

## Where is *Opening Doors* Being Offered?

Programs have been facilitated in all of the following institutions in Ohio:

- Madison Correctional
- Mansfield Correctional
- Marion Correctional
- Ohio Reformatory for Women at Marysville
- Ohio State Penitentiary
- Ross Correctional
- Scioto Juvenile Correctional
- Trumbull Correctional
- Warren Correctional

Note: Many other institutions have expressed interest in the program and are in various stages of readiness to begin implementation (including other Ohio youth facilities). If you are interested in a prison that is not on this list, feel free to contact Debbie Roeger to indicate your interest.

## You are the light of the world...



... let your light shine before men.

*Matthew 5:14, 16*

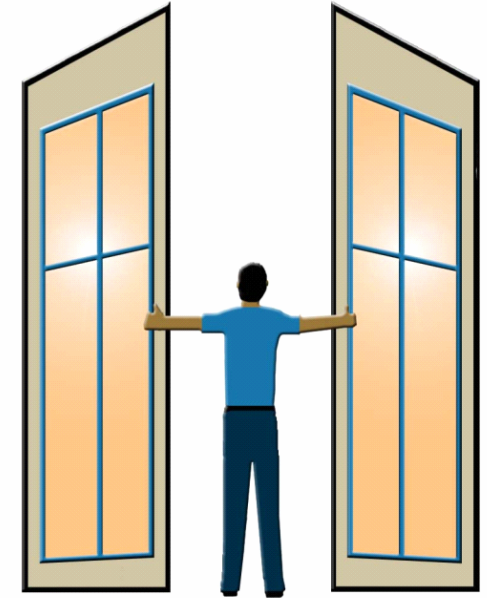
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## Opening Doors®



## Would You Consider Becoming A Volunteer?

“Want to see a miracle? Plant a word of love heart-deep in a person’s life. Nurture it with a smile and a prayer, and watch what happens.” Max Lucado

## What is *Opening Doors*?

*Opening Doors* is a 3-day experiential program for inmates conducted in Ohio prisons. It offers a fresh new perspective in inmate programming accomplished through a unique partnership between the faith community and Ohio prisons. *When* facilitated by Christian volunteers it provides an amazing opportunity to demonstrate God's unconditional love.

The program focuses on:

- Encouraging personal growth
- Building community & trust
- Conflict resolution skills
- Affirmation
- Listening & communication skills
- Learning to “think about what we think about”
- The gift of laughter
- Understanding the “law of use” & the value of our choices

## What Can Volunteers Do?

**Facilitate:** *Opening Doors* facilitators work in teams of four—at least one member is an outside volunteer and one or more members are trained inmate facilitators. The team works together to:

- ✓ plan the agenda for the program
- ✓ set up activities and exercises
- ✓ give participants direction
- ✓ manage the learning environment
- ✓ ask skilled questions & provide encouragement
- ✓ help participants learn new life skills

**Participate:** You may be interested in attending a 3-day *Opening Doors* program as an outside participant. In doing so you add immeasurable value to the program for inmate participants. You are welcome to attend more than once.

**Pray:** The prisons need dedicated prayer warriors! If you have a heart to pray for an Ohio prison, we need you. We can connect you to a prison chaplain to become a valuable part of a prison's prayer team.

## How to Become a Volunteer

Outside facilitators and participants are being drawn from the Christian faith community. These volunteers understand that God loves every person He has created. They come with a heart willing to demonstrate that Agape love to inmates inside a prison.

To become an *Opening Doors* facilitator you must be available three full consecutive program days at least 3-4 times a year. You should be willing to make a one year commitment to at least one prison. Participating in an *Opening Doors* program inside a prison can help you decide. Your decision should be bathed in prayer and if you believe that God is calling you to this work, free training to become a facilitator will be provided.

You will need to complete a volunteer application form, which includes a background check, and volunteer security training for the prison(s) where you will facilitate. You will also be asked to sign a Facilitator Agreement with *Opening Doors*.