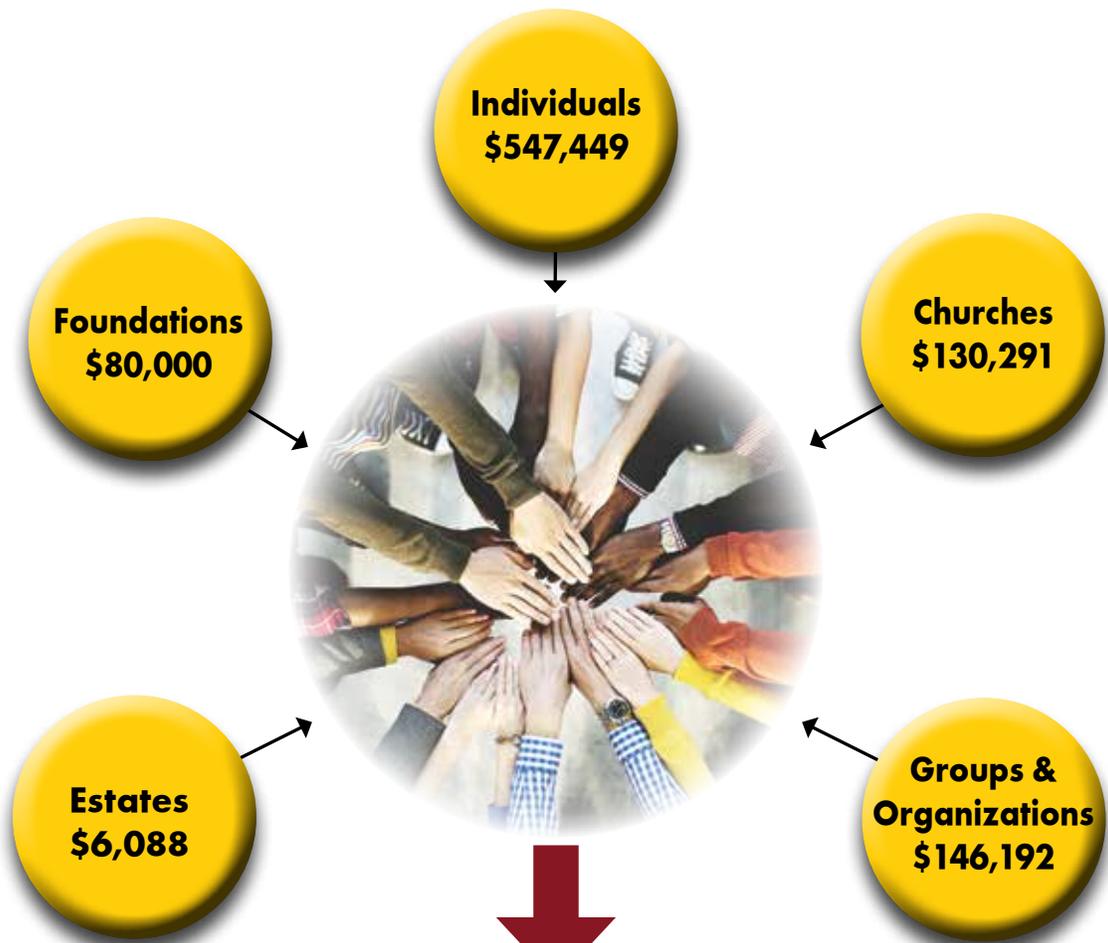
Addiction Recovery: Addiction has the power to ravage the body and hold the mind and spirit captive. *Grace Oasis Addiction Recovery* offers ongoing support and a positive environment, providing God's unconditional love and strength to help combat the urge to return to the slavery of addiction.



Frontline Workers: First responders and those in the helping and healing professions regularly find themselves assaulted by the worst of evils. This not only causes physical stress, but moral injury that can scar the human spirit. *Grace Oasis for Frontline Workers* provides an opportunity to talk to each other, to be reminded that our Lord endured evil so that we might have a place to go with our burdens and find strength beyond our weaknesses.



Returning Citizens: After serving time in prison, returning to society can be an overwhelming adjustment. God's love for returning citizens is unconditional. *Grace Oasis for Returning Citizens* offers a place of forgiveness where individuals can gather together and discover true freedom - freedom of the body, mind and spirit.



