

ANNUAL IMPACT



REPORT



HOPE BY THE NUMBERS

In 2025, we celebrated our **22nd year of ministry**. Our volunteers and staff hosted a variety of classes and events at **23 adult and juvenile correctional facilities** and **9 churches** across Georgia, Tennessee, and Mississippi.

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

5,709	Hours spent inside prisons by our volunteers and staff	9,964	Pastoral interactions between incarcerated juveniles and Chaplain John Richardson
1,431	1,431 children received a Little Readers Packet and 677 adults participated	561	Trauma Counseling sessions provided by HeartBound staff, 189 more sessions than last year
27,146	Men, women, and youth attended a HeartBound program, a 17.5% increase from 2024	1,431	1,431 visits made to prisons by HeartBound staff members and volunteers, a 22% increase over last year



“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 **561 hours** of free trauma counseling sessions!

Spring Highlight

HeartBound hosted its **twelfth** annual Returning Hearts Celebration at Walker State Prison and our **second** RHC at Burruss Correctional Training Center. **49 men, 97 children and families, and 95 volunteers participated.**

Autumn Highlight

We launched a new program at the Atlanta Transitional Center (ATC) - **Tuesdays Together.** Once a month, volunteers and men gather for dinner, live music, games, and a Christ-centered talk followed by small group discussions. Across 9 meetings, **424 ATC residents and 128 volunteers participated.**

Summer Highlight

HeartBound travelled to New York City to receive a **\$50,000 grant** from the **Mutual of America Foundation.** We also hosted our second-ever Hard Time Honey pop-up shop, this time in Nashville, TN.

Winter Highlight

Jamie MacDonald and the Pulaski State Prison Women’s Choir headlined our Songs in the Night program. **Thanks to our incredible donors we raised over \$240,000** to support Christ-centered programming!





FINANCES

Income	2025	2024
Indiv./bus. contributions	\$325,302	\$268,483
Gifts-in-kind	\$21,584	\$17,487
Foundation/trust grants	\$224,382	\$144,037
Special Events	\$316,405	\$131,713
Earned Income	\$7,002	\$9,466
Total Income	\$894,675	\$571,186

EXPENSE TOTALS

81%

Programming

12%

Administration

7%

Fundraising

“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 2025, 430 people, businesses, and foundations donated to HeartBound Ministries. We'd like to thank the following foundations and businesses for their support.

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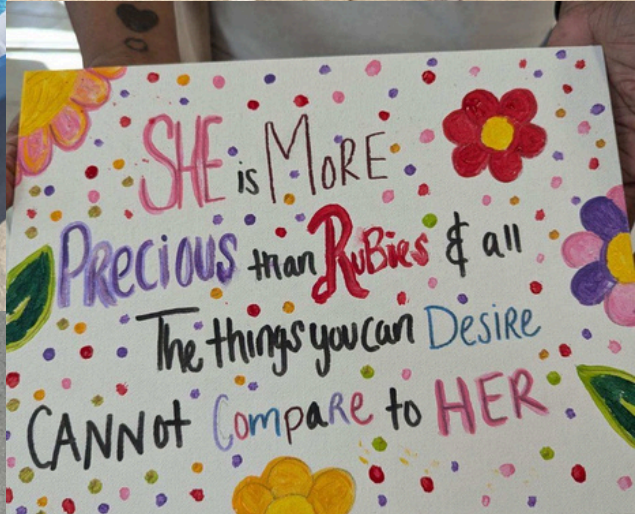
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2025 IN PHOTOS



A CLOSING NOTE

Friends, we have some big, joy-filled updates to share after a remarkable year of change in 2025.

At Songs in the Night, we set a **new fundraising record, raising over \$240,000**. At our Returning Hearts Celebrations, we helped **97 children and family members** reunite with their incarcerated loved one - providing a space for **healing and reconciliation**. Over the course of the year, we received over **\$890,000** in donations from 430 donors just like you.

We launched new programs - **Tuesdays Together** and a **Drama/Comedy Class** at the Atlanta Transitional Center, while **continuing our vast array of existing programs** - painting, guitar, financial literacy, Little Readers, Bible study, men's group, horticulture, beekeeping, quilting, trauma counseling, seminary classes, and Malachi Dads. We were able to rejoice alongside friends and family of our latest **graduates** from **HeartBound's seminary program** at Whitworth Women's Facility.

We witnessed the countless ways that God is at work in our ministry - from one of our seminary graduates **bringing her boss to Songs in the Night**, to one of Chaplain John's former mentees **returning to his former prison** to share a **message of hope** with those still incarcerated. We helped recently released men and women **find housing and employment**, drastically lowering their odds of returning to prison. We rolled up our sleeves while **planting flowers, fruits, and vegetables** inside prison gardens built by HeartBound, providing fresh produce to incarcerated students, beautifying formerly bland spaces, and sharing hope. We even **planted a Japanese Maple** in one prison - an enduring reminder that **hope and beauty can grow in the darkest of places**.

Perhaps most joyfully, our mission came full circle when we witnessed three of our former program participants - each previously incarcerated - serve as HeartBound-funded instructors: Fred in art, Eric in guitar, and Joe in beekeeping.

So much good, so much God. Thanks to each of you for giving, showing up, and praying. We are immensely grateful.

We have so many people to thank - our board members, volunteers, staff, and ministry partners. Thank you, thank you, thank you! In 2026, we will continue to love others unconditionally as we **remember those in prison** and **speak truth to those in need of God's hope**. Thank you for being a part of our story... **HIS story**.

With gratitude,

HBM ♡

HeartBound Ministries



WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR IN 2026



FEBRUARY 4, 2026, 7:00 PM - Art From the Inside Special Exhibit honoring Fred Eason opens at Luca Fine Art Gallery (1055 Howell Mill Road)

MARCH 28, 2026 - Returning Hearts Celebration, Burruss Correctional Training Center (Forsyth, GA)

APRIL 18, 2026 - Returning Hearts Celebration, Walker State Prison (Rock Spring, GA)

JULY 2026 - Paint for a Purpose with Fred Eason, location and date to be announced

OCTOBER 2026 - Penitentiary Pursuit trivia night, location and date to be announced

NOVEMBER 2026 - Songs in the Night, date to be announced

DECEMBER 2026 - Christmas bag distribution, Walker State Prison (Rock Spring, GA), date to be announced

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