

A photograph of a prison cell with a cross on the wall. The cell has concrete walls and a barred window. The lighting is dim, creating a somber atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the image in white.

PRISON: A PLACE THE ENTIRE CHURCH CAN SERVE

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COMMON CONGREGANT HESITATIONS

- Prisons are dangerous
- The prison is too far away
- Don't have enough time/ volunteer hours don't align with availability
- Driving concerns
- Too much commitment

A Different Mission
Field

COMMON PRISON MINISTRY CHALLENGES

- Not enough volunteers
- Need financial resources to scale up programming
- State volunteer approval process is delayed
- Not enough church support

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MATT 28:19-20


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“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”



HOW TO SUPPORT MISSIONARIES

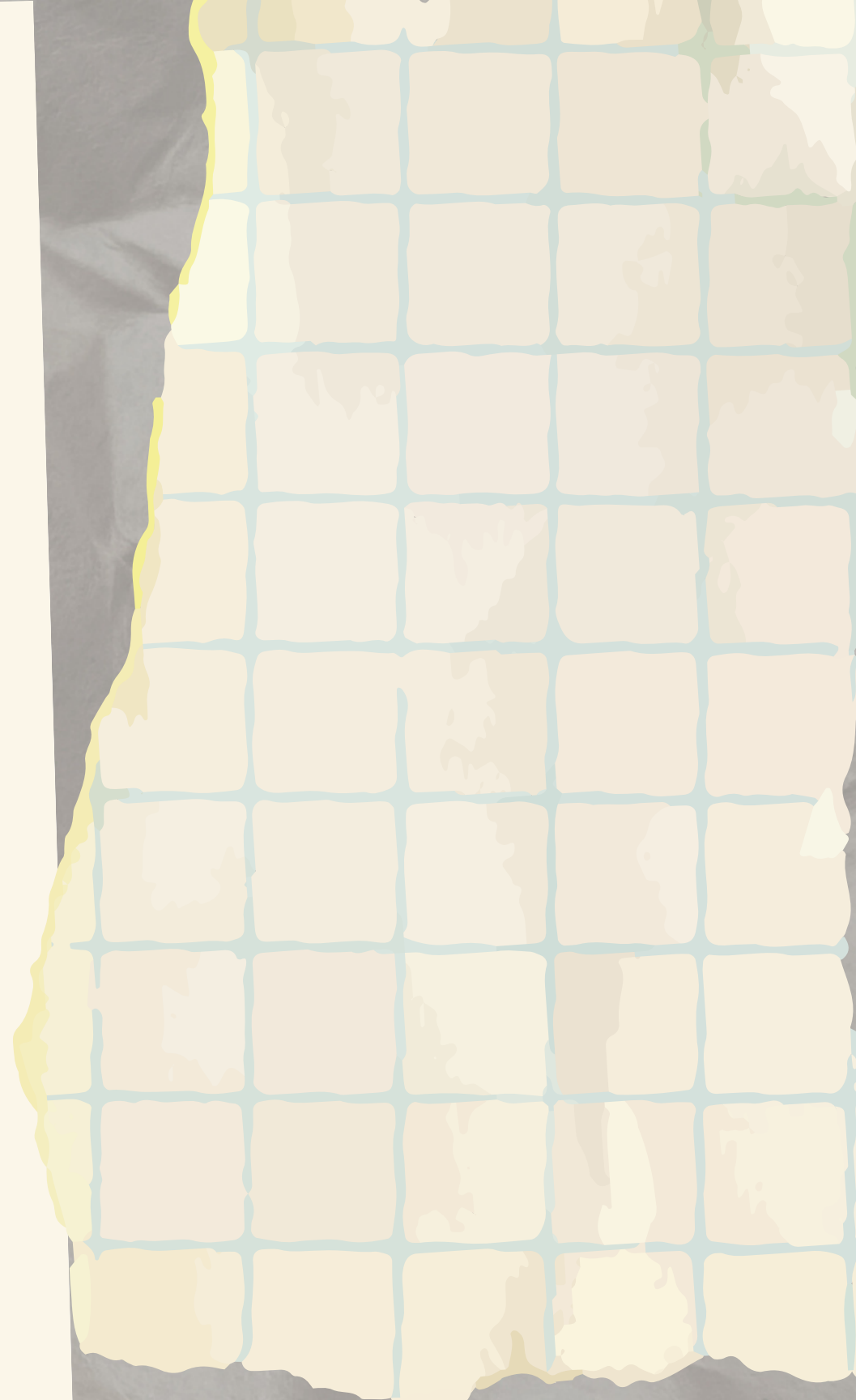
1. GO
 2. GIVE
 3. PARTNER
 4. PRAY
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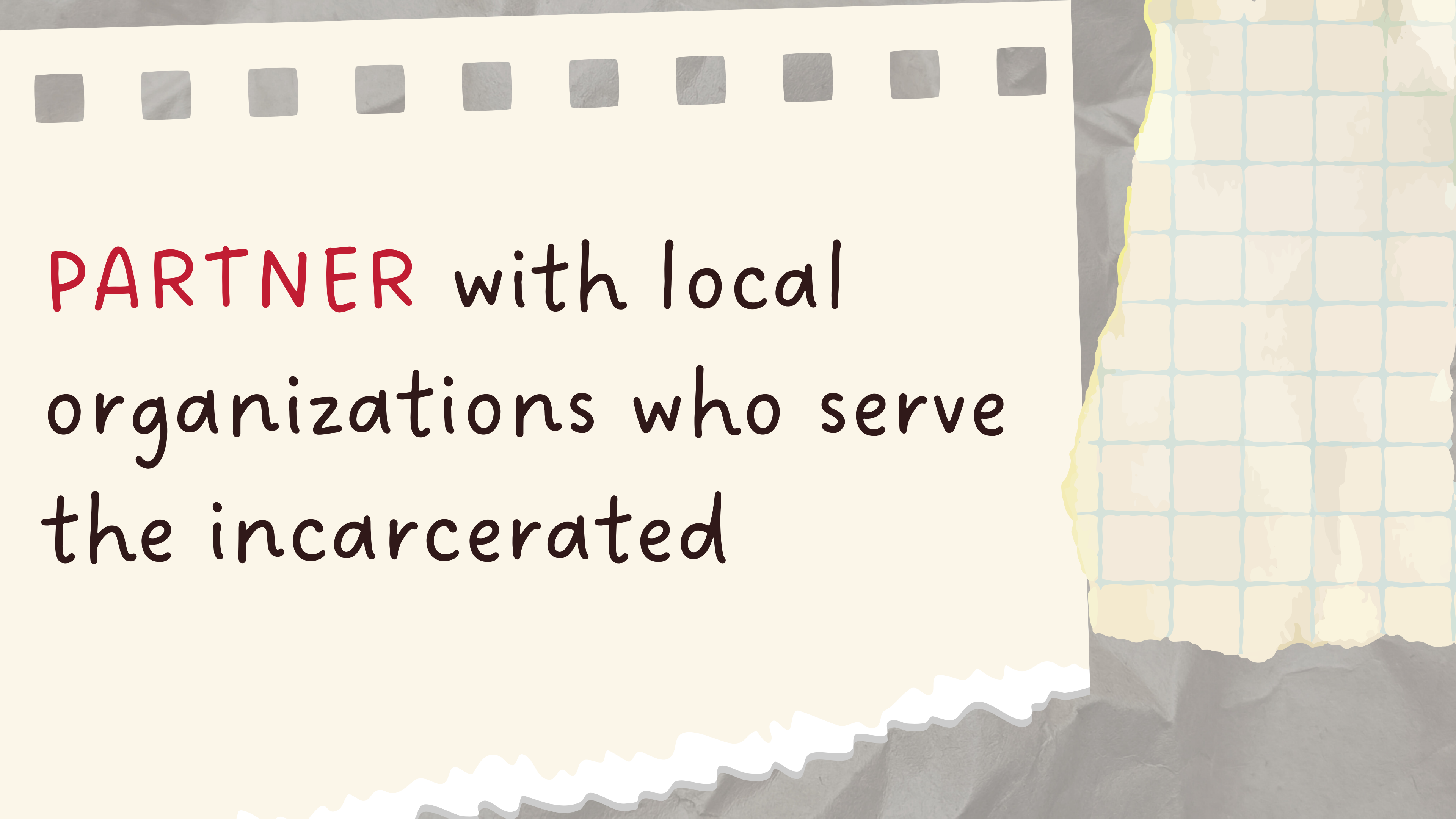