While Covid restrictions continued to limit our face-to-face ministry in 2021, our GraceLinks online devotion ministry grew exponentially. As a result, overall ministry touches for the year reached 89,887.

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.

2021 Staff

Full-time Staff



Rev. Philip Henselin
Executive Director



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Chaplain



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Chaplain



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Chaplain



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Digital Coordinator

Emeritus Staff



Rev. Kenneth Wenzel
Chaplain



Rev. Robert Pasbrig
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!**

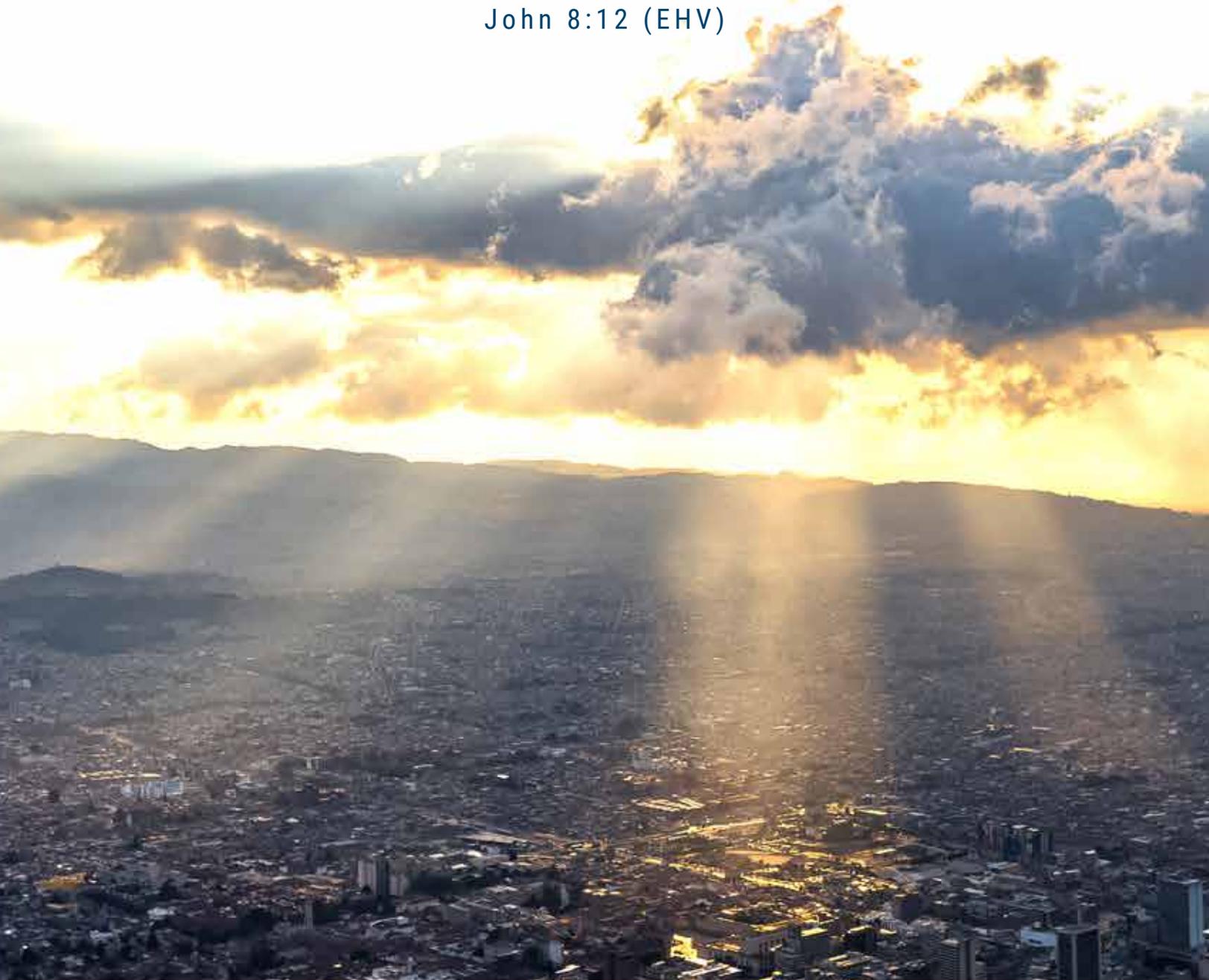
Our Mission

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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John 8:12 (EHV)



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