

What is a chaplain?

To be a chaplain is to minister to people outside the walls of the church. It is to be with them at their job, in their hobbies, before and after surgery, or after they have been arrested. It is to be with people in their darkest moments, when they are raw and beaten down, when the world seems cruel and confusing.

This booklet identifies brave men and women who have answered God's call to go into these places, to be real with people who are hurting and, as a chaplain, to share the love God has for them. This is the good news of the Gospel!

You will also find giving information to support these chaplains, who are also missionaries, and need financial support to continue their ministry.



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Philip and Vonna Allen

There is an often-overlooked group in our churches today: widows. It is estimated that a widow loses almost 75% of her support system when a spouse passes. Many experience poverty for the first time. One third of women meet the criteria for clinical depression after entering widowhood. In the first year, 50% of widows leave their church. Widows often express that they feel overlooked, even forgotten.

Just as the Apostles prioritized the care of widows in the early church, we need to continue this ministry. I am called to bring to the forefront this biblical mandate. To ensure successful ministry, we equip churches with resources to become a support system. By giving churches a strong foundation, they are able to minister to widows in their community, sharing hope and encouragement to those that desperately need it!



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On a regular basis, first responders experience secondary trauma from the calls they answer every day. One of the consequences of this is that first responders have one of the country's highest divorce and suicide rates. It's time to rescue the rescuers. Ministering to first responders, one call at a time, is what we do! We provide care and support to law enforcement, medics, firefighters, and 911 dispatchers. Our passion is to come alongside them, allowing one-on-one time to share the burdens of life with someone who cares.

Our ministry reaches men, women, and children in their time of crisis. Whether a member of the community or a first responder, our goal is to be there in times of need to show them the love of Jesus. We stand with them and their families to help them through the tough times of life.



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The need for lights in dark places is apparent all around us. The world of combat sports is a unique community that needs the light of Christ's love. I have been in martial arts since the age of three. Today, I leverage my place and platform in the community to bring the church where it currently has very little presence. Under the umbrella of Chaplaincy, I have been building a team to grow my ministry, which has now taken the form of The Fight Life Ministries (TFL).

Through TFL, I am building connections and planting seeds of hope in Jesus. It's all about reaching the unreached people in the combat sports community with the whole Gospel.



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Outside the walls of the Church and inside the walls of capitols, we make disciples of Jesus in the political arena. For some, capitols are considered an unlikely place for ministry, and government leaders an unlikely people to hear the gospel message. But just as Paul was called to proclaim the Gospel before kings, we proclaim the Gospel in the Missouri Capitol.

We bring the good news of Jesus into this unique mission field through multiple avenues. First, we pray for spiritual needs, marriages, and wisdom for legislative decisions that affect Missouri and the nation. Second, we are present, walking the halls of capitol communities, building trusting relationships, and offering a listening ear. Finally, we proclaim the Gospel by teaching weekly Bible studies and engaging in one-to-one discipleship.



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At any given time, there are 400,000 children that are a part of the child welfare system in the United States, with 100,000 of those children waiting to be adopted. Each year more than 20,000 teenagers will age out of the system, without any family to help them through the struggles of young adulthood or even a place to go to spend holidays. These children are vulnerable to homelessness, incarceration, and human trafficking.

We believe that the Church is the solution to this deep rooted and complex issue. Ministering to children and families impacted by the child welfare system is one of the most effective ways to help. Our ministry is designed to increase the Church's awareness of the brokenness that exists in the child welfare system and call them to action. We partner with churches to equip, resource, and train them so that they can have a positive impact on the children and families in their communities.



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The unique spiritual and psychological needs of police officers are not easily understood. On average, police officers witness 188 critical incidents a year. Law Enforcement continually ranks near the top of professions with the highest rates of suicide. The estimated divorce rate of officers is about 50%. The need for the Gospel in our police departments is clear. Police officers are trained to be skeptical; their lives depend on it. The only way to reach men and women who serve is to build trust through genuine relationships with them.

I am the Senior Chaplain with the Elkhart Police Department. For every officer reached with the truth of the Gospel, new hope and stability are brought to that officer, their family, and the community. With your help and by the grace of God, the time is right to make this hope a reality for all officers in Elkhart.



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In our nation, an alarming number of kids enter the foster care system every day. These children and teenagers have often endured great trauma, pain, and even abuse. Furthermore, the number of teenagers aging out of the foster care system and abruptly entering adulthood with no stable family unit is increasing yearly. There are hundreds of thousands of kids across our nation whose lives have been affected by the foster care system.

As foster and adoptive parents ourselves, we have a huge burden for those impacted by the foster care system. Our ministry trains the church to rise up and care for foster kids and families to help meet their needs, both physical and spiritual. Additionally, we focus on equipping teenagers who have aged out of the system with the skills to navigate through life. Foster kids deserve a hope and a future!



