

Are you being called to become involved?

As a **spiritual family member** - Without family members, SITG, Ohio will remain a dream. It cannot become a reality unless many are willing to say: "Here I am Lord, send me." Your commitment is for 2 family meetings/month for 1 year. Resources are provided to ensure your success; you need to show up, participate, care, pray and watch God work!

More than 27,000 individuals are released from Ohio prisons every year! Each one is created and wholly loved by God. Will you become part of the solution so that lives are transformed and these men and women come home to stay home?

As a **prayer partner** - The backbone of all that is accomplished in SITG, Ohio will be a strong prayer team. Will you commit to stand in prayer with us?



Being sent out to Tulsa to bring SITG back to Ohio

As a **licensed professional** - Without directing the process, LPs use clinical expertise to support family lay leaders & clear road blocks in family meetings; sometimes LPs sit back and let God do what He does best! Qualified LPs have the wisdom to know the difference.

As a **financial supporter** - Much of the work of SITG, Ohio will be done by volunteers. Funds are critical however to pay Christian counselors (called LPs) & recruit and train new volunteers.

It is easy to talk about the problem of crime and recidivism. God may be calling YOU to become part of the solution. Use the contact information in this brochure to become involved today. It will change your life as you help someone else transform theirs.



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A MINISTRY OF OPENING DOORS®
UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF SITG™
TULSA AND IN COLLABORATION
WITH OHIO DEPT. OF REHAB &
CORRECTIONS, DEPT. OF YOUTH
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AUTHORITY, THE CHURCH AND
MANY OTHERS

*Surrounding youth and adult
ex-offenders and their
families with the
transforming love of God
expressed through the church*

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Helping ex-offenders (adult & youth) return home to stay

Stand In The Gap™ is a proven mentoring model using a Triangle of Care Continuum. It is unique from other ex-offender programs because it thrives on all of the following integrated components:

- prescreening of all ex-offenders to match current needs to SITG model
- collaboration among licensed Christian counselors (LPs), lay leaders, ex-offenders & volunteers
- focus on finding true family solutions—not “fixing” the ex-offender or writing a check to solve the problem
- use of 5—8 volunteers to support each ex-offender
- emphasis on the power of Jesus Christ to transform the lives of everyone involved in the process
- addictive behavior is addressed outside the family by an appropriate step recovery program
- covenant commitment for a 1 year minimum, however ex-offenders and volunteers often decide to meet for a longer period
- option to include the ex-offender’s family in the process which can break the cycle of generational incarceration (without intervention, children of offenders are statistically 5 - 7 times more likely to end up in prison themselves)
- with incarcerated youth, this unique mentoring model works first with the family then with the youth

IT IS THE LOVE OF GOD EXPRESSED THROUGH THE PEOPLE OF GOD THAT TRANSFORMS A LIFE

How the SITG™ Triangle of Care Continuum works

An ex-offender (or his family) is identified as a possible “neighbor.” With the assistance of a licensed Christian counselor, the neighbor is assessed against 3 criteria:*

- 1) Is God active in her life?
- 2) Is she embracing what God is doing?
- 3) Does she want to accept personal responsibility and do the hard work of change?

**Note: other ex-offenders need and deserve assistance, but the SITG model is proven successful only under these conditions.*

If qualified for the SITG model, 5 –8 members of the body of Christ become a “spiritual family” for the ex-offender.



A licensed professional providing training to spiritual family members before they begin. Bob Althoff, LP Tulsa

The family meets at least twice/month for a minimum of 1 year.

Many activities can take place during family meetings, but critical to each meeting is the process of discussing individual needs “family style” and praying for God’s provision and direction for each need.

The family covenant obligates family members to wait for a heartfelt unity in God’s answer before moving forward to meet any need.

A Christian Counselor (called a LP or Spiritual Family Coach) is an available resource to the spiritual family as needed.

What others are saying about Stand In The Gap™

- This is so simple! But then the truth of God is always simple isn't it? We are the ones who make it complicated. *Kairos volunteer, Ohio*
- Even though I had been a Christian for many years, I began to desire the type of intimate relationship with God I saw that the “neighbor” in our family had. *Spiritual family member for ex-offender in Tulsa*
- The SITG Triangle of Care model is unique...now may be the opportune time to offer churches a tool to put feet and hands to their increasing awareness of the church's responsibility to serve those in need. *Baylor University School of Social Work*
- I had a personal epiphany as the [family] began to embrace fellowship, be in prayer together and be open to God's grace. I have seen things take place that could [only] be attributed to prayer. It is the most powerful, powerful process that can exist. *Spiritual family member in Tulsa*
- The SITG process ... has overflowed into the body of the church itself. When God does something great in someone's life, they can't keep quiet about it. Then it becomes contagious. *Tulsa pastor*
- We've been praying for this for a very long time. *Inmate Marion Correctional Institution, Ohio*

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