



mentally
unstable

Africa

MOTHER

recovery
coach

ABUSED



felon

Seen

alone

dog
mom

DRUG ADDICT

homeowner



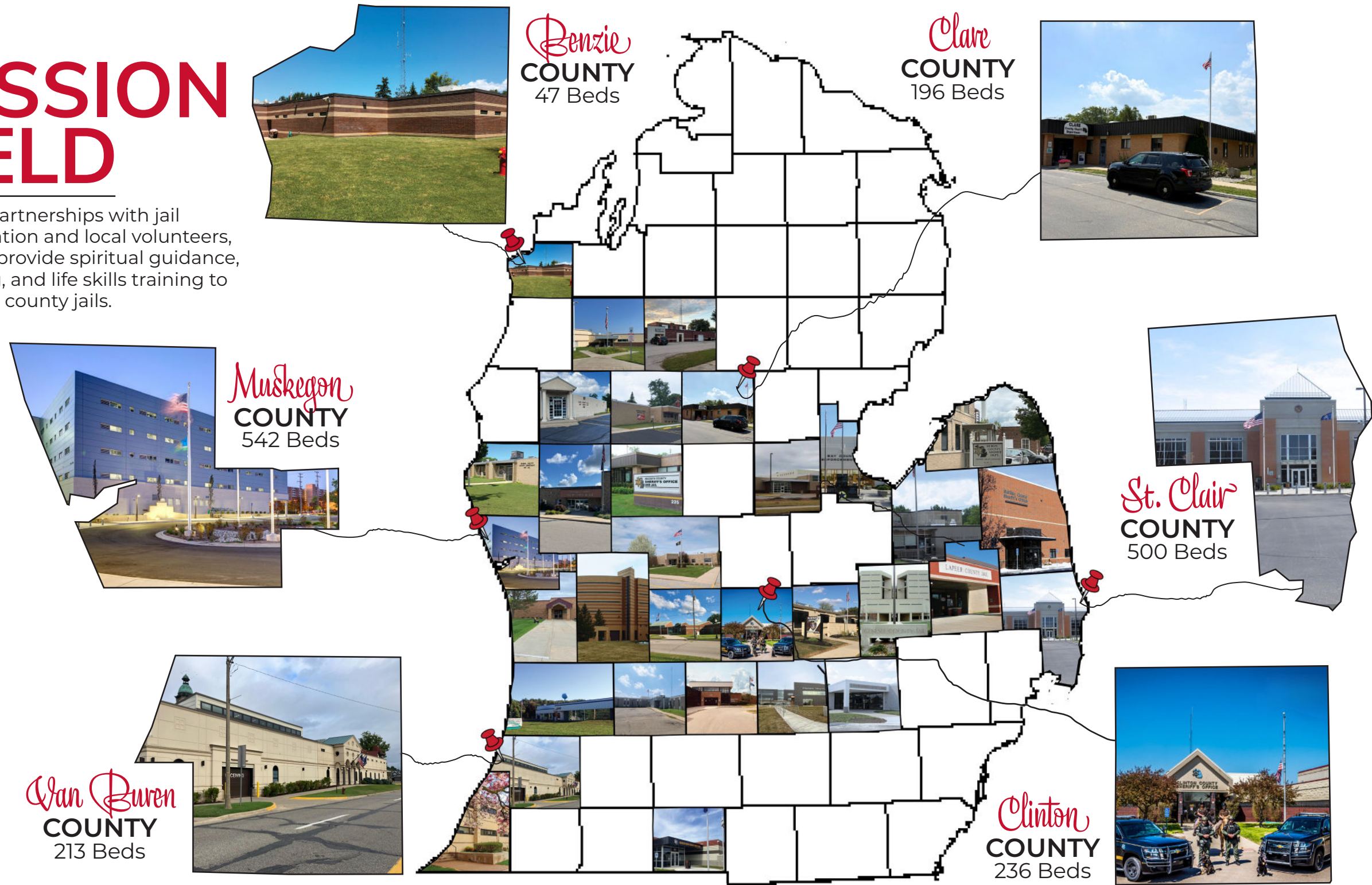
Ashamed

daughter of the King

2025 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

THE MISSION FIELD

Through partnerships with jail administration and local volunteers, chaplains provide spiritual guidance, mentoring, and life skills training to inmates in county jails.