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Racial tensions in America are hard to ignore at this point. When it comes to race conversations, people are influenced by a variety of sources. Most of these focus on the negative which adds to our nation's divide on this topic. We feel called to take a different approach. There is an option that could unite us rather than divide. The same power that reconciles humanity to God is available to believers today. And the reconciliation power of Christ is the way to heal racial divisions in our nation.

As a biracial couple, we have served in congregations in many varied communities, from urban to rural settings. Our message is simple. As Christ-followers, we can unite across racial divides because our goal is different. Jesus told His followers the world will know we are Christians by our love. Our goal is to love our neighbors so that Christ's reconciliation power will follow.



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According to the USDA Economic Research Service, more than three-fourths of high-poverty counties are rural. Other challenges like high drug and alcohol abuse rates and limited access to needed resources can make ministering in small towns difficult.

We believe that the church should be the instrument of change in every community through faith-based serving and loving their neighbors. In our role with Rural Compassion, we provide workshops, resources, and encouragement to those ministering in small and forgotten places. We have seen firsthand that small towns have big possibilities.



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People around the world need biblical training. The global church needs ministers. But, for many, there are significant barriers to biblical education. Two of the biggest barriers are financial and geographical. Traditional education is expensive and typically requires students to relocate.

Global University addresses these barriers by offering online courses and degrees. Students remain in their homes and work at their own pace. As the students increase their biblical knowledge and progress in their education, they apply their learning in their own communities, preaching the gospel and ministering to the people around them. Being a Missionary Educator allows me the privilege of watching students around the world grow in their biblical knowledge, acquire new ministry skills, and make a difference right where they're at!



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Uprooted from their home, foster/Orphan children find themselves in a world of chaos, trauma, fear, and often a lack of trust in those who should protect them. Whether death of a parent/guardian or an inability to provide, nurture, and protect, the children suffer tremendous loss.

As a previous orphanage volunteer, as well as respite and foster parent my heart is to help the church fulfill it's mandate to care for the orphan. Working alongside the church to establish safe, loving, and well trained teams to be trauma informed/equipped to meet the needs of the children within their communities. Our goal is to create a safe environment to establish their true identity and value as foundations for the storms of life. Your friendship, prayers, and partnership provides children with essentials needs such as clothing, hygiene, school supplies, a safe and loving home, and hope when all else seems lost.



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There are two questions I get asked as recovery chaplain. 1) Why do I need recovery meetings once I'm clean/sober? 2) How can sitting around in small groups talking about my problems help recovery? Simply put, recovery doesn't end with sobriety. Rebuilding broken relationships and acquiring new coping skills are the results of continuing to attend.

Celebrate Recovery is a care ministry of the local church designed to minister to hurting people. Mixed issue share groups may have individuals who are barely clean from drugs or alcohol, divorcees, an alcoholic, a co-dependent family member, widows, or anyone else who is struggling with an issue. My testimony of restoration from addiction and healing from childhood trauma models hope and victory to those seeking recovery. It gives me a unique shared experience to minister to many people.



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Appalachian pastors and leaders are facing challenges. The majority are bi-vocational, working in isolation, and wearing multiple hats in their church and community. On top of these challenges, the area they serve usually includes extreme poverty, high drug abuse, and poor health. Rural Appalachia faces these issues in much higher numbers than the national average. Often, these ministers feel overwhelmed, unseen, and forgotten.

Our calling and desire is to reach people by coming alongside rural pastors living and working in Appalachia. We do this through Rural Compassion, a non-profit, humanitarian ministry that works to encourage, teach, and resource rural pastors and help them build stakeholder relationships within their communities. We come alongside these rural pastors, working to form deep-rooted relationships that allow us to serve them and enable them to accomplish what God has called them to do.



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Our jail systems are filled with broken people struggling with life-controlling addictions. Addiction destroys lives, steals hope, and devastates entire families, not just the person who is addicted. Laws and rules can form a temporary fence around behavior, but they cannot change a heart, mind, and soul.

Consistently replacing wrong thought patterns with the truth of God's Word can transform lives. Circle of Freedom women's ministry provides guidance and discipleship through jail ministry, mentoring and Biblical counseling. Our ministry is expanding to include a 12-15 month women's residential program for those who need more intensive help. This home will offer women a place to become grounded in their faith, find Christ-centered solutions to addiction, and begin life re-establishment. Together, we can bring *"Freedom, a Fresh Start, and a Future in JESUS!"*



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Our nation is filled with people who are broken because they have been affected by devastation, homelessness, poverty, and/or those who are struggling with life controlling problems. These include: addictions, abuse, anxiety, depression, grief, anger and so much more. Everyone needs Jesus, even our neighbor next door. Unfortunately, there is a very small percentage of Christians who are actually sharing with others on how to become a Christian.