GO into all the world,
representing Christ
with every step



GIVE to support the
spread of the Gospel &
Love of Jesus Christ





PARTNER with local
organizations who serve
the incarcerated

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PRAY for all the justice
impacted and
correctional staff to
know Christ and
embrace His love



PATHWAYS FOR CHURCH

ENGAGEMENT

Recruit volunteers to GO into the prison

GO

- Establish a cadence and frequency that works for your volunteers
- Establish a carpool system
- Host occasional events

Empower Church Members to GIVE

- Create sustainable sponsorship pathways for members, show them what they are contributing to, and ask for consistent commitment
 - Sponsor for 10 Pizzas for Family Day, once a quarter
 - Bring soap, deodorant, toothpaste for 10 men once a month
 - Provide cookies to the facility staff quarterly

GIVE

GIVE Local Businesses the Opportunity to Serve

- Seek sponsorships, discounts, and donations from local businesses
 - Start early and be persistent

GIVE

Forge PARTNERships with other Ministries

- Seek to partner with organizations that support the justice-impacted without going into prisons
 - Crossroads, Youth with Faces, Exodus

PARTNER

Create intentional opportunities for PRAY requests

- Collect pray requests from:
 - the incarcerated
 - the correctional staff
 - the volunteers

PRAY

CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CONGREGATION SYNERGY BY...

1. Knowing who is in your congregation
 - a. Building relationships
2. Continuing to share your elevator pitch
3. Telling the story
4. Getting to know what other ministries are doing and making the synergy clear for them
5. Asking others "who do you know that I need to know?"

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