



2016 ANNUAL REPORT

THE JOURNEY





Valery, in Colombia, has lived most of her life without her father, who is in prison. Her mother struggles on her own to care for Valery and her four siblings in an unsafe home. Today, Valery is receiving physical, educational, emotional, and spiritual support through Prison Fellowship International, and gaining the confidence of a happy, healthy 10-year-old.

**RESCUE. RESTORE. REBUILD.
BRINGING JUSTICE AND
HEALING TO FAMILIES
AND COMMUNITIES IN
RESPONSE TO CRIME.**



BE JOYFUL IN HOPE, PATIENT IN AFFLICTION,
AND FAITHFUL IN PRAYER. —ROMANS 12:12



Dear Friends,

As I look back at 2016—a year of important milestones for Prison Fellowship International—I keep returning to 10-year-old Valery in Colombia. Valery struggles every day for her health and safety. Her father has been in prison for more than half her life. Her mother struggles to care for her alone in their dilapidated home, where sheets drape over holes in the wall and exposed wires dangle from the ceiling. Their house is in danger of collapsing in a landslide, and their lives are in danger of being caught in the disaster.

I also remember a group of men in Zambia, who wait with nothing left to hope for but a quick and painless death. These prisoners live in what they call the Condemned Section of their prison—a place you know as death row.

When I look at the faces of Valery, her mother, and the inmates on death row, I expect to see pain and hopelessness. But instead I see something that shouldn't surprise me by now: joy, hope, peace. God promises all those who come to him with their weariness and burdens will receive rest (Matthew 11:28, NIV). And it's possible because of your partnership in sharing God's truth with prisoners and their children around the world.

Last year, 127,192 prisoners accepted an invitation to hear the Gospel. The prisoners on death row began their journey with Christ through their participation in our evangelism and discipleship program, The Prisoner's Journey®; and now, revival has broken out on death row. With your help, Valery is among the 4,463 children who are receiving generous support for their daily needs for health, safety, education, and spiritual and emotional care. Finally, we expanded our victim-offender reconciliation program, The Sycamore Tree Project®, to continue to bring restorative justice to prisoners and victims around the world.

**THOUGH THE JOURNEYS OF THOSE WE SERVE ARE DIFFICULT, YOUR
GIFTS, KINDNESS, AND FAITHFUL PRAYERS ARE HELPING THEM
AND MAKING JOY POSSIBLE. THANK YOU!**



Frank J. Lofaro
Prison Fellowship International CEO



On the cover:

Brothers Abel and Emmanuel pass by a barbed-wire barrier in the Kabushi community of Ndola, Zambia. The barrier is reminiscent of the prison walls behind which their father serves time.

OUR UNIQUE OUTREACH

TODAY, OUR TEAM IS HELPING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, IN 120 COUNTRIES, WHO ARE IMPACTED BY CRIME AND INCARCERATION.

Prison Fellowship International has spent nearly 40 years working with prisoners, ex-prisoners, their families, and victims of crime around the world. Through our unique outreach and partnership with local authorities, churches, and volunteers, we share the Gospel with prisoners, care for their children, and help victims and offenders find reconciliation, forgiveness, and hope.



INDIGENOUS STAFF

We rely on 1,000 staff and board members on the ground, in their home countries, to help prisoners and their families in culturally relevant and effective ways.



TRANSDENOMINATIONAL

We value unity in Jesus Christ and respect the diversity of the Christian Church traditions, history, and culture.



CHURCH BASED

We partner directly with thousands of local churches to build direct and sustainable relationships that connect our beneficiaries to lasting spiritual and social support.



VOLUNTEER LED

We depend on 45,000 dedicated volunteers worldwide, who respond to God's call to visit the prisoner, feed the hungry, and care for the sick.

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PRISONERS FIND JESUS

PRISONERS AROUND THE WORLD ARE BEING REVIVED BY THE WORD OF GOD THROUGH **THE PRISONER'S JOURNEY®** EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM.

This outreach is designed to saturate prisons with the Gospel by inviting inmates to journey through the Book of Mark to learn about Jesus. Participants are then invited to continue their exploration of the Bible through a discipleship course of their choice.

Our annual goal, which is being met, is to reach at least 50 percent of the prisoners in any given prison with the Gospel. As prisoners experience renewal from the inside out, they have begun ministering to their cellmates at an unprecedented rate. In prisons that offer The Prisoner's Journey, officials report fewer riots and less violence, and more self-reflection and mutual respect.

Officer Saihemba, a prison guard in a maximum security prison in Zambia, said,

“ THIS IS THE MINISTRY OF THE CENTURY,
AND I WANT TO BE A PART OF IT. ”

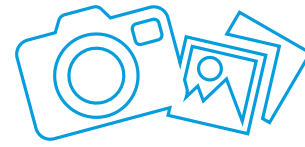
A volunteer in South Africa witnessed, “Revival has broken out among some of the worst criminals our country has ever seen.”

