60 YEARS OF FAITHFULNESS



KENT COUNTY JAIL - 1966

ANNUAL REPORT

1966-2026

1966 THE CALLING

In 1958, Michigan State Police Officer Bill Most came to Christ, awakening in him a desire to serve God fully. The following year, he left the State Police and, with his wife Eunice and their four children, moved to Grand Rapids to pursue ministry training.

By 1961, Bill was completing Christian Service assignments at Mel Trotter Ministries and the Kent County Jail. What began as simple acts of obedience soon became a calling.

In 1964, Bill was asked to serve as Chaplain of the Kent County Jail.



EUNICE & BILL MOST



JOHN CUSTER

On March 18, 1966, encouraged by friend and mentor John Custer, he officially organized what would become Forgotten Man Mission.

There was no staff. No building. Almost no budget. There was one chaplain, serving one county, with one calling: to bring the hope of Jesus Christ to men and women behind bars.

That calling would become Reach the Forgotten Jail Ministry.

CONTINUES 2026

Sixty years later, much has changed. What began with one chaplain serving one county has grown into a statewide ministry reaching men and women in jails across Michigan.

Today, chaplains and volunteers continue walking through jail doors with the same conviction that moved Bill Most: *those behind bars are deeply loved by God and worthy of hearing the hope of Jesus Christ.*

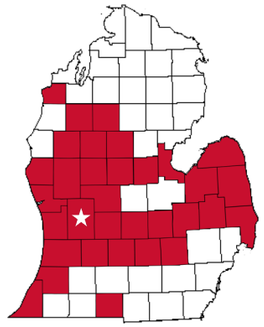


The ministry has grown.

The methods have evolved.

The reach has expanded.

The calling remains the same.



Serving 33 Counties

Beds Available: 8,859

Inmates Reached: 50,000+

Chaplains & Staff: 44

Volunteers: 1,404

THE REASON

"I'm sure you have heard the saying that the Lord works in mysterious ways. Well, here is my story to prove that the Lord is always willing to accept you the way you are.

It all started when I was a child, around the age of seven. I would attend a local church but was only going to be with my friends. I never really understood or took the Lord into my life. My father would abuse me, and both parents were in and out of my life. I never really had a father figure, so I turned to drugs, alcohol, gangs, and always ended up in an institution or in jail. It wasn't only hurting me, but also my family.

After 19 years of my life without the Lord, I found myself sitting in jail again. I started to come clean of drugs and violence. Then I realized it was hopeless without the Lord. I had asked Him to get me out of trouble before, but when He did, I would forget about it and not call on Him anymore. I decided it was time to give the Lord a chance in my life, and asked Him into my heart. I finally got the confidence to get my G.E.D. and get help with drugs and alcohol. With the presence of the Lord, my Heavenly Father, and the Holy Spirit in my life, I feel better than ever before.

Chaplain George Koster has given me a lot of emotional and spiritual support. One of the things I heard him say was to never give up on faith. I also learned that no matter where we are, the Lord is always present, listening, and showing His love. Now that I am involved with the Lord and my life is on a fast-growing road to recovery, people can see the Lord working in me. I want to become involved in a church, teach Bible studies, and speak to young children and teens about the dangers of drugs, alcohol, gangs, and violence hopefully preventing them from making the same mistakes I did. I would also like to help the poor and needy.

My family and I have been through many hard times with food, money, and a home, so I know how it is. I am willing to help others and to do just what the Lord is wanting me to do. I also want to gain my family back.

I would encourage everybody to give the Lord a chance in their life."

Written by a Kent County Inmate, April 2002



Chaplain George Koster

HASN'T CHANGED

The chaplain would walk the cell blocks and say, *"John, I want to come and talk to you about Jesus."* I would blow him off, I was rude, and I told him I didn't want to hear it. But he kept showing up, week after week. Most people would have forgotten about me in jail, but this man didn't. One day, I was tired and sick of living the life I was living, so we talked. He talked to me like I was a human being, like nobody else ever talked to me. Something happened in my heart, like 20 years worth of anger and hatred started to melt away.

I prayed with that guy in the red shirt and I accepted Christ as my Savior. Later, I went back to my cell and asked myself, *"Did I really mean what I just did?"* I got on my knees on the cold concrete floor, just me and God, and prayed for real that time. I asked God to come into my life and take away the pain, addiction, and sorrow.

