

Dear Friends of Kingdom Boundaries,

One of the greatest blessings as a believer is that we are a new creation!

The old has passed away, and a new life begins. For any believer, this is easier said than done. How do you leave a life of sin and start living a Godly life? It is the same and even more so for those who have been incarcerated. They often find themselves asking, "Is there life after prison, or is my sentence/sin a life sentence?" They walk a life of fear, confusion, shame and worry about life on the "outside." Who can they trust, turn to, confide in? The options are usually not very good and lead to these men and women going back to prison. Kingdom Boundaries Prison Aftercare (KBPA) seeks to change the world, one former inmate at a time, by breaking the cycle of *recidivism by introducing them to the Gospel of Christ.

**Recidivism is the tendency of a convicted criminal to repeat or reoffend a crime after already receiving punishment or serving their sentence.*

As an approved halfway house, Kingdom Boundaries Prison Aftercare (KBPA), which was established in 2013, seeks to increase its resident capacity by building a new facility while also improving their sociological health, mental health, physical safety, and most importantly, their faith development. KBPA does this by personal discipleship focused on being Christ-like, personal responsibility, integrity, employment stability, financial stewardship, time management, and restoring relationships with family, friends and the community. Residents at KBPA pay a reduced rate for rent, maintain employment in the community and attend church and regular Bible studies. Our vision has remained the same through the years, but is now expanding to help even more males, as well as, add housing for women now, too.

God's faithfulness has been evident throughout this new endeavor.

Through private donations we were recently able to purchase land for a new, larger facility, and we already have the building plans written up. This new building will have 3 floors of living spaces, divided into two wings, with the staff's offices in the middle on the 1st floor. We will be building a chapel connected to the back of the facility, with a kitchen area, so we can hold both smaller meetings and larger gatherings, such as bible studies, board meetings, church services, meals, concerts and other events for the residents, staff and guests.

Between the land, which has already been completely paid for, and the current value of our existing real estate in downtown Sioux Falls (which includes 3 buildings), there is approximately 1.1 million dollars of equity. The remaining goal of our capital campaign is to raise another 4.5 million, in order to finish the new facility and make it fully operational. As soon as this project is completed, we would move our office and any current residents over to the new location, and then sell the 3 smaller buildings we are in now. We anticipate taking in new residents, both men and women, and being at full capacity within 3 to 6 months, depending on how quickly people are released from the prisons.

In June 2021, there were a total of 3,339 State inmates and 13 Federal inmates incarcerated in South Dakota. During that time, there were also a total of 3,669 inmates out on parole, as well

as 54 whose parole or suspended sentences were revoked. The Department of Corrections (DOC) also reports the current recidivism rate available for inmates that have been out of prison for 3 years is 43.7%. In contrast, KBPA has experienced a recidivism rate of only 17% for its residents who have been out for 3 years. However, the most important statistic is that:

100% of our residents will be personally introduced to the Gospel of Christ!

They will experience the message of God's forgiveness, grace and love, and the ability to live a renewed and changed life. With this expansion project, KBPA will continue to use its already proven model of walking alongside former inmates to help them transition back into the world outside of the prison walls, to become functioning members of society, and not just another statistic of recidivism.

As mentioned above, this building project will increase the number of male residents we can accept into the program at any one time, from 21 men currently, to 40 men in the new facility. In addition to that, we will also be able to finally do something which has been in our hearts for years: We will add a new dimension to the ministry of Kingdom Boundaries, by serving women residents, too! Our new facility will have space for 16 women at a time. Since 1980, women's incarceration in South Dakota's prisons and jails has increased 4,757%!!! Think about that...for every individual woman incarcerated prior to 1980, there are approximately 476 women in jails and prisons today! That is heartbreaking. And what is even more frustrating is that there is very little ministry being offered to these women here in South Dakota! However, with the construction of this new building, not only would KBPA be better equipped to begin serving MORE men upon their release from prison, but we would be able to begin providing ministry to the many women who need both a safe, caring environment to live and to hear of the love and grace of our Lord Jesus!