We meet these needs through our CommunityConnex trainings of Evangelism/Compassion ministry. We inspire, strengthen and equip congregations to reach their communities. Together we can make a greater impact in changing lives and transforming communities.



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Who cares for the caregiver? Pressures caused by long hours addressing pastoral and administrative needs wear ministers down slowly. The results of these pressures are often marital strife, family struggles, and frustrations with ministry expectations. Sadly, most ministers feel they have no safe person to turn to for help in their time of need. Isolation renders them the perfect target for an attack by the Enemy.

The solution to this problem is to create safe spaces for ministers to grow the vital skills necessary to flourish at home and in ministry. My experience as a leader in the Air Force Chaplain Corps, a life coach, and a pastoral counselor allows me to help ministry leaders focus on what's most essential and prioritize their responsibilities well. Your financial partnership allows ministers access to this care without financial burden, which is usually already a prominent concern in the life of a minister.



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Once an inmate, always an inmate isn't exactly true. However, the likelihood that someone who has spent time in a jail or prison will find themselves back behind bars after they are released is very high. The system isn't designed to change lives, it's designed to keep society safe by keeping criminals locked up.

This ministry goes into correctional facilities, offering the life changing freedom of Jesus Christ! As these lives are changed behind bars, the likelihood they will commit another crime upon release drops dramatically.



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What is a law enforcement chaplain? By definition I am a specially trained minister embedded within the law enforcement community. I serve those who serve and assist community members in crisis. As a missionary, I serve as a gift to our first responders, their families, and our neighbors in crisis. Often as Christians, we pray for open doors. I have many opportunities to walk through people's front door and take the presence of Christ into their living room. This ministry of presence is life giving. We can help fulfill Christ's directive to love our neighbor.

Partnering with chaplaincy is an opportunity to do that. I know not everyone can be a chaplain, but everyone can pray or give. I am as much your hands and feet to neighbors and officers as I am Jesus' hands and feet. Join me and let's love our neighbor well!



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Duane and Janet Gryder

They say there is a freedom in the open road. It calls you - well if you are a biker it does. The wind in your face. There is nothing quite like it. But the truth is there is a community out there that is separate from the rest of the world. With a high percentage of combat veterans, fitting in takes on more of the form of a close-knit military unit where each brother respects and protects their brothers and has little to do with others.

Having earned the trust of bikers through years of building relationships, Duane and Janet Gryder are in a special place to minister to these rough exterior, leather-clad souls, who recognize a chaplain as someone they can go to in times of uncertainty. On the hearts of everyone their ministry touches, God sees the handprints of those who support this ministry.



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At *SaveOne* we help men, women, and families recover from the aftermath of abortion. We believe this recovery is the greatest deterrent to abortion that we have. The people who know the truth of this choice, are empowered to go share that truth. But only after this wound has been healed through Jesus Christ.

We help people who are abortion-wounded through Bible studies we created specifically for their situation. These allow one abortion recovery small group to address the situation from different perspectives and welcome anyone who has experienced this trauma. By resourcing the local church with tools to address abortion hurt, we are able to direct people to the local church for healing. *SaveOne* is currently located in 42 states and 28 nations. We would love for your church to partner with us financially, in prayer, and through becoming a *SaveOne* chapter.



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Rural regions of the United States have higher unemployment rates than cities. Rural residents suffer when industry fails, job opportunities become scarce, and social services are limited. The risk of foreclosure is highest for rural homeowners. When the state cuts school budgets, rural schools suffer from the effects. But what if a Spirit-filled church addressed the needs of people in their communities?

We are dedicated to encouraging, strengthening, and empowering small and rural churches to move beyond church walls by doing vital community projects that address community needs. Our goal is to come alongside rural pastors and churches, assisting them in doing the work of Christ in their community.



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Our mission is to minister to those who are closer to life's finish line. Often neglected, ignored, or rejected by a youth-oriented culture, people who belong to older generations represent over 40% of America's population. We focus on those in the second half of life, whether working or retired. We go where they are: from RV parks to retirement centers.

Our message: "If they have a pulse, they have a purpose. Because the end can be better than the beginning!" We travel across America to introduce Second Halfers to Jesus. Then we guide them into local churches where God can use their time, talents, and treasures to reach the world. Life's race is won or lost at the finish line and your prayers and financial support can help reach those who are close!



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The attorney overseeing the potential adoption of our first child was pretty blunt. “You have 15 minutes...I need a yes or a no!” We looked through the glass door of the NICU at the tiny new born. We said yes, and that yes opened the door to many other opportunities. There are over 400,000 children in the US foster care system. Our time in the foster care system gave us a deep burden for a mission field we did not consider before.

Our goal is to see the power of community and the unity of churches come together to support foster children and the families who care for them. When the family flourishes, the community flourishes.



