

## Financial Support

We ask that you prayerfully consider participating with us through your financial support. The support for this ministry must be developed through designated giving. With current postal costs where they are, it costs \$100 per student to go through our entire course of study. This does not include the salaries of the MNA Metanoia Prison Ministries Director and Facilitator. We need financial supporters who will pray and offer support to an annual budget that is currently set at \$170,000, but will grow as the Lord adds students to the rolls. This includes salaries and printing and mailing costs.

1% of the adult population of America is in prison - about 2.4 million!

7.5% of the adult population of America is incarcerated, on probation, or on parole!

66% of all prisoners will commit another crime and do more time!

America currently houses 25% of the world's prison population!

\$23,876 - the average cost to care for ONE prisoner annually!

50 states spend \$49 billion on their prisons annually!

**Source:** The United States Department of Justice  
Bureau of Justice Statistics

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Metanoia is a Greek noun meaning: "A change of mind: as it appears in one who repents of a purpose he has formed or of something he has done, especially the change of mind of those who have begun to abhor their errors and misdeeds, and have determined to enter upon a better course of life, so that it embraces both a recognition of sin and sorrow for it and hearty amendment, the tokens and effects of which are good deeds." (Thayer's Greek Lexicon)

*"Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body." Hebrews 13:3*

You can make a tax-deductible contribution to Metanoia Prison Ministries three ways:

1. Go to [www.pca-mna.org/metanoia](http://www.pca-mna.org/metanoia), click on Donate to MNA Metanoia Prison Ministries.
2. Telephone MNA at 678-825-1200, and ask for accounting. They will process your donation if you prefer not to enter your credit card number online. The credit card security code is required for all transactions.
3. Mail your check to: Mission to North America, 1700 N. Brown Rd., Ste 101, Lawrenceville, GA 30043 and designate: Metanoia Prison Ministries.

To volunteer to serve as an instructor or mentor, you can download the instructor information form at [www.pca-mna.org/metanoia](http://www.pca-mna.org/metanoia), or contact Shelly Marshall, MNA Metanoia Prison Ministries Facilitator, (704-740-9702 or [smarshall@pcanet.org](mailto:smarshall@pcanet.org)).

You may contact Mark Casson, MNA Metanoia Prison Ministries Director, at:  
Phone: 559-221-0238  
Cell: 559-681-7858  
E-Mail: [mcasson@pcanet.org](mailto:mcasson@pcanet.org)

All other correspondence should go to:

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## Metanoia Prison Ministries



**Our Purpose:** Partnering with the church for the Evangelism, Discipleship and Reintegration of prisoners.

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## Engaging the Church

Why would the church need to be “engaged” or “recruited” to do the work Christ commanded them to do? The answer is threefold: First, most churches just don’t have the resources to launch a comprehensive plan to minister to prisoners. Second, prison ministry is one of those seemingly thankless ministries that doesn’t put warm bodies in the pews and generous checks in the offering plate. Third, many churches have been burned and have a bad taste in their mouth.

Metanoia Ministries is committed to forming partnerships with the local church so that **the church does all the ministering and Metanoia does all the facilitating!**



## Educating the Church

Contact Metanoia Ministries today to schedule a presentation covering the following important topics:

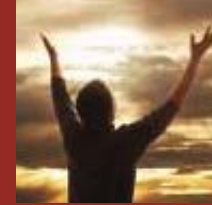
1. What is it like to be a Christian in prison today?
  - Hear the testimony of the Metanoia Ministries Director
2. Why are there so many “jail house conversions?”
  - Learn the difference between a chapel and a church
3. How can the local church really make a difference?
  - Learn about Metanoia’s comprehensive discipleship plan
4. How can I get involved in prison ministry?
  - Learn about the joy of being a personal instructor



## Equipping the Church

Metanoia Ministries partners with the church to provide three types of prison ministry training:

1. Training personal instructors to be matched with a Christian prisoner involved in our correspondence courses.
2. Training personal mentors to come alongside a Christian prisoner to develop a comprehensive parole plan.
3. Training and equipping the church to think through the challenges of reintegration.



### 1

## Let the Discipleship Begin

Everything begins with our correspondence course ministry. Male and female Christian prisoners across America send us a completed “New Student Application” to enroll in our Bible curriculum.

All of our new students learn about Metanoia Ministries through prison chaplains, current students, affiliate churches, prison newsletters, and concerned Christian family members.

When we receive a new student application, we enter that student into our database, create a student profile, and match them with a personal instructor. All of our personal instructors are members in good standing of affiliate churches who have been approved by their leaders.

The administrative offices of Metanoia maintain the student files, keep track of the scores, make the copies, supply the lesson books and other materials, and pay for all the postage. As a result, the personal instructor’s anonymity and address are strictly protected.

### 2

## Growing & Mentoring

As the student and the instructor work together to complete each lesson, the church is being faithful to her commission, the instructor and the student are growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, and a Christian bond is being forged! The testimonies of student and instructor alike reflect just how powerful and meaningful these discipleship relationships become in short order.

When a student has completed our Level One courses (“Ultimate Questions” & “Biblical Christian Truths”) and is within 2 years of their release, they are eligible to apply for a Christian mentor.

The role of the mentor is to meet regularly with the Christian prisoner (usually once a month) to help prepare a comprehensive plan for reintegration. While each situation will be different, concerns would include housing, employment, transportation, strained relations, family concerns, parole stipulations, besetting sins, and becoming a vital member of the church.

### 3

## Reintegration

The day finally arrives for one of our students to come home to a new life in Christ. Every situation is different. In some cases, a student doesn’t need much help because they have a strong support team already set up to assist them in every way.

In other cases, a student may have a few of the important components in place like housing and transportation, but they need our help in finding a strong church and gainful employment.

Usually, however, there is little or nothing left. The old habits, the old friends, and the old troubles must all be forsaken and replaced with “the new!” Where does “the new” come from? This is where the mentor, Metanoia Ministries, and the local church work together to develop a comprehensive parole plan to ensure the student’s successful transition into the church and the community.