A few weeks later, I was sentenced to prison and fell back into old behaviors. God checked me in my spirit, *"Is this what I saved you for? So you can come here behind a different fence and live the same life you were living before?"*

I made a choice. I was not going to keep coming through that revolving door. Every night I prayed and every morning I read the Bible. I participated in every class and program available and learned how a man can have character even when nobody is watching.

God pulled the addiction out of me. Because of Him, I can now bear patience, self-control, and love for my fellow man. **New fruit on an old tree.** Only God can do that. I walked out of prison not just a free man, but a changed man with a desire to find the addicts still suffering and tell them there is a way out.

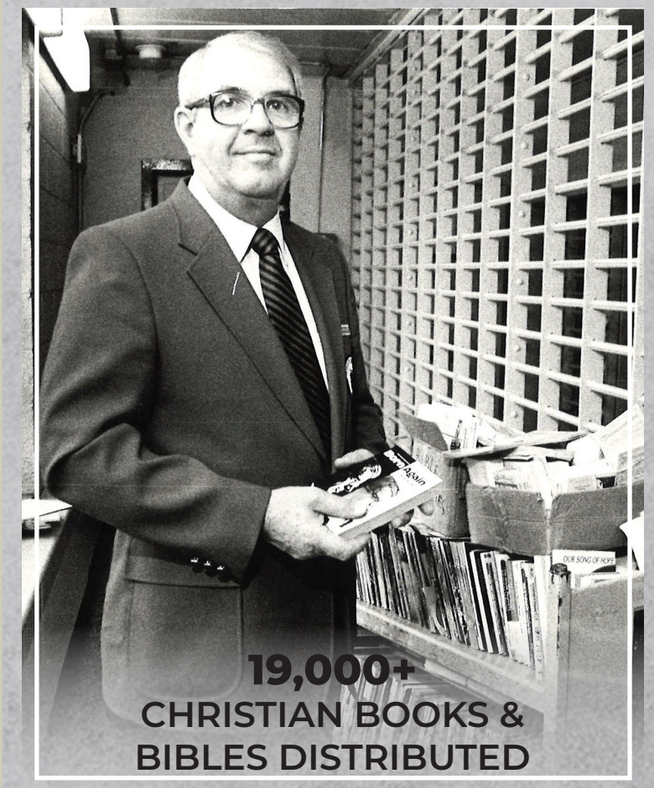
This doesn't happen without the men in the red shirts who refuse to give up on a sinner in the county jail. **One man. One red shirt. One Bible. That's all it took to change the destiny of my life.**

So, if you ask yourself, "Is this ministry worth it?" You're looking at its worth right here. If God can change my life, He can change anybody's. So don't stop sending those men in the red shirts in. ***There's another me in there, waiting for them to come.***
Spoken by John, Mecosta County, September 2026