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Rebel, outsider, unwelcome. Bikers come to accept that this is how most people see them. Some even enjoy the uncertain looks shot towards them and how quickly eye contact is broken when someone is caught staring. Public unwelcome causes many seek out brotherhood within the ranks those who travel on two wheels. “I belong with those who don’t belong.” This outlook has the unfortunate effect of making biker culture a spiritually dry place. As scary as many of these individuals seem, they are intimi-

We are often the only source of God’s truth in the lives of bikers. If they won’t come to church, we’ll go to them. Whether it is through children’s ministry, Bible studies, praying over their bike, or simply making sure they don’t show up to church alone. We communicate that although bikers may stand out in a crowd, they are welcome in God’s kingdom!



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Air Force Auxiliary Chaplains are civilian volunteers who are on call 24/7/365 to work alongside active-duty chaplains. The unique pressures of military life create many challenges, especially concerning Biblical beliefs and spiritual resilience. Outside of spiritual struggles, many are dealing with family separations due to deployments, health concerns, financial struggles, the threat of war, and suicidal thoughts.

As an Air Force veteran and current Auxiliary Chaplain, I provide spiritual care for everyone on Luke Air Force Base including regular opportunities to preach at Luke's Community Chapel. Because of ongoing support like yours, I am able to be an advocate for our airmen and help them address moral, ethical, and quality-of-life issues.



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LifeHouse Women's Home is a one-year residential program that help women reset, restore, and recover from addiction. They receive the support they need in every area of life physical, mental, emotional, and most of all, spiritual. Because of your support, we do not charge anything to women coming to LifeHouse. We provide women every opportunity possible to begin a new, Jesus-filled, productive, and joyful life.



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When disaster strikes, we are ready to go. These events unexpectedly devastate a person's world. Whether the crisis is a natural disaster or other event, we go and become Christ's hands extended. Whether offering a listening ear, a shoulder to cry on, or a helping hand, we demonstrate God's love through these actions and when the door opens, we share Christ as well.

Our years of experience taught us that showing Christ's love often opens the door to share the Gospel. While we go when a crisis occurs, we also help strengthen our local churches missional arm. Our ministry equips the local church to reach across the street and around the world. By supporting this ministry, you ensure someone is always ready to respond when disaster strikes.



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It is not hard to find people hurting in a community, and so often they are suffering alone. Whether it be a grieving widow, a disabled veteran, a discouraged pastor, or a frustrated farmer, they all need someone to take time and listen to their story. They all need someone to share Christ's love with them.

Your support allows us to listen to their story and share Christ's love with them. Engagement in the community allows open doors so that we can build relationships with people and minister to them in their time of need. Our mission field is the community, and our passion is to encourage the hurting. We do not want anyone to suffer alone.



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It has been said, "When the one you make memories with becomes your memory, your life has changed forever." For the widow of a minister, the life she has known, working alongside her husband, is over. Her biggest supporter is gone, and the people she has ministered to and loved are (most likely) no longer a part of her life. A widowed minister's wife loses part of her identity and can quickly slip through the cracks. They need to know they are not forgotten and are dearly loved.

Support of the *More Than Conquerors* ministry allows us to help the widows and widowers of ministerial credential holders. We also work with AG districts and networks to equip, train, and assist them and so that they are able to assure ministers who have lost a spouse that God's call upon their lives has not changed.



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There are 400,000 children in the U.S. Foster Care System. But there are also 350,000 evangelical churches in the United States. We believe that the church is the answer to the Orphan Care Crisis in America! Many pastors and churches want to help, but they don't know where to start. We are a foster and adoptive family, well connected with the specific needs of these families. As Chaplains and U.S. Missionaries we are resourcing and equipping local churches to minister to the foster and adoptive families in their community.



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Single-mom families are one of the largest unreached groups in the world. The US is not the exception. In fact, studies show we have the highest percentage of single-parent households in the world.

The ministry of *Flourish Single Mom Care* is dedicated to serving single moms, their children, and assisting churches to serve this overlooked group. It is ministry, with love and compassion, as an extension of the local church. We will partner with you to inspire, nurture, and equip the single moms in your community. With your support, we can reach them with the message of God's Kingdom.



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Over half of widows leave their church after their husband dies. Some go to other churches, maybe one with a widow's ministry. But some NEVER return to church! This should not be!

James 1:27 tells us, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." In many of our American churches, there seems to be a disconnect between the biblical mandate to care for the widow and actually doing so.

As a widow myself, I understand how everything in life changes when someone becomes a widow. By coming alongside churches and equipping them to provide this vital ministry to their congregation and community, we can bring the hope found in Jesus to the hopeless and broken-hearted.