Allegan
Barry
Bay
Benzie
Berrien
Branch
Clare
Clinton
Eaton
Genesee
Huron
Ingham
Ionia
Kent
Lake
Lapeer
Livingston
Mecosta
Midland
Missaukee
Montcalm
Muskegon
Newaygo
Oceana
Osceola
Ottawa
Sanilac
Shiawassee
St. Clair
Tuscola
Van Buren
Wexford

THE REASON

I am one that Jesus left the 99 for. Here's why:

During my last jail stint, I woke up to correctional officers yelling. I knew my suicide attempt was unsuccessful. I'd still be facing 12 felony charges and 49 years in prison. I figured people would be better off without me so I made a noose with my red jumpsuit, put my head through it, stood on a table, and jumped.

Spring of 2022 I was arrested alongside my boyfriend. He had started to illegally manufacture drugs and the night we got pulled over, they caught us with a bunch of them. During the year of the pandemic, I was at the height of my addiction. I lost my father, became homeless, and felt like life couldn't be worse.

I grew up with both parents addicted to drugs. My mom, who battled bipolar disorder and schizophrenia, was also a prostitute. She showed me off only when she wanted to look like a good mom. I learned early to stay quiet and not make her angry. My dad was rarely around, but when he was, chaos followed.

I remember the worst beating I ever received. I found the courage to tell my mom that our neighbor had been touching me inappropriately. She yelled, *"You just don't want me to have fun!"* She thought I was ruining the plan for her to have a built-in babysitter so that she could party. Instead of believing me, she beat me.

I worked up the courage to tell my grandparents. I don't know what my grandfather did, but I remember seeing him walk into the man's trailer, and walk out disheveled, angry, and without his hat. They took me and my little sister to their house, and that became our safe place. It felt too late though. I had no idea how to feel "normal" after all we went through. I felt like a lost cause and that's where my problems really started.

Because of the COVID money during 2020, I was doing a lot of drugs. I had left a domestic violence relationship and went to live at my dad's house with my girls, my sister, and my boyfriend. The day of my daughters' birthday, I knocked on my dad's bedroom door to check on him and I found him unconscious. The medics worked on him for what felt like forever, but all I remember are their sorrow-filled eyes.



My stepmother had rights to everything. So, she and her children came and took what they wanted and left the rest in ruins. They left the rest of us homeless. My kids stayed with different friends and family for a few weeks and me and my boyfriend lived out of our van.

On March 30, 2022, we were arrested. I was taken to Tuscola County Jail, and it was there that I attempted to end my life. While I was in the holding cell, the chaplain asked to pray for me and I allowed it. There was no big life-changing moment, but I noticed small things over time. Mostly, he had seen me. *He didn't see my problems, my baggage, my scars; he saw ME.*



Volunteers started to visit me. We would pray and talk about what I was reading in the Bible. I read the Bible three times over while incarcerated. I noticed that the chaos in my mind started to turn to hope.

Upon release, God gave me a dream. I remember visiting churches when I got out. I felt ashamed because I was mocked for the clothes I wore. I would've easily given up. It was when RTF asked me to share my testimony at a banquet that I got connected to my home church - Colwood Church. They asked if I'd come share my testimony with their congregation. That's when I found the family I always needed. I've shared dark things with them and never felt judged. My dream now is to create spaces in churches that help people being released from jail to never feel alone, but welcomed.

Against all odds, I'm still here. Watching my children develop a relationship with God is the thing I'm most proud of today. I have regained custody of my two girls. I have my Recovery Coach Certificate, I own a 2022 Chevy Equinox, a 3-bedroom home, and I am so happy to be paying my own bills and supporting my family.

If it wasn't for this ministry, I would've never found God the way that I did. There are days that people go into jails and see no fruit. I'm here to tell you that through my family line, generations to come will be impacted. I am thankful for you, and my daughters are thankful for the mother I am today because of this ministry.



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THE REACH

650+

HEALING THE
WOUNDED HEART
PARTICIPANTS

3,700+

WORSHIP SERVICES
HELD

5,500+

IMPACTED BY
RECOVERY PROGRAMS

80+

OPEN ARMS
PARTICIPANTS

23,000+

CHRISTIAN BOOKS &
BIBLES DISTRIBUTED

11,000+

BIBLE COURSES
COMPLETED

1,100+

REFERRALS TO
REENTRY SERVICES

19,500+

INDIVIDUALS IN
BIBLE STUDIES

19,000+

1 TO 1 MENTORING
SESSIONS HELD



INMATES IMPACTED

THE PARTNERS



With almost 1,200 volunteers and various community partners, RTF is able to cultivate a deeper connection in each of the jails we serve. From reading materials and eye glasses to trauma healing and reentry services, RTF is supported by both the Michigan, and National, Sheriff's Association. These direct and indirect services impact both those temporarily housed in these facilities, as well as the officers employed and the families who visit. As a ministry, we hold immense gratitude for those who partner with us so meaningfully.