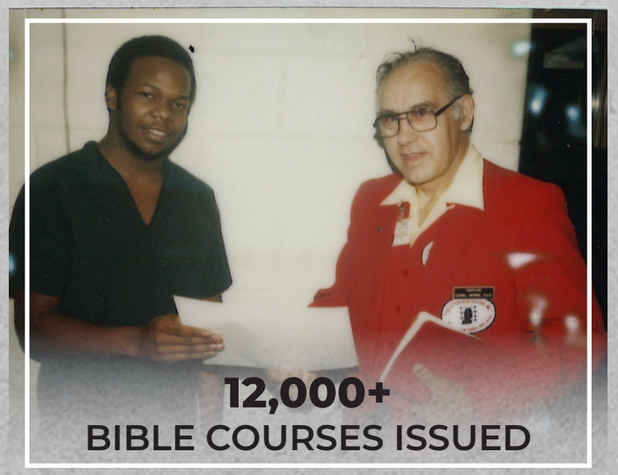


John and Chaplain Randy Hahn

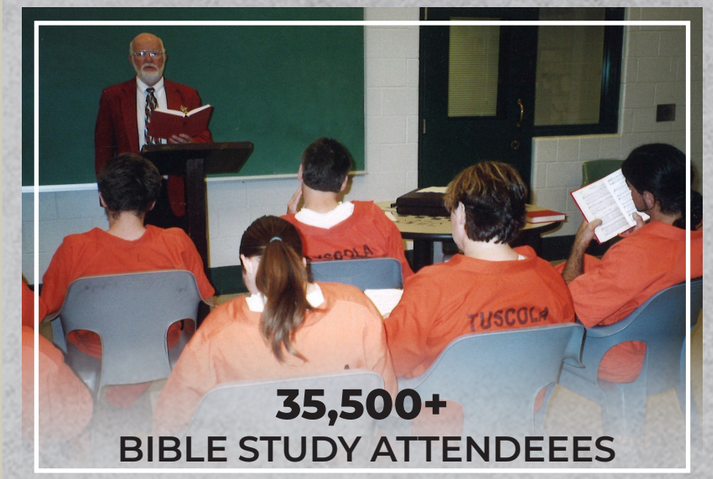
THE WORK IN ACTION



19,000+
CHRISTIAN BOOKS & BIBLES DISTRIBUTED



12,000+
BIBLE COURSES ISSUED



35,500+
BIBLE STUDY ATTENDEEES



20,000+
1 TO 1 MENTORING SESSIONS HELD



4,500+
LIFE SKILLS CLASSES HELD



1,000+
REFERRALS TO REENTRY SERVICES



4,000+
WORSHIP SERVICES HELD



900+
HWH PARTICIPANTS



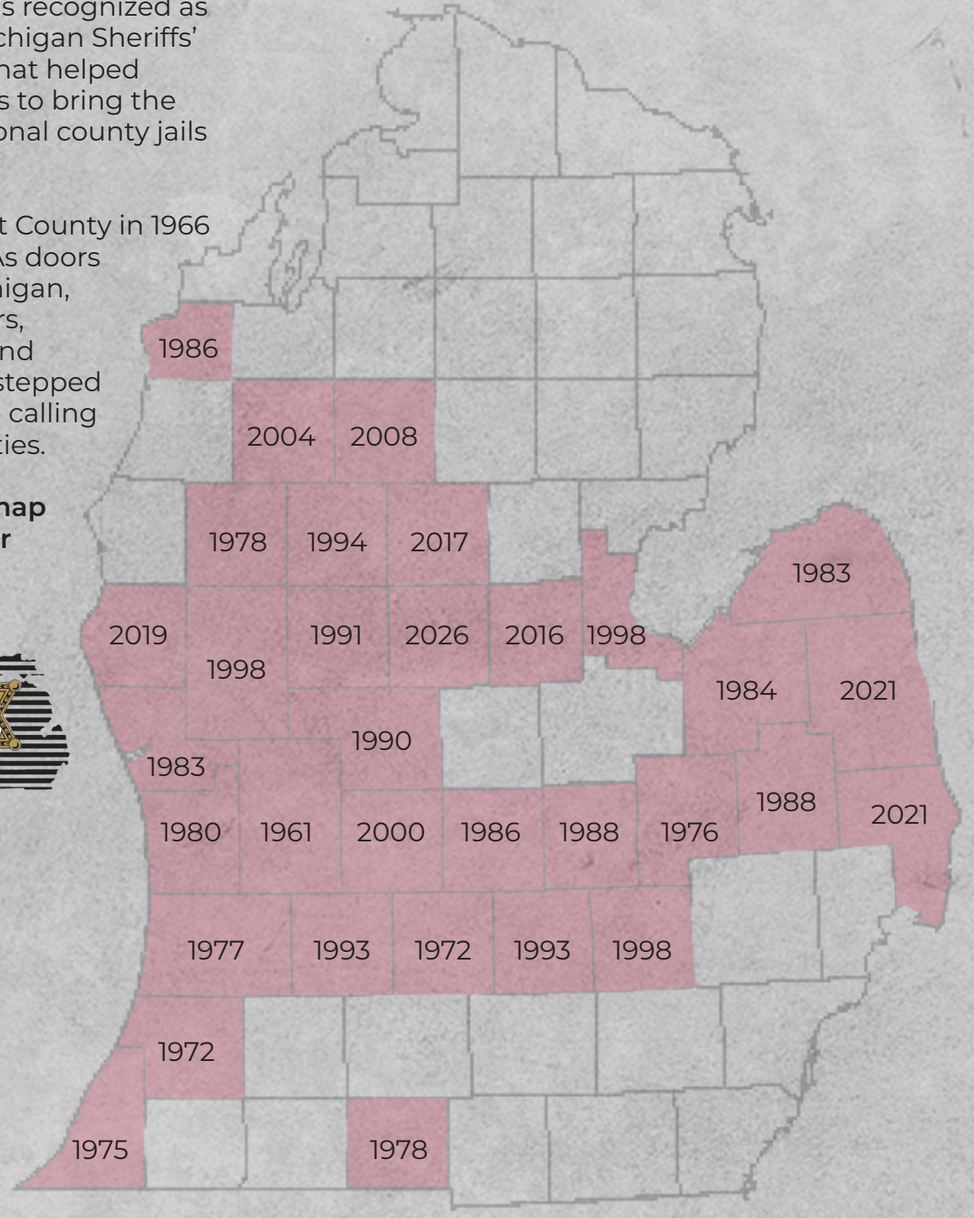
11,500+
RECOVERY PROGRAM ATTENDEES

BUILDING

In 1974, Bill Most was recognized as Chaplain for the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, a role that helped create opportunities to bring the ministry into additional county jails across Michigan.

What began in Kent County in 1966 did not stay there. As doors opened across Michigan, chaplains, volunteers, churches, sheriffs, and faithful supporters stepped forward to carry the calling into new communities.

Each date on this map marks another door God opened.



A LEGACY

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

For 60 years, faithful people have made this ministry possible. Because generations before us gave, served, prayed, and believed in the calling, Reach the Forgotten continues to carry the hope of Jesus Christ into Michigan's county jails today.

Your legacy helps carry the mission for the next 60 years!

By including RTF in your will, trust, life insurance, or retirement plan, your generosity can extend far beyond your lifetime; ensuring that chaplains and volunteers continue walking through jail doors for decades to come.

Scan to learn more about Legacy Giving.

PARTNERS

Thank you to those who faithfully partner with us, making this work possible and extend further than we imagined.

Central Bible Ministries International Est. 1980

Our Daily Bread Ministries

CROSSROADS

PRISON BOOK PROJECT

Trauma Healing INSTITUTE

Tyndale Trusted. For Life.

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

THE VISION

"I was asked in an interview recently if I had the vision of the Mission ever growing this large, and I had to admit that I never realized that God would so greatly use us. We feel that we have been faithful in proclaiming the gospel and in turn God has been faithful to us."
- Bill Most: 1966-1980

"Wow, I have been in jail ministry for almost 23 years! As I look back it does not seem that long ago. It has been a privilege to serve the Lord and share the gospel with those behind bars."
- John Fehler: 1980-2015