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Over 10 million people own and operate motorcycles in the US. Out of that 10 million, a very small percentage have ever accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior. That is why God has called us to reach the bikers of America with the gospel of Jesus Christ! Jesus loves bikers, too!

We are Motor Ministry Chaplains with the AG. Our ministry also includes reaching the antique tractor culture, ATV/UTV groups, and motor cross groups. Our goal to share the gospel of Jesus Christ in as many ways as we can, reaching the lost people of America and helping the local church to do the same. Because eternity is all that really matters! Where will they spend it?



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Over 22 million U.S. children are being raised in a single parent home, approximately 30% of U.S. families. As this number continues to grow, the church has the responsibility and opportunity to reach this mostly unchurched people group. After raising five children as a single mom, I understand the struggles single mothers face.

I'm reaching out to single moms and their families across the country. I speak at events, write devotional books and Bible studies, and train church leaders on how to reach single moms. My ministry uses all these methods to build relationships, show God's love, and offer hope through a relationship with Jesus.



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Sandy Poe

In America alone, there are over 100,000 children ages 9-19 who are forced to do someone's sexual bidding. The average age of these children is 11 years old. The sex industry is full of dark and tragic corners, but it shows how big God is when He shines His light in a dark world. It is past time to let our children be little girls and boys once again. We must help the innocent.

As a Chaplain to traffick and abuse survivors, my desire is to speak into their lives and help them recognize that they are not objects to be bought and sold. They need to know that they have a value beyond measure. God made them in His image, and they are priceless. The Holy Spirit is prodding my heart to stand strong on the battlefield, because one day we will see an end to this evil industry. We must stand up for those who cannot defend themselves. One child saved is worth it all!



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Have you ever noticed a parade of bright, colorful, and shiny cars with loud exhaust? Or maybe rusty, obnoxious “rat rods” that look like they just drove out of the junkyard. These “car guys” (which is used for both men and women) are our mission field. Most claim a vague belief in God and maybe even believe in the Christmas and Easter stories but have no active relationship with Jesus. They might even go to church if invited, but only if there is no car show, swap meet or cruise that day!

We build relationships with these unchurched Car Guys and their families through Highway Chapel, attending car shows and events, as well as participating in car club meetings and informal car gatherings. A listening ear and a friendly face are what they are looking for and that opens the door to help them through the storm and build bridges that Jesus can cross over into their lives.



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Howard and Debbie Raney

For over thirty years, we were in full-time pastoral ministry. But in 2015, God began to stir our hearts toward the men and women they refer to as “on lay-away for hell”. Motorcycle clubs and outlaw bikers are among the most destitute people groups in America. We minister in the Southwest Central region of the United States where over 2 million bikers live. Our mission is to break the chains of darkness in the biker and motorcyclist community with the light of Christ, disciple the changed, and release the trained into ministry. We believe the Light of Christ can penetrate the darkest world of the biker lifestyle. Many lives have been touched simply because someone did not wait for the biker to come to them, but instead went to the biker.



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The statistic is startling, but true. One in every four women has an abortion experience. The deep ripple effects of this statistic are everywhere. Politics has dictated the conversation on abortion for long enough. We want the Church to be the first place people turn for help, not the last, for people who chose abortion, lost a child to abortion, or are otherwise affected by abortion. *SaveOne* has a tremendous impact on these hurting individuals.

SaveOne is dedicated to helping men, women, and loved ones recover mentally, emotionally, and spiritually after an abortion experience. We help by taking people through a simple Bible study that looks honestly at post-abortion pain and guilt. It pinpoints the crucial issues of forgiveness, anger, and wrong thoughts. With support like yours, God is providing healing for people who have experienced abortion!



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Cindy and Bill Saak

Single mothers often experience loneliness and depression when they do not have a partner to share the experiences (good and bad) and workload of parenthood. Lack of relational, financial and spiritual support become a heavy burden. They often feel guilty for not providing enough for their kids. Children being raised by a single mother are more likely to face emotional, behavior, educational, and social challenges. Sometimes these families don't think that they fit in a faith community. Others don't seek out a faith community because of a lack of transportation or exhaustion prevents them from making the effort.

We offer classes that address various needs of single moms, from budgeting to single parenting. By offering these different courses, Bible studies, shared meals, and many other events, we embrace the whole family. Your financial support allows these families to thrive!



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The Appalachian Trail is 2200 miles long and traverses 14 states. Each year over 2 million people set foot on some part of the trail. Among this number are thru hikers, people who set out to hike the entire trail. Many of these hikers seek solace in nature to escape problems in their lives, such as addiction, abuse, grief, or a job closure.

Our ministry, *Trail Servants*, reaches hurting hikers. Our goal is to meet hikers where they are, to serve and bless them while they hike along the trail from Georgia to Maine. We offer prayer and build lasting relationships that allow us to assist their hikes, train, encourage, and disciple new believers. There is a path that leads to everlasting peace, and we point hikers to this truth.



