

NEHEMIAH

Renew. Restore. Rebuild.



BACKGROUND STORY

- In 2014, Bexar County Faith Based Reentry Committee hosted Reentry Sunday for returning citizens and there was a lack of minority citizens present.
- Overseer Alexander of True Vine Church had a church member with reentry needs, and did not know where or how to direct his congregant.
- He recognized a shortcoming and posed a question which turned into a call to action, “what is the role of the church in reentry?”



PROPOSED PROGRAM GOAL

- **Specific:** Restore families and reduce recidivism
- **Measure:** 3-day event:
 - Day 1- Family retreat
 - Day 2- Service provider connection
 - Day 3- Inter-faith service
- **Attainable:** Assist 15 returning citizens
- **Impact:** 50-80% improvement in family communication and reduce recidivism.
 - Potential economic impact \$614,295 - \$710,655 over a 3-years
 - **Timely:** offer faith-based desistance services every 6 months



PROJECT ANALYSIS

Why do most return to incarceration?

Because we don't have a support system, especially family.

Why was support not available?

Because family & friends do not trust us enough when we returned home.

Why did family not provide housing?

Because we couldn't find a job to help pay bills.

Why was there no plan for you to return with support, housing and job?

Because our basic needs (i.e. transportation, food, clothes, etc.) were more important.

Why didn't you take advantage of programs to transition home?

Because there is not a single program available to help me restore my relationships, get education to be employable, and ensure we have access to affordable healthcare.

RESEARCH FINDINGS

Education/Employment

Housing

Basic needs

Healthcare

Support systems



Inputs

Activities

Outputs

Results

Family Retreat

Health

Support

Open Table

Culture & Citizenship

Housing

G.R.I.P.

Anger Management

Basic Needs

Social Justice
Dialogue

Mentoring

Employment

InterFaith Support

Coaching

Healthcare

NehemiahWorks
Challenge

Money Management

Education

Relationships

Short-term

- **Changes in learning**
- KSAs
- Attitudes
- Awareness
- Opinions
- Aspirations
- Motivations

Intermediate

- **Changes in action**
- Decrease Recidivism
- Rebuild families
- Practice policies
- Decisions

Long-term

- **Changes in conditions**
- Restoring communities
- Desistance
- Access to affordable healthcare
- Environmental



SERVICE ACTION PLAN

Service Issue	Cause	Solution
Lack of <u>support</u> system	Damaged relationships and lost time with family	Day-1 family retreat, Day-3 church adoption
Lack of habitable affordable <u>housing</u>	Real estate perception and housing regulations	Service partner connection (Day-2)
Lack of <u>jobs</u>	No employable skill or background check barriers	Service partner connection (Day-2)
Lack of food, clothes, transportation, etc. (i.e. <u>basic needs</u>)	Not enough money for basic needs	Service partner connection (Day-2)
Lack of education-based transition programs (i.e. support, housing, jobs, <u>healthcare</u> , basic needs, etc.)	No program to establish a plan to rebuild support, find a job or housing before re-entry.	Service partner connection (Day-2)



QUESTIONS ?