"There is no place hungrier for hope and salvation through Christ. FMM volunteers are a physical and spiritual presence to remind inmates that God loves them, God forgives them, and God offers them a second chance."
- Bill Cariano: 2015-2019

"As God's children, we are called to share the message of God's love, forgiveness, and hope through Jesus Christ (John 3:16). The miracle of jail ministry is that when we invite people to respond to the gospel message, many repent! Men and women are ready to hear that God loves them, is for them, wants to restore them, and has already made a way through Jesus Christ."
- Nathan DeWard: 2019-2026



FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CARRIED ON

In 1966 our ministry was founded in one county. It started in a very humble method with a man, a car, and a camper going to jails ministering to the forgotten. Our mission has been rooted in a simple but powerful truth: a relationship with Jesus Christ brings life with hope and healing. Every heart willing to receive Him receives an infusion of God's presence. True change brought about by a true relationship.

We use Bible-based teaching, chaplain leadership, and the faithful service of volunteers to impact those that find themselves incarcerated in 33 county jails in Michigan. We believe that in Christ, there is Hope and Healing. A new life, restored families, churches, and communities impacted now and for eternity. ***Jesus Christ's work is never halfway, He transforms completely.***

Many who read this report look for metrics to establish success. Others look for a moving story that inspires an emotional response. We look for the unmistakable evidence of God at work. We see Him restoring dignity, renewing purpose, and transforming lives in ways only He can. Through your prayers and support, you stand shoulder to shoulder with our chaplains and volunteers as they bring the Gospel to thousands who find themselves in jails without hope.

For 60 years, God has allowed us to serve sheriffs, churches, and communities carrying the light of Christ into Michigan's jails. Together, we continue to strengthen and sustain Bible-centered programs that point people to the One who changes everything.

As we step into this new chapter as Co-Executive Directors, we are humbled to lead a ministry built on six decades of faithfulness. We recognize that we stand on the foundation laid by those who came before us, leaders, chaplains, volunteers, and supporters who answered God's calling. It is a privilege to carry that calling forward, honoring the ministry's legacy while faithfully following where God leads us next.