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Linda Scholtz

There are many culture groups that present unique opportunities for ministry. Rodeo culture is a prime example. My late husband, Paul, and I ministered in this setting for 39 years. After his passing, God's call on my life never waned, but I moved forward with a different 'cowgirl' twist.

I continued my work and ministry as an instructor for Red Top Trick Riding School. While we train youth and adults in the art of trick and fancy riding, our foremost goal is planting the seed of the Gospel. I also provide equine therapy for Sarah's Home, a home for restoration of young girls rescued from sex trafficking. This allows me to use my ranch and resources God has given me to reach both people in the rodeo community and young girls who are broken and discarded by society. Your support allows me to continue ministering in these unique settings as U.S. missionary.



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Matthew Seipel-Anderson

I minister to the Geek Community. A recent poll revealed that only 6% of Americans have a truly Biblical Worldview. There is a huge spiritual vacuum in our culture, and people are looking to various subcultures like the Geek Community to provide them with acceptance and with a moral code. The Geek Community is the perfect place to meet and minister to people who are spiritually hungry.

I attend comic conventions, produce a weekly podcast, write songs and produce other products as a way to be a chaplain among this people group.



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Stacie Silvas

In 2020, Texas ranked second out of all states in the highest number of human trafficking incidents at 987. Texas also ranked last in access to mental health services. Thrive Counseling Services works in urban Dallas at the intersection of these needs to provide Christ-centered, professional counseling services primarily for two groups: trauma/sex trafficking survivors and women transitioning out of prison. Thrive Counseling Services provides counseling and discipleship services for girls, women, and families in order to heal from the abuse and trauma they experienced so that they can thrive going forward. In 2021, we provided almost 1,000 hours of counseling and support services for individuals and families in need.



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Ted and Angie Stackpole

Her voice rang with excitement, “Thank you for adopting me! If you and mom hadn’t adopted me I might not be in a Christian family learning about Jesus.” In the US there are 400,000 children who have been court-ordered removed from their families because of abuse, abandonment, or neglect. 100,000 of those children are available and waiting for someone to adopt them. The family is in crisis BUT the church is called, positioned, and purposed to carry the work and message of redemption to them.

We have committed our lives to make sure that every child has a safe, secure, authentic Christian family to care for them. By supporting this work and mission you help provide ongoing training for foster/adoptive parents, church volunteers, and case management. We have built a vast network of churches and volunteers to multiply the effort in making sure that no child is forgotten because every child deserves a family.



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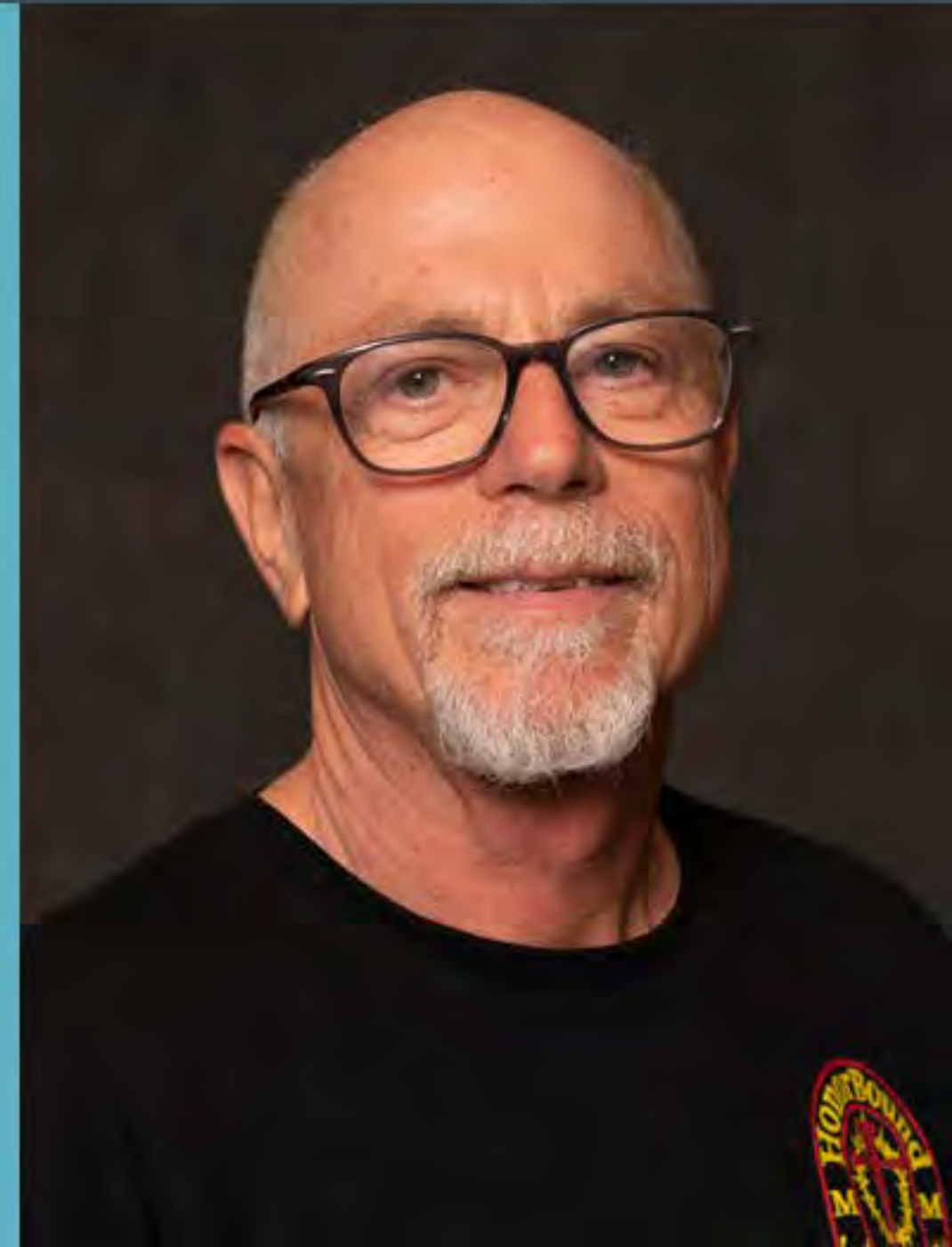
I've loved motorcycles and riding for 48 years. For many of those years, I didn't know God. But now, with my love of both God and bikes, my experience with the biker world gives me the opportunity to use what God's given me to reach the biker community. With over 9 million bikers in this country, the field is ripe for harvest.

