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## freedom WITHIN THE RAZOR WIRES

Boys entering Mountain View Youth Development Center, a juvenile detention center in Dandridge, arrive having committed multiple crimes & are often broken, angry, & scared. The Christ-centered ministry Grounded for Good, supported by GOTM, works to transform these young inmates ages 13 to 18 through discipleship.

needed most.

Nine dedicated volunteers from across Tennessee mentor these young men, teaching them to read and study Scripture, pray effectively, walk as men of God, & build their faith. According to ministry leader Dale Lusk, when boys accept Christ, the "wall of evil" melts away as they recognize the kind of men God intends them to be.

During its 12-year history, the ministry has discipled & baptized 243 boys & witnessed 12 prison guards come to Christ. GOTM provides essential Bibles & resources that volunteers distribute to the inmates, fueling their spiritual growth & transformation. This partnership continues to change lives within the youth detention center's walls, offering hope where it's

Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief (TBDR) brings hope, healing, and Christ's love to disaster survivors through volunteer service and spiritual support. In late September 2024, Hurricane Helene's devastating floods affected more than 1,500 families in East Tennessee, completely destroying over 500 homes. Tennessee Baptists have committed to rebuilding at least 40 homes and repairing as many others as possible - a mission expected to take two years. TBDR is actively seeking volunteers and resources to meet this significant challenge.

Many homeowners who have lost everything are asking profound questions about life and faith. TBDR's approach is comprehensive: arrive promptly after disaster strikes, remain until restoration is complete, and connect personally with each homeowner by presenting them with a Bible and sharing the gospel message.

The Golden Offering provides the crucial funding that makes this vital recovery and ministry work possible.