Ultimately, our goal at KBPA is to use the message of the gospel, along with the resources we have been given, to lower the current reincarceration rate being seen all over this country.

One former resident said: *"When you take someone who has made poor decisions, put them in a place where they make NO decisions, and then when they get out expect them to make great decisions...it doesn't work."* Most often, unfortunately, they end up making return trips to prison. Yes, that's return trips...plural. Our experience shows those being released need one-on-one accountability and an excellent atmosphere to change the cycle of recidivism. With the type of help KBPA has been able to provide so far, many of our residents have learned how to make better decisions.

A larger facility will make our efforts more productive for the Kingdom of God.

Currently, we maintain full capacity with a waiting list of inmates who choose to be released to KBPA. Over the last eight years, as KBPA has been serving the needs of inmates, there has been substantial growth and support from our surrounding communities. Through this support, which paid for our current 3 buildings (a combined value around \$900,000), we are mortgage/debt free. There are also in-kind donations, like vehicles residents can purchase

through our financial coaching assistance, and annual fundraiser events like our fall banquet. These contributions, along with the rent we collect from our residents, also fund our annual operating budget.

We recently added a Digital Media & Communications person to our staff, to help us get the word out about our desire to follow God's calling to expand our ministry. This person will be in charge of updating and maintaining our website and social media, and communicating with our friends and supporters through emails, phone calls and in-person meetings, in addition to all of the regular day-to-day responsibilities around the ministry. He also has the unique perspective of being someone who has personally benefited from this ministry and what we have to offer, and so he is very much emotionally and spiritually invested in the success of our ministry's answer to our Kingdom calling!

Here are some examples of things some of our former residents have said:

*"At KBPA we get to take what we have learned in scripture and put it to practice in a dying world...My goal is to continue to follow Jesus and to become the man that He designed me to be...for those whom the Lord blesses me to encounter." – **Ryan***

*"Kingdom Boundaries has been a good help in resources and to help me transition back into society." - **Bernie***

*"I have felt welcomed and cared about by staff and others." - **Mark***

*"I was a self-serving person before I went to prison...Kingdom Boundaries accepted me and helped me achieve a level of awareness of my place in life and in His Kingdom...I give thanks to God for everything I have." – **Leo***

*"There are good opportunities to help others here at Kingdom Boundaries." - **Nick***

*"There is much more here than I expected...being around like-minded people who trust in the Word. The staff have been very helpful and kind." - **Len***

*"Before Kingdom Boundaries my life had not really started yet." - **Kaleb***

*"I did not know what the inside of a jail looked like until I was 22 years old. Prison life was not good. Being at KBPA made me realize I really needed to change...or I would be spending the rest of my life in prison." – **Christian***

*"If it were not for Kingdom Boundaries, the transition from prison would have been very difficult at best" - **anonymous***

*"Even though one makes a few mistakes, you still feel welcomed." - **anonymous***

As you can see, God has been doing wonderful things through Kingdom Boundaries over the last 8 years. However, the time has now come for us to take the next step of faith, trusting Him to an even greater degree, in order to grow and expand our ministry's reach. We ask that you would prayerfully consider joining us in our effort to heal, strengthen, encourage and restore the men and women coming out of prison who may have no other support system, yet are expected to succeed in a society that typically mocks and ostracizes them, and then punishes them all over again when they feel overwhelmed and wind up reverting back to the poor choices which put them in this position in the first place. For some people, it doesn't work to simply TELL them what to do, or what not to do, without SHOWING them HOW to do so, and/or WHY to do so.

We believe there is a better way.

And we would like to partner with others who believe the same. Are you one of them? Would you be willing to financially support our new building project, or even possibly our ongoing ministry beyond this initial building campaign?

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact us!
We would love to meet you in person and begin building a friendship!

You can also visit our website: **www.KingdomBoundaries.org**

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this letter!
We pray God blesses you, no matter what your decision is regarding our ministry!

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