As a missionary chaplain, I rub shoulders with many that don't know the Lord and have the opportunity to share the Gospel in unique ways. Even the hardest people will seek prayer for safety on their travels. These are just seeds, planted to build relationships in the biker community. Even if it's for just the one.



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Kelly and Alisa Ward

Remember the last time you bought a new pair of shoes? Did wearing those new shoes put a little pep in your step? Shoes are such an integral part of life. Having a good pair of shoes makes a difference. Many kids don't experience that feeling. Their shoes are worn out, have holes, are too big, or are too small. Sometimes families find themselves having lost everything after a natural disaster. Other kids have shoes that are handed down from a sibling, parent, or even grandparent.

Sole Mission provides new, well-fitting shoes to kids in need across the United States by partnering with local churches, ministries, nonprofits, and schools. *Sole Mission* helps meet this critical need of good, well-fitting shoes. Through the gift of a new pair of shoes, families are connected to local churches and ministries. The best part is kids get to hear how much God loves them, all the way down to their toes.



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Lee and Gretchen Watson

While pastoring in Mississippi for 15 years, we spent 9 of those fostering children in our home, growing our family to five kids after adopting three. In 2019 we became U.S. Missionaries and chaplains with a mission to strengthen and equip the foster/adoption community while providing stability to the children they care for.

Your financial support helps us recruit new foster/adoptive homes, walk with them through the steps of the foster/adoptive process, and work on state legislation to promote the well-being of foster parents and kids. We helped craft a legislative bill in Mississippi that assists teenagers aging out of foster care by awarding them a fully paid scholarship to a community college of their choice. This bill passed in 2022! Our next legislative task, if passed, will give foster parents legal rights to file grievances if the terms are broken. It's another way to protect the well-being of a child.



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Orphans and foster kids have experienced great loss. Their worlds have been flipped upside down. Their parents, whether because of death or because of not being able to provide a safe environment, have been taken from them. While these kids are still developing physically and cognitively, as well as forming their view of the world, they experience this great emotional, and sometimes physical, trauma.

This ministry transforms the lives of foster children and youth by connecting them with a loving faith community as they journey through the foster system. They provide opportunities to experience God's love and for Jesus to become the solid foundation for their life, regardless of how topsy-turvy things become. Your financial support gives these kids, who have lost almost everything, clothes, hygiene supplies, and, most of all, the safe place they need to grow into the people God has created them to be.



