

ANY WAY YOU SLICE IT, TENNESSEE IS A MISSION FIELD!

Tennessee IS a mission field! The Golden Offering for Tennessee is our way to work together to #WinTN. Every dollar you give through the Golden Offering helps to plant churches, show compassion, minister to the hurting and evangelize our state.

Human trafficking is the 2nd fastest growing criminal industry



More than **7,000 children** in foster care system



At least 3 people die every day from opioid related overdose.



Almost 5 million spiritually lost people



7.12 million people living in Tennessee

55,000 people are behind bars



An estimated **450,000+** people of immigrant or refugee backgrounds

13.3% of Tennesseans have incomes below the poverty line.



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ADDICTION CRISIS IN TENNESSEE

"For my people have committed a double evil: They have abandoned me, the fountain of living water, and dug cisterns for themselves — cracked cisterns that cannot hold water." Jeremiah 2:13

Tennessee is experiencing a devastating epidemic with the rise of addictions, overdoses, and drug related deaths.



4,257,025 Opioid painkiller prescriptions in 2023



An average of **6100** alcohol related traffic accidents occurs every year

Tennessee is in the **top 10 states** in drug overdose deaths



3,985 drug overdose deaths in 2023

At least 3 people die every day from opioid related overdose

Approximately **70,000** Tennesseans are addicted to opioids



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SCHOOLS IN TENNESSEE

Partnering with local schools helps your church impact the lives of children and families in your community. What an incredible way for you to meet needs in your community and build meaningful relationships that could lead to opportunities to share the Gospel and connect families to Christ and His church.



Only 40.5% of students met expectations in English and Language Arts Achievements last year.



1 in 6 children in Tennessee are hungry.

According to the National Assessment of Adult Literacy, **2/3 of students** who cannot read proficiently by the end of the fourth grade will end up in jail or on welfare.

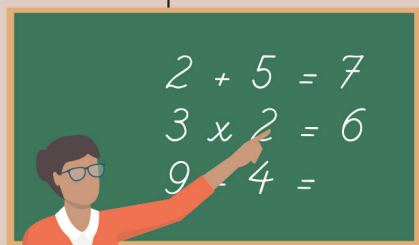


Teachers spend an average of **\$750 out of pocket** for essential supplies.

Only 34% of students met expectations in Math achievement scores last year.

85% of all juveniles who interface with the juvenile court system are functionally low literate.

30% of children in Tennessee public schools are considered "economically disadvantaged."



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HUNGER AND FOOD INSECURITY IN TENNESSEE

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..." Matt 25:35

Tennessee is one of the hungriest states in the country. Many people in our communities do not have enough to eat or lack the financial resources to buy adequate food for their households.



For children relying on school meals,
summer can be the hungriest time of year



13.3% of people
have incomes below
the poverty line



14% of households face food insecurity

14.4% of seniors (60+)
face food insecurity

1 in 7 people in
Tennessee face hunger



1 in 6 children
face hunger



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INCARCERATION IN TENNESSEE

The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. Psalm 33:5
Restorative Justice Ministries desire to help churches and associations minister to the needs of offenders, victims, family members and friends, and correctional professionals in a way that leads to redemption and restoration through the grace of the Gospel.

55,000 people from Tennessee are behind bars



Tennessee has an incarceration rate of **838 per 100,000 people** which includes prisons, jails, immigration detention, and juvenile justice facilities.

14 State Prisons in Tennessee,
26 juvenile detention centers,
112 jails in **95** counties

Each year at least **117,000** different people are booked in local jails in Tennessee



97,022 Women are released from TN jails and prisons each year



About **½ of the state prisoners** Tennessee releases each year return to prison within three years.



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