**BY THE END OF 2017, WE AIM TO BE IN MORE THAN 600 PRISONS
THROUGHOUT 25 COUNTRIES, MINISTERING TO 200,000 PRISONERS.**



To see where The Prisoner's Journey runs, visit:

pfi.org/where-we-work



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“During The Prisoner’s Journey, I listened to the story of when everyone abandoned [Jesus], but in that moment He was found by God. His story is very much like my story. When everything falls apart around me, I know He is there, I am not alone, and can be with Him every moment.” — **Nik, Albania**



“The Prisoner’s Journey evangelism and discipleship program helped me understand more about this wonderful and loving Jesus. I am grateful, because although I’m behind bars, Jesus has come to meet me. Today as a facilitator for the program, I encourage my brothers to come with me on this journey, assuring them their lives will never be the same.” — **Edivaldo, Brazil**



“When our teacher taught us about God’s grace, my eyes were opened and I realized there is no sin God cannot forgive if you confess. I received this grace, and I feel peace in my life.” — **Bhekisias, Swaziland**



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More success stories:
pfi.org/all-stories/the-prisoners-journey

WHO EMBARKED ON THE PRISONER’S JOURNEY IN 2016?



127,192

prisoners invited to learn about Jesus throughout 19 countries.



49,032

prisoners graduated and 33,000 committed to a discipleship course.



4,943

courses launched throughout 326 prisons.



3,020

church volunteers and course graduates facilitated the program.

CHILDREN FIND HOPE

CHILDREN OF PRISONERS ARE EXPERIENCING GREATER SAFETY, IMPROVED HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE THROUGH OUR **CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**, WHICH IS BUILT ON OUR TRUSTED WORK IN HELPING THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN THROUGH ANGEL TREE®.

Our one-of-a-kind child sponsorship model enables us to find children who have a parent in prison—and are often outcasts in their communities—and provide them individualized services through indigenous, locally-funded, church-supported ministries.

Over the past year, we took a number of partners to see our work in the field. Child sponsor Debbie Sewell shared her experience during a visit to Colombia:

“ THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE WORK FAR BEYOND MY IMAGINATION. I HAVE SEEN YOUR HEARTS—WHAT YOU DO EVERY DAY IS ALMOST INDESCRIBABLE. I HAVE A WHOLE DIFFERENT RESPECT FOR WHAT [YOU] DO ON A DAILY BASIS. ”

Through one-to-one child-sponsor commitments*, you helped us provide comprehensive, sustainable, and long-lasting care to 4,463 children of prisoners in nine countries in 2016. Nurturing stronger, healthier, happier children helps break the cycle of crime in their families, and create safer communities.

YOUR SUPPORT IS HELPING US BUILD AND EXPAND OUR SPONSORSHIP INFRASTRUCTURE, SO WE CAN PROVIDE VITAL CARE FOR 20,000 OF THE MOST AT-RISK CHILDREN IN THE WORLD BY 2020.



To see where child sponsorship runs, visit:
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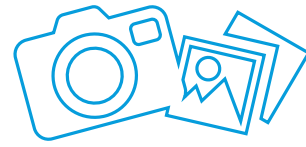
*More than 75% of the funds donated to sponsor a child are used to directly support and care for the children.



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1 In Zambia, a child of a prisoner prays during Bible study. Here, all children and families in our program are connected with a local church through community Bible studies for families of prisoners.

2 Sustainable income sources are key to helping families stand on their own. Cheav (68), in Cambodia, received a starter chicken-farming kit to help feed his family.



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3 Staff hand out school kits to children. While tuition is free in India, children of prisoners—and girls in particular—do not have equal access to education or the means to pay for school supplies. 100% of school-age children in our program in India are enrolled in school and attend regularly.

4 Bomjan (14), in Nepal, helps with family meals. Families in the program receive regular nutritional support and health checks to keep them strong and healthy.



More success stories:

pfi.org/all-stories/children-of-prisoners

HOW DID YOU HELP CHILDREN OF PRISONERS IN 2016?



4,374

children living in safer environments with an approved caregiver.



4,017

children maintaining health through medical checks and nutritional support.



3,838

school-age children enrolled in school and receiving educational supplies.



4,284

children connected with and receiving support from a local church and caring counselor.

VICTIMS FIND PEACE

IN 2016, PRISON FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL'S CENTRE FOR JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION EXPANDED ITS VICTIM-OFFENDER RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM, **SYCAMORE TREE PROJECT®**, TO INVITE MORE VICTIM PARTICIPATION AND INCREASE OUR WORLD-WIDE REACH IN PRISONS.