THE LEGACY

"We will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and His mighty wonders." - Psalm 78:4

Your support today sustains our ministry, but what if your impact could continue long after?

Our Legacy Giving Program offers a way to pass on your faith and values to future generations. By including Reach the Forgotten Jail Ministry in your will, trust, life insurance, or retirement plan, you help ensure that hope, restoration, and God's presence reach many more hearts like Arica's in years to come. Scan the QR to learn more.



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THE PURPOSE THE RESOURCES

Very simply, The Purpose is captured through our mission statement: to provide Christ-centered hope **and** healing through biblically-based, chaplain-led, volunteer jail ministries. Our vision is for every incarcerated person to experience new life in Christ **and** develop healthy family, church, and community relationships.

Notice the two **“and”s** in this statement: through Christ, there is Hope **AND** Healing. In Christ there is New Life **AND** the potential for healthier families, churches, and communities.

Some reading this report look for numbers, we have numbers. Others look for stories, we have stories too. However you look, you'll see God at work in the jails we serve across Michigan. We cannot help but share how God restores, renews, and transforms the lives of the men and women we serve. Through your prayers and support, you join our Chaplains and volunteers in impacting thousands of lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For 60 years, in partnership with sheriffs, churches, and friends like you, we have faithfully brought the light of Jesus into Michigan's jails. Together we equip and sustain biblically-based programming through our Chaplains and volunteers.

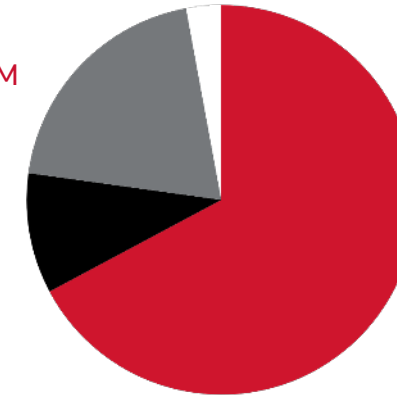
Thank you for trusting us with your support. All of us at RTF are grateful. May you be encouraged as God reminds us of His goodness daily.

-Rev. Dr. Rick Eschenburg, Acting Executive Director

WHERE

THE MONEY COMES FROM

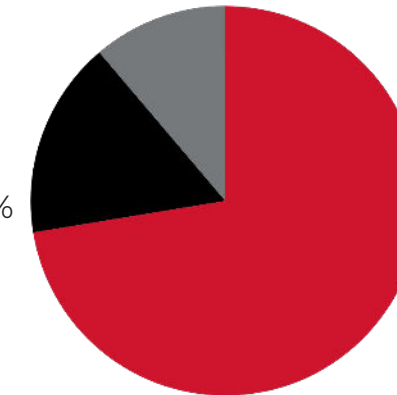
- Individuals 67.2%
- Churches 19.9%
- Businesses 10.0%
- Foundations 2.9%



WHAT

YOUR DONATION DOES

- Programs 72.4%
- Management 16.4%
- Fundraising 11.2%



CONTRIBUTIONS THIS FISCAL YEAR

\$2,204,598

FINANCIAL RESULTS

Year ending June 30, 2025

Other Income:	\$48,841
Total Income:	\$2,253,598

BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES:

Programs:	\$1,828,845
Management:	\$415,592
Fundraising:	\$282,759



2025



REACH THE

JAIL MINISTRY

1480 Buchanan Ave SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

IMPORTANT STATISTICS

MI Jails Served: 32

Beds Available: 8,348

Annual Bookings: 152,755

RTF Chaplains & Staff: 48

RTF Volunteers: 1,188

Volunteer Hours Served: 35,000

Volunteer Hours Value: \$1,217,650

MISSION

To provide Christ-centered hope and healing through biblically-based, chaplain led, volunteer jail ministries.

VISION

For every incarcerated person to experience new life in Christ and develop healthy family, church, and community relationships.

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