# ANNUAL IMPACT



# REPORT

# HOPE BY THE NUMBERS

In 2024, we celebrated our 21st year of ministry. Our volunteers and staff hosted a variety of classes and events at 24 adult and juvenile correctional facilities and 6 churches across Georgia, Tennessee, and Mississippi.

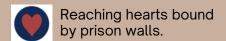
Hebrews 13:3 "Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoner...."

6,033	Hours spent inside prisons by our volunteers and staff	8,895	Interactions between incarcerated juveniles and Chaplain John Richardson
1,700	Children received a Little Readers Packet	372	Trauma Counseling sessions provided by HeartBound staff
22,377	Men, women, and youth attended a HeartBound program	1,122	Number of visits made to prisons by HeartBound staff member or volunteers



"HeartBound Ministries can do things that government just can't always do. The **personal touch makes a difference**. To make people see that there is **hope beyond the time that they are incarcerated** is vitally important for that individual, for their family, and literally **for our community and nation as a whole.**"

#### - Former Governor Nathan Deal



# THE YEAR IN REVIEW



"HeartBound Ministries has changed no telling how many peoples' lives, prevented no telling how many people from becoming victims of violent crimes."

- Mississippi Dept. of Corrections Commissioner Burl Cain

We couldn't have said it better! Our volunteers, chaplains, and staff helped to break generational cycles of crime and incarceration by providing purposeful programming

to the prison community so that incarcerated people return to their families and communities as transformed individuals.

Our programs include: guitar, art, horticulture, financial literacy, Little Readers, mentoring, parenting, seminary education, leadership, beekeeping, cooking, quilting, choir, Pickleball, aquaponics, book club, and we provided **372 hours of free** trauma counseling sessions!

#### **Spring Highlight**

HeartBound hosted its **eleventh** annual Returning Hearts Celebration at Walker State Prison and our **first-ever** RHC at Burruss Correctional Training Center. **56 men, 90 children and families, and over 130 volunteers participated**.

#### **Autumn Highlight**

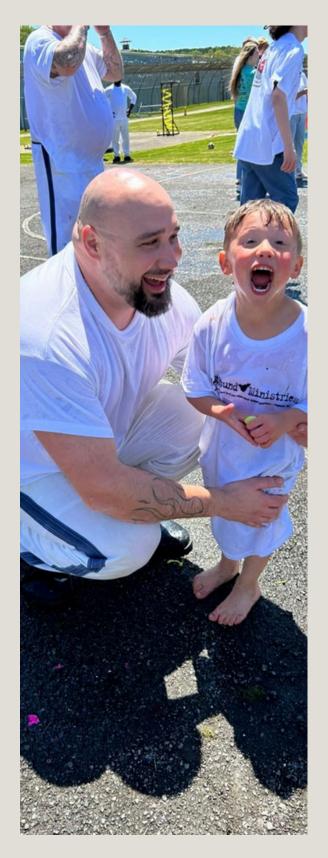
We partnered with **Trinity Anglican Church** to bring the **Alpha Program** to residents at the Atlanta Transitional
Center. Alpha helps create a space for honest conversation around some of life's biggest questions while providing the chance to encounter Jesus.

#### Summer Highlight

HeartBound introduced two new programs inside prisons - Pickeball, and in conjunction with the GA Secretary of State's Office, the Money Talks Financial Literacy Program. We also hosted our first-ever Hard Time Honey pop-up shop.

#### Winter Highlight

For the first-time ever, one of our formerly incarcerated juvenile students attended Songs in the Night! Thanks to our incredible donors we raised almost \$150,000 to support Christ-centered programming.



#### **FINANCES**

Income	2024
Indiv./bus. contributions	\$277,344
Gifts-in-kind	\$16,102
Foundation/trust grants	\$135,326
Songs in the Night	\$123,864
Special events	\$7,455
Total Income	\$560,091

### EXPENSE TOTALS

1%

Fundraising

94%

Programming

5%

Administration

Through nurturing nature, we're learning valuable skills that can lead to **future employment** and **self-sufficiency**. By finding **solace** and **purpose** in the act of gardening, we've managed to foster personal growth, a sense of community, and teamwork. This class is **more than just an educational opportunity**; **it's a transformative experience of care and responsibility**, both for the plants we cultivate and ourselves. - Mike, Plants in Prison student

# WE'D LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR DONORS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT

#### YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE

In 2024, over 300 people, businesses, and foundations donated to HeartBound Ministries. We'd like to thank the following foundations and businesses for their support.