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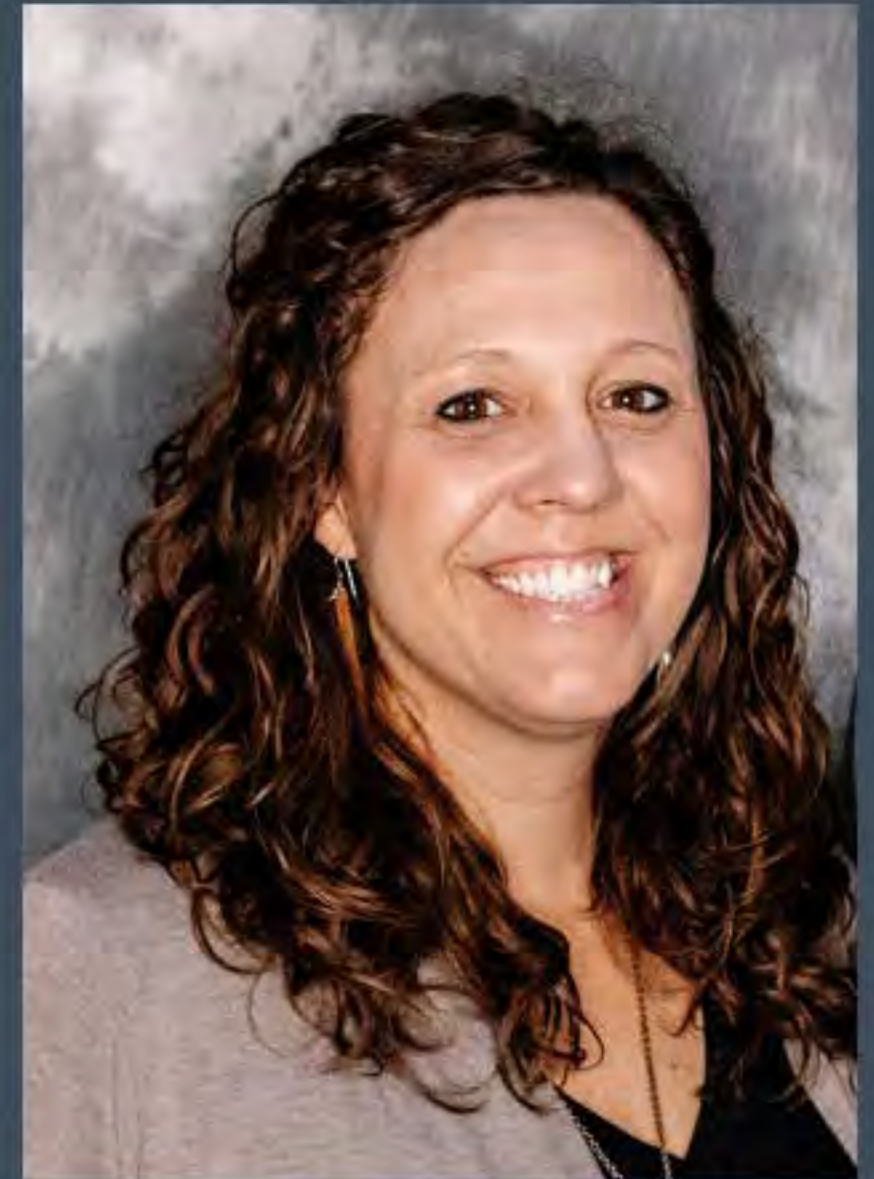
We believe the Church is the best solution to solving the foster care crisis in America.

We assist churches in caring for vulnerable children and families. Our approach involves critical strategies such as working with churches to establish sustainable and effective foster care and adoption ministries. We provide churches with resources to positively impact the lives of children in the foster care system. These resources include access to coaching relationships, community engagement opportunities, state-specific conferences, and a foster family camp. We have developed a state-wide foster and adoption care strategy for the AG Indiana District. We have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of Jesus in the lives of vulnerable children, and it's incredible to watch Jesus redeeming broken lives.



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A look at rural America today might make one wonder how people survive in small communities across this country. Once thought of as "big city" problems, addiction, poverty, low academic success, poor health, and spiritual lethargy are prevalent in many rural communities.

After growing up and pastoring in rural areas, we understand that small town pastors are strategically placed by God to reach people with the love of Christ. Much of rural ministry is not built upon programs offered, but rather through relationships and friendships built on trust by drinking coffee at the local diner, repairing farm equipment, or regularly helping in the local school. Bringing hope to rural America is our desire through Rural Compassion. This non-profit, humanitarian ministry works to encourage, teach, and resource rural pastors and help them build stakeholder relationships within their communities.



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When you pair “older adults” with “chaplaincy”, minds typically imagine hospital visitation, compassionate care for the frail elderly, and memorial services. While these are vital ministries, we focus on adults 55+, with a much broader swath of life stages. As *YES! Young Enough to Serve* ministry founders, we’re determined to help people discover God’s best in life’s second half, encouraging & challenging them to finish strong.

We believe a strong finish requires continuing engagement with younger generations. They need us. And we need them. We are passionate about helping churches tap into older-adult potential, guiding them more deliberately toward intergenerational ministry, disciple-making, prayer, and serving. We work with individuals & churches, creating opportunities for people to share, providing encouraging resources, and arranging opportunities for intergenerational service.



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