

The Community

A Target Community (whanaungatanga) is a “prepared” community with the heart to serve prisoners and their families during their transition into life on the “outside”. This includes welcoming the participants and their families into the community and providing support and protection during their growth. The goal is to restore them to full participation in their wider communities.

“whanaungatanga” the 'glue' that connects people to each other

Target Community is about having you walk alongside someone re-entering the community and being responsible for coaching them ... we also use the terms tuakana/teina to describe this relationship of mutual respect and learning, in the same way that an older sibling can provide guidance to a younger one

Think about your community – how welcoming and safe will it feel to a person released from prison?

Are you willing for “your community” to commence this journey of becoming a Target Community? - **contact us now**

A prisoner can be released, but it needs a community to bring them true freedom.



Target Community

Is a major initiative of Prison Fellowship New Zealand

Developing a force for spiritual transformation, reconciliation and restoration in the criminal justice system.



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OUR VISION

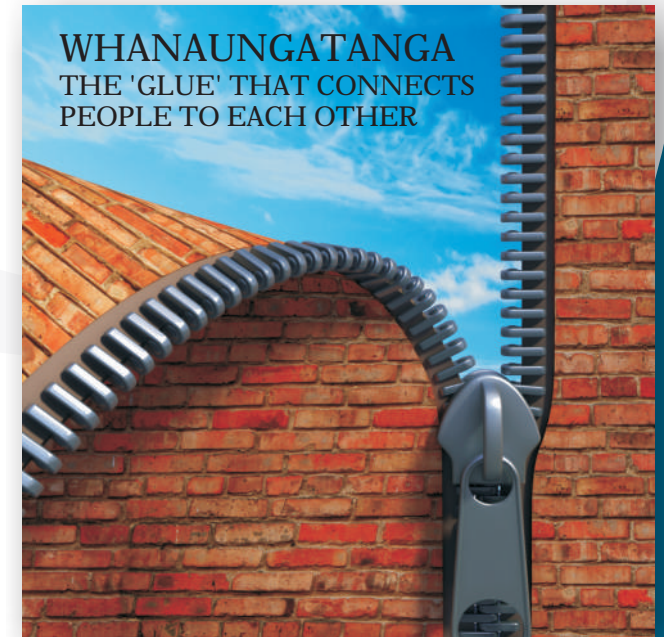
That every prisoner has the opportunity to embrace the Christian faith, to be mentored holistically and to join a supportive community upon release.

That New Zealand has a sustainable, well funded correctional system that reduces recidivism and the overall prison population.



A programme enabling the transition of a person in prison to becoming a fully participating citizen within our community.

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The journey out from prison is one of the hardest pathways to navigate..

It is so hard that almost three quarters of released prisoners wind up back inside. Yet many of the causes of failure are seemingly small and insignificant to us. If a person has spent more than 1 year inside it is likely that:

- they have lost most of their previous skills
- they have lost most of their relationships
- they have lost their initiative and confidence
- they will have formed foreign habit patterns
- they will struggle to find accommodation
- they will struggle to find employment
- they will experience great loneliness
- they will experience great temptation
- they will suffer many knock backs

The Revolving Door

Without our intervention, the current statistics indicate up to 70% of released prisoners will re-offend and go back to prison. We call this the “revolving door”. Together we believe that this cycle can be broken.

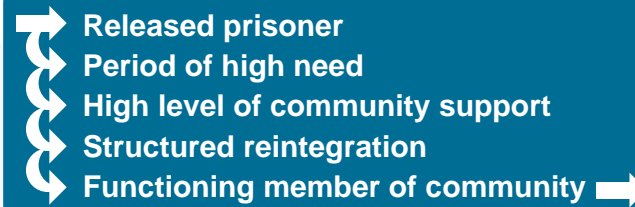
Can you help them?

Only a prepared community can do so..... it takes so much more than just one person to come alongside – it takes a “team effort” – a circle of support

The Journey

Circle of Support

This internationally proven method brings together significant people such as you, into a person's life. In each “circle of support” the individual shares his or her hopes, aspirations and needs. The journey is then focused on making these a reality.



- It creates opportunities for you to offer support and contribute according to what you personally can best offer.
- You will be supported in your contribution so that you don't feel you have to participate beyond your stated limits.

If you want to reach outside your peer group to support those coming out from the prison environment, our commitment to you is to provide opportunity to do this with guidance, structured training and support. You are not expected to change the world on your own, we will help you do it.

Prison Fellowship provides you with great materials and training as well as ongoing encouragement and support – the decisions and the work belong exclusively within each Target Community.

A “Strengths-Based” model:

- That centres upon the prisoners gifts and abilities, not just their needs.
- Not ignoring their “needs” but working these out within a community that is focused on bringing them into their full potential.

A Target Community trained in this model provides:

- Restorative reintegration based upon strengths to the released prisoner and their family
- A new community within the wider community that protects the “weaker parts” until they are ready to become part of that wider community.

The journey will not be plain sailing...

- Some may pull out of their commitment
- Your group will be tested on many fronts
- Many people will be moved way outside their comfort zones
- Some may face great disappointments...

You will also face some of the most rewarding work possible as you take part in achieving the outstanding results of men and women successfully navigating this journey back in to your community -

**transformed
reconciled
and restored**



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