

T.E.A.M. Mentoring, Inc.

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Restoring Hope

October 23rd through October 27th, the Montana ReEntry Program will be facilitated at Montana State Prison in Deer Lodge for the 45th time. This is T.E.A.M.'s in-prison program that is offered to men in prison who are nearing their time of release and coming back to our communities, and we are presently gearing up for the next session.

The Montana ReEntry sessions are 35 hours in length and offer life skills in making a successful re-entry into the family and community. To date, **Montana ReEntry has been**



provided to 1,547 men and women in Montana. Montana ReEntry is a unique relational context and is designed to give prisoners a biblically based set of answers to the most important decisions they will be making when they leave prison. I find it amazing that God has allowed T.E.A.M. to provide this service to this many adult offenders nearing release back into our communities.

T.E.A.M.'s unique delivery model has taken **441** volunteers into Montana prisons and jails. T.E.A.M. now also encourages and recruits ex-prisoners who have graduated Montana ReEntry and are now successful out in the community as volunteers. We are seeing past participants now facilitating our classes and discussion groups, as well as actively coming alongside of men upon release and struggling through the very issues they faced when they got out. Nothing has seemed as rewarding as watching those you have been involved in discipling now discipling others!

One of those men, Larry Suchy, recently ordered another 25 of our Eagle's Nest Journals for the efforts he is involved in with his church in Bismarck, ND. Along with others, he is reaching out to ex-prisoners and those in need with fellowship, meals, guest speakers and food assistance five nights per week. On Mondays, Larry meets with as many as a dozen who are committed to seeking after God by reading scripture, journaling, and holding each other accountable in the Eagle's Nest model.

In another example, I recently asked a local pastor how a man T.E.A.M. had connected into his church to be mentored was doing. He replied that he was doing well, faithfully attending, and now at the pastor's request, was mentoring another man who had shown up at this church after getting out of prison. Another man is regularly speaking at Montana Women's Prison here in Billings and there are others involved with assisting ex-prisoners in Helena. It is hard to communicate the encouragement this brings to know of these examples of mentees now discipling others!

Thanks to all of you who are a part of this ministry, for all that you do. Whatever your role as a TEAM volunteer, you are having an important influence in transforming lives as you continue to mentor, facilitate classes, and support broken lives. You are making a lasting difference.



I ask that you pray for the volunteer team going into the prison the week of October 23rd, that the love of Jesus Christ would flow through us to these men. Pray also for the participants that have signed up for this week. And yes, your financial support is critical to make this happen. Please remember

T.E.A.M. in your monthly financial donations.

Larry Gaalswyk
Executive Director

