



# COMMUNITY FREEDOM

## LAUNCH TIMELINE

### 6 MONTHS

#### Strategic Vision

- Attend Community Freedom vision casting event
- Review suggested media
- Church leadership has a clear sense of God's call to plant in a prison
- Interview/application process with Community Freedom team

#### Strategic Teams

- Organize prayer team
- Determine the needed staff & volunteer positions
- Aggressively recruit the needed staff and volunteer positions
- Schedule online assessment & interview of Community Pastor candidate with Community Freedom team

#### Strategic Plan

- MOU with Community Freedom
- Develop long-term sustainable financial plan
- Prison visit scheduled/led by Alpha

- Warden assigns facility project manager to work with church
- Partner to develop specific program description for facility
- Church leadership provides one-page summary of the needs and characteristics of the prison
- Begin to formulate ministry team development/facility plan (see doc & files)

### 4-5 MONTHS

#### Launch Team Development

- Communicate the vision of Community Freedom to the entire church
- Host a preview of one of the suggested films on media list
- Community Pastor is meeting with prison-related community groups
- Community Pastor is meeting with local pastors in the surrounding community to cast the vision of Community Freedom
- Communicate the launch team needs to entire church
- Assemble growing launch team for regular meetings to communicate vision and update progress

## **Administrative Details**

- Set up financial systems
- Establish email & phone number (Consider establishing a toll free phone number for the Community Pastor/location. Inmates can only make collect calls which can be an issue if you are relying on cellular phone systems)
- Begin security check process for launch team
- Schedule Community Pastor training in Naperville, IL
- Confirm LTC cohort start date for Community Pastor
- Schedule training required by prison, Community Freedom and small group curriculum
- Finalize team development/facility program details with approval from Warden & Community Freedom team (4 months to launch)

## **3 MONTHS**

- Order needed equipment for facility
- Finalize launch team security checks
- Complete prison-specific required training
- Equipment has been delivered to facility for approval
- Celebration Service location, time & volunteer arrival has been finalized
- Communion details have been finalized and supplies acquired
- Utilization of Big Idea curriculum finalized
- Submit delivery address for DVD

## **2 MONTHS**

- Warden to introduce Community Freedom and launch team to senior staff
- Launch date set
- Representative from Community Freedom or Alpha assigned to attend launch - Security check process begun

## **1 MONTH**

- Event is held at prison facility to explain Community Freedom to inmates
- Video introduction from Community Freedom worship team shown to inmates
- Flyers delivered for prison pods
- Small group launch date set with meeting time and room reservations finalized
- Partner Church hosts Community Freedom volunteer training & prayer course
- Schedule walk-through for one week from launch

## **1 WEEK**

- Launch team walk-through at prison facility

## **LAUNCH DATE**

- Celebration Service begins
- Community Freedom and Alpha onsite for launch
- Begin promoting small group launch
- Inmates volunteer to begin re-entry small groups & sign agreement

## **WEEK AFTER**

- Re-entry small groups begin

## **2 MONTHS AFTER**

- Partner Church hosts caring for returning citizen training for church
- Consider hosting another volunteer training