Thank you for your trust and partnership. All of us at RTF are deeply grateful for the opportunity God has placed in front of us. Together, we believe that God will lead us to impact lives in 33 counties (and more). Reaching for the lost, gathering with those that follow Him, and striving to make disciples is our charge. We endeavor to steward the ministry into this next season so that God may be seen as real, and at work.
Many men's and women's eternity hang in the balance.
We can't do it without you.

-Kenny Hovis & Scott Hall, Co-Executive Directors



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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THE MISSION

When Forgotten Man Mission began, there was no large staff, network of county ministries, or substantial budget. There was simply a calling and the faith that God would provide what was needed to answer it.

The proposed budget for that first year totaled just $11,120. On paper, it was a remarkably small operation. The entire ministry was expected to run on approximately $927 a month.

But behind those numbers was something much bigger.


Answering the Challenge of Jails and Prisons In Michigan

THE MOST'S – Back, Left to Right: FRANK, EUNICE, BILL. Front row, Left to Right: TOM, CONNIE, MARIA. PLEASE PRAY FOR US

OUR WORK

Bringing the Forgotten Man to a Saving Knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

OUR METHOD

- By Personal Evangelism
- By Bible Correspondence Courses
- By Personal Counseling
- By Placing the Released Man into a Gospel Preaching Church in his home town
- By Seeking Home Placement for the Released Man
- By Seeking Employment for the Released Man
- By a Follow Up Program

1966 Budget

POSTAGE:	$ 480.00
PRINTING:	$ 200.00
GAS & OIL:	$ 1,000.00
MISC. PETTY CASH:	$ 180.00
SECTERARY:	$ 120.00
BIBLE COURSES:	$ 900.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES:	$ 120.00
TELEPHONE:	$ 120.00
SUPT. SALARY:	$ 8,000.00
TOTAL:	$ 11,120.00

213.88 per week
926.66 per month

Every Bible course placed scripture into someone's hands. Every stamp carried the ministry beyond what one chaplain could accomplish alone. Those expenses became the means through which an extraordinary calling could continue.

And people chose to support it.

Churches, individuals, and friends gave so that the work could grow. One county became many. One chaplain was joined by others. New programs were developed, more volunteers stepped forward, and more jail doors opened.

MADE POSSIBLE

What began with an $11,120 budget has grown alongside the ministry it supports. Today, the generosity of individuals, churches, businesses, and foundations makes it possible for Reach the Forgotten to serve **33 Michigan counties** with Christ-centered hope and healing.

The numbers have changed.
The calling has not.

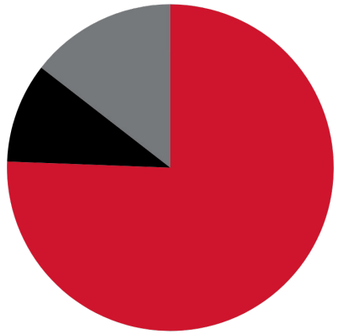
WHERE
THE MONEY COMES FROM

- **Individuals** 71.2%
- **Churches** 15.4%
- **Businesses** 6.6%
- **Foundations** 6.8%



WHERE
YOUR GIFT GOES

- **Programs** 75.6%
- **Management** 14.5%
- **Fundraising** 9.9%



CONTRIBUTIONS THIS FISCAL YEAR

$2,884,141

FINANCIAL RESULTS
Year ending June 30, 2026

Other Income:	*$67,224*
Total Income:	**$2,951,365**

BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES:

Programs:	*$1,902,896*
Management:	*$364,270*
Fundraising:	*$248,150*

For 60 years, faithful generosity has equipped chaplains and volunteers to walk through jail doors, open God's Word, *and remind men and women that they are seen, loved, and not forgotten.*

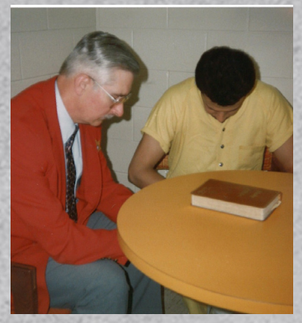
THANK YOU











"I found a Bible in my cell from F.M.M. I began to read and for the first time in my life I found something that said the truth. My life is changing." -Troy 2001





FOR 60 YEARS





The story is still being written.





"My first instinct was always depending on self... now I've learned that even I will let me down, but God will not. Now my instinct is to pray. Thanks to Reach the Forgotten, I know who to run to, my God."
-Mike 2026

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