The expanded program, named Sycamore Tree Project NEW LEAF, is built on 20 years of success. It uses eight weekly sessions to increase prisoner awareness of how crime harms victims and how to make amends and be peacemakers in the future. The video-led course now makes it easier for more victims to participate and enables Prison Fellowship International affiliates to adapt and expand the program in prisons in their countries.

Sycamore Tree Project NEW LEAF piloted in Nigeria and Lebanon in September 2016, and demonstrated a significant impact. In Nigeria, 66 inmates at the Kirikiri Maximum Security Prison in Lagos graduated from the program. Benson Usonwanne, Prison Fellowship Nigeria executive director said,

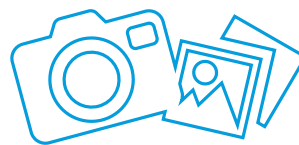
“ INMATES WHO STARTED THE COURSE FULL OF BITTERNESS AND UNFORGIVENESS HAVE NOT ONLY FORGIVEN THEMSELVES BUT . . . EXPRESSED REGRET. ”

Usonwanne continues, “Many expressed readiness to meet with their victims, if given the opportunity, in order to seek forgiveness.” Currently, these courses are used in 35 countries.

OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS, THE CENTRE AIMS TO FACILITATE THE COURSE FOR 750,000 PRISONERS AND VICTIMS IN 85 COUNTRIES.



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① Sixty-six inmates from Kirikiri Maximum Security Prison in Lagos, Nigeria, graduated from Sycamore Tree Project NEW LEAF. Before being presented with certificates and awarded medals, the inmates affirmed their apologies and covenants were made freely and sincerely and not under coercion or inducement.



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② “Saying sorry is not enough. The Sycamore tree Project NEW LEAF has taught me a lot of things. . . . The act of regret must start by changing, and the change must be true because you can lie to anybody, but you can’t lie to yourself,” wrote a Lebanese inmate from Roumieh Prison in a letter of apology. Father Marwan Ghanem (L), president of Prison Fellowship Lebanon, presented him with a certificate of completion from the program.

③ “My presence in this program gave me the power to continue struggling to reach peace and joy in this life and not to repeat my mistakes . . . I came closer to God, [and] I determined how much it is important to stay away from sin.” —**Anonymous participant**, Zahleh Prison, Lebanon



More success stories:
pfi.org/all-stories/restorative-justice

WHO FOUND HEALING AND FORGIVENESS IN 2016?



11,359

prisoners completed a Sycamore Tree Project course.



777

victims attended a Sycamore Tree Project course.



395

Sycamore Tree Project courses run throughout 35 countries.

OUR WORK OUR REACH

WE ARE A WORLD-WIDE COMMUNITY DEDICATED TO RESTORING JUSTICE AND HELPING TO ALLEVIATE THE SUFFERING OF PRISONERS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND VICTIMS OF CRIME IN 120 COUNTRIES.

We work with each of our indigenous ministries to define areas of need within the prison population of their country and deliver transformational, culturally appropriate programming that upholds our mission, is impact-based, and simple enough to replicate throughout each country. Programming is built with sustainability in mind, so each ministry can continue to grow their reach to share the Gospel with prisoners, provide practical care for the children and families of prisoners, and help bring healing and forgiveness to victims for years to come.



Albania	Burkina Faso	England & Wales	Italy	New Zealand	Sierra Leone
Angola	Burundi	Estonia	Jamaica	Nicaragua	Singapore
Antigua & Barbuda	Cambodia	Ethiopia	Kazakhstan	Niger	Slovakia
Armenia	Cameroon	Fiji	Kenya	Nigeria	Solomon Islands
Australia	Canada	Finland	Kyrgyzstan	Northern Ireland	South Africa
Bahamas	Cayman Islands	The Gambia	Latvia	N. Mariana Islands	Spain
Bangladesh	Central African Republic	Georgia	Lebanon	Norway	Sri Lanka
Barbados	Chile	Germany	Lesotho	Pakistan	Suriname
Belarus	Colombia	Ghana	Liberia	Panama	Swaziland
Belize	Costa Rica	Guam	Madagascar	Papua New Guinea	Switzerland
Benin	Cote d'Ivoire	Guatemala	Malawi	Peru	Togo
Bermuda	Curacao	Guernsey	Malaysia	Philippines	Tonga
Bolivia	Czech Republic	Guinea-Bissau	Mali	Poland	Trinidad & Tobago
Botswana	D.R. Congo	Guyana	Malta	Portugal	U.S. Virgin Islands
Brazil	Dominica	Haiti	Mauritius	Puerto Rico	Uganda
British Virgin Islands	Ecuador	Honduras	Mexico	Russia	Ukraine
Bulgaria	El Salvador	Hungary	Moldova	Rwanda	United States of America
		India	Mongolia	St. Vincent & the Grenadines	Uruguay
		Israel	Mozambique	Scotland	Venezuela
			Namibia	Senegal	Zambia
			Nepal		Zimbabwe
			Netherlands		



FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

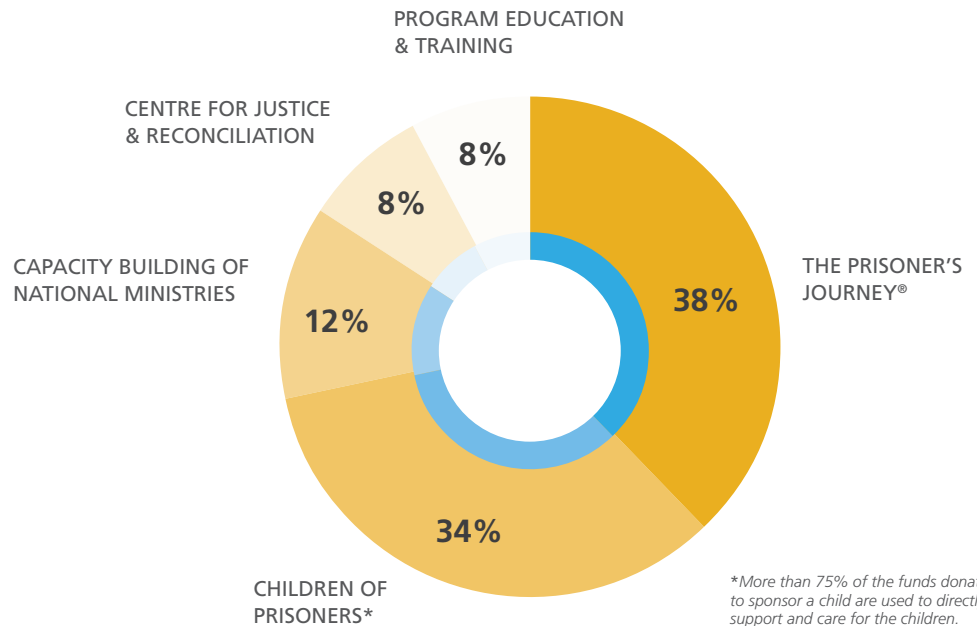
Year Ended December 31, 2016

SUPPORT & REVENUE	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Contributions, Grants, & In-Kind Gifts	2,633,410	2,967,640	5,601,050
Ministry Agreement & Charter Fees	2,279,106	-	2,279,106
Investment & Other Income	118,623	-	118,623
Net Assets Released from Restriction & Loss on Restricted Promises to Give	3,520,928	(3,580,928)	(60,000)
Total Support & Revenue	\$ 8,552,067	(\$ 613,288)	\$ 7,938,779
EXPENSES			
<i>Program Services:</i>			
The Prisoner's Journey®	1,772,029	-	1,772,029
Children of Prisoners	1,595,317	-	1,595,317
Capacity Building of National Ministries	586,116	-	586,116
Centre for Justice & Reconciliation	368,516	-	368,516
Program Education & Training	363,181	-	363,181
Total Program Services	\$ 4,685,159	-	\$ 4,685,159
<i>Supporting Services:</i>			
Management & Administration	466,497	-	466,497
Ministry Advancement	1,303,784	-	1,303,784
Total Supporting Services	\$ 1,770,281	-	\$ 1,770,281
Total Expenses	\$ 6,455,440	-	\$ 6,455,440
Change in Net Assets	\$ 2,096,627	(\$ 613,288)	\$ 1,483,339
NET ASSETS			
Net Assets, December 31, 2015	\$ 1,972,936	\$ 4,068,112	\$ 6,041,048
Net Assets, December 31, 2016	\$ 4,069,563	\$ 3,454,824	\$ 7,524,387

These financial statements present the activity of Prison Fellowship International. They do not include financial information from the 120 Prison Fellowship affiliates, who are members of Prison Fellowship International.

PROGRAM SERVICES EXPENSE ALLOCATION

Prison Fellowship International works diligently to invest the maximum resources into our programs, and is mindful to minimize administration and fundraising costs.



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 31, 2016

ASSETS

Cash & Cash Equivalents	2,094,125
Contributions Receivable, Net	3,063,171
Travel Advances & Other Receivables	7,569
Inventory	2,296,880
Prepaid Expenses	152,894
Equipment & Furniture, Net	122,052
Total Assets	\$ 7,736,691

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	212,304
Total Liabilities	\$ 212,304

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	4,069,563
Restricted	3,454,824
Total Net Assets	\$ 7,524,387
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 7,736,691



All information shown here is extracted from our audited financial report, which you can view at: pfi.org/financials



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