

Crossroads Prison Ministries

Crossroads connects incarcerated individuals with Christian volunteers through Bible study correspondence. Volunteers write personal, encouraging letters as students work through structured Bible courses—from foundational truths to deeper study.

Through this ongoing exchange, participants are reminded they are not forgotten and are supported as they grow in faith and hope. Many experience meaningful spiritual encouragement and life change through these simple, consistent connections.

Everything is provided: training, materials, and postage.

Join this ministry of presence and encouragement: sharing God's Word and Christ's hope, one letter at a time.

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Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center

The Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center serves youth ages 10–18 awaiting court proceedings, offering care during a critical season.

Partnering with **Chaplain Eric Peng and Good News Global**, ECRC members visit in-person to build relationships, offering encouragement, and sharing the hope of the Gospel.

This ministry includes:

- Weekly visits Tuesday evenings
- "Adopt-A-Pod" outreach
- Gospel Explosion weekends
- Cards and encouragement from our Children's Ministry

Each connection reminds these youth they are seen and not forgotten.

Get Involved.

Scan the QR code
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MISSIONS: PRISON OUTREACH

Hunt Mission Trip

May 15–19 • Baton Rouge, LA

A team from Elmhurst CRC will serve at Elayn Hunt Correctional Center—a multi-security men’s facility—partnering with **Dr. Lawton and Rhonda Searcy**.

They will serve through:

- Encouraging conversations
- One-on-one prayer
- Hospital & hospice visits
- Worship with believers
- Sharing the Gospel

Please pray for safe travel and Spirit-led interactions throughout the trip.

Hunt Mission Trip Team Members: *Ken Blauw, Donald Cala, Doug Groters, Lidia Iwaszkowicz, Richard Kuhr, Barbara Rietsma, Rob Roedell, Jerry and Amy Vandermolen*

Parchman Farm Mission Trip

Mississippi State Penitentiary

Parchman Farm is an 18,000 acre maximum-security men’s prison with a long complex history and an ongoing need for Gospel ministry. Our church has served there for years, as part of ongoing prison outreach.

Today’s speaker, **Rev. Reggie Watts**, serves faithfully in this mission field.

We plan to return to Parchman in **fall 2026 (dates TBD)**.

Mission trips happen by God’s grace and through your prayers and generosity. Support the Mission Fund at elmhurstcrc.org/give (select “Mission Trip Donation”).

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