

# CHANGING THE WAY

## Changing the Way's Mission Statement

Relying on the transforming power of Jesus Christ to all, "Changing the Way" provides transitional assistance for ex-offenders and their families by coordinating referrals designed to meet their spiritual, emotional, and physical needs upon re-entry into community and family life; through involvement with the legislative laws to insure it impacts ex-offenders in a positive manner.

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Changing the Way holds monthly meeting every forth Tuesday in Columbia, SC. The vision of Changing the Way is to be the organization that will give those persons coming out of incarceration spiritual guidance and referrals that will point them in the right direction for successful reentry into society. We are establishing a state wide data base of all the "Positive Support Ministries & Organizations" that have an heart to see people and communities prosper. CTW holds "Support Meetings" thought the state to offer assistances to persons formerly incarcerated as well as their family & love ones. A 24/hour support line is in the process to offer that needed listening ear for those who need someone to talk to.

South Carolina ranks # 7 in the total US in recidivism rates. Making this the perfect place to begin this vision. Consider these statistics put out in a special study† of 300,000 prisoners released in one year; 75% of all released prisoners that year:

- 68% were rearrested for new offenses
- 92% were male
- 93% had prior arrest records
- 82% had prior convictions
- 70% had 5 or more prior convictions
- Within 6 months 30% were rearrested for felony charges
- 44% were back in the 1st year, and 60% by year 2
- Among those in prison before, 73% were rearrested

Recidivism has grown to an alarming 50 to 80 percent. Statistics show that faith based programs greatly reduce the recidivism rate among it's participates by partnering with the state penal department. According to data from SCDC† there is a population of 22,273 inmates in SC and 12,204 expected to be released this year.

With numbers like these you can see why we need to **CHANGE THE WAY!!!**

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