All Souls Anglican Church **ALTA Foundation** Chamblee First UMC Faith Class **Christ Church of Atlanta Covington Ford** D'Addario Foundation **Daughters of the American Revolution Dollar General Literacy Foundation Dunwoody Baptist Church Fisher-Crum Foundation GA's OWN Foundation Immanuel Anglican Church** John and Cindy Morris Family Foundation Kehe Cares Foundation **Knights of Columbus** Nancy F. Noblin Foundation National Philanthropic Trust **Norcross First UMC Agape Sunday** School P5 Foundation **Red Clay Ministries** Renaissance Charitable Foundation **SOMA Foundation Somerset Foundation** The Church of the Apostles The Maclellan Foundation

The Pressly Family Fund
The Sartain Lanier Family Foundation
Trinity Anglican Church
Vine Street Christian Church
Whole Kids Foundation
Wieuca Road Baptist Church
William H. Jarrett II Foundation
Worldreader Foundation

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### **2024 IN PHOTOS**



### A CLOSING NOTE

Simply put, in 2024, something supernatural occurred in the life of our ministry. Something divine. We've seen the power of God at work, in our own lives and the lives of those that we serve. Our programming, largely due to your financial support, has expanded like never before. Every week, our staff and volunteers led 36 different classes inside prisons. Our team interacted with 500-700 inmates on any given week, or 1% of the entire prison population in Georgia. That's pretty remarkable considering that our budget is 3,200 times smaller than the budget of the entire Georgia Department of Corrections.

We have so many people to thank for our **twenty-first** year of ministry – **our board members** (in no particular order: Lucy Fugate, Bob Jackson, Matt Rendle, Matt Crowe, Norah White, Robin Boggs, James Johnson, Bob Jackson, Tom Hoover, Darcy Harper, Lara Woods, Steve Peterson, Amy Durham), **our volunteers and instructors** (Fred Eason, Polly and Larry Bouker, Jenna Shepherd, Sandra Dixon, Kay Dillard, Lara Woods, Amy Durham, Lucy Fugate, Winn Mackay, Bill Lane, Eric Waugh, Adrienne Christian and Trinity Anglican Church, Sarah Flesher and Immanuel Anglican Church, Matt Carter, William Givens, Trent Ross, Angie Coggins and the Macon Pickleball Association, Rachel Dupee, Jeanne Sheahan, Amy Caylor, Cathi Onley, Becky Lukovic, Candy Maley, Yancey Snavely, the quilting team – Lucy, Patti, Elizabeth, and Fondi), **our chaplains** (Omar Howard, John Richardson), and **our trauma counselors** Adrienne Levy-Millis and Catherine Geyer.

If you would like to become a volunteer in 2025, all you need to do is email Spencer (Spencer.HeartBound@gmail.com) and he'll send you our schedule for our upcoming programs where you can shadow one of our staff members and see first-hand what it looks like to serve inside a prison before deciding if it's right for you. If you feel led to become a G.E.M. donor (Gives Every Month), you can make a recurring donation at <a href="www.givebutter.com/HeartBound">www.givebutter.com/HeartBound</a>. If you wish to support the ministry through a book, food, or hygiene drive, contact Grace (Grace.HeartBound@gmail.com) for a list of what supplies we can accept.

In 2025, we're committed to providing **HOPE** to those inside and outside the razor wire. We'll continue to bring you **stories of GRACE** and **REDEMPTION**, because in a world filled with vitriol and violence, we **HOPE** to be a force for **GOODNESS** and **LIGHT**. In 2025, we'll **continue** to remember those in prison and speak truth to those in the darkest of places. Thank you for being a part of our story... HIS story.

With gratitude,



**HeartBound Ministries** 

## WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR IN 2025





MARCH 29, 2025 - Returning Hearts Celebration, Burruss Correctional Training Center

APRIL 12, 2025 - Returning Hearts Celebration, Walker State Prison

FALL - Art From the Inside exhibit, date and location to be announced

NOVEMBER 2025 - Songs in the Night

DECEMBER 2025 - Christmas bag distribution, Walker State Prison



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