

## Step 1 - The Fundamentals!

For a Target Community to come into being, Prison Fellowship considers there are 4 “must do’s” that we consider so important they are non-negotiable:

**It is vital that...**

1. Through prayer and discernment the community leadership must establish it is God’s time for the community to be called to this mission.
2. Prior to setting up any relationship, the leadership must be 100% committed to this form of mission on a long-term basis.
3. A facilitator, one who has the calling and heart for this work, is appointed to lead the work within the community. This of course implies being under the authority of the overall leadership.
4. Leadership takes their community through a consultation process with the outcome that most buy into the prison and reintegration mission.

### **Do you see yourselves working towards being able to meet these four fundamentals?**

If so, we suggest you continue to [Step 2](#)

If not, and you have an existing prison ministry by way of chapel services etc, or want to pursue this avenue, we suggest you order those “Preparing Teams” materials of interest from the shop. Also view the “General Materials” section.

## Step 2 - What steps will Target Community involve?

We suggest you read the process that a new Target Community will begin to work through, probably taking a period of some 6 – 8 months or even more:

### **Here is a chronological outline of the process.**

1. Leadership discussions take place.
2. The call to this mission is agreed and accepted.
3. Prison Fellowship presents an outline of the journey.
4. Leadership reviews the Target Community Leadership DVD and other community materials.
5. Leadership comes to agreement to continue with the setting up of a Target Community.
6. Review of Safety processes
7. Agreement is then reached with Prison Fellowship.
8. A community-based facilitator is selected.

9. Leadership commences the process of bringing the members on board with the mission (many weeks).
10. Agreement to proceed is reached.
11. The community-based facilitator is commissioned.
12. Training is planned with Prison Fellowship and suitable coaches selected.
13. Training is completed.
14. Materials are sourced as required.
15. When the time is right, Prison Fellowship will look to match a suitable prisoner with a Tuakana/Coach from your community.
16. Interaction continues on a regular basis.
17. If the prisoner has a local family, there may be a reaching out to that family through another Tuakana/Coach.
18. Prior to release, a Circle of Support is established.
19. Release plans are put in place (Community Support Plan).
20. Upon release, the client is welcomed into the community.

The Circle of Support – led by the Tuakana/Coach, continues for as long as needed to successfully bring the client in as a fully integrated and contributing member of the community.

From the website, follow through the additional details under “[READ MORE](#)”

*The Target Communities Project has been designed to develop and implement a process, with supporting materials, to enable church and wider communities to be trained to accept, coach, encourage and hold accountable released prisoners. This includes supporting their families in a safe and sustainable way and bringing them all into fruitful community interaction.*

*It is envisaged that each released man or woman will gain a "circle of support" from within a trained community who will work with them to make the adjustments necessary to gain a meaningful life.*

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(Please note – all these different sections can be printed and passed on to Leadership.)

If you are still interested in keeping going, proceed to [Step 3](#)

### **Step 3 - The Promotional Materials....**

We suggest you order the promotional pack from the shop at a cost of \$10.00 handling charge.

It is important that leadership work through this promotional material together, rather than passing it around. It is important that you each hear each others views in a single session. Put aside at least 2 hours to accomplish this.

There are three DVD's:

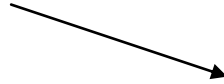
- Target Community Overview (35 mins) – with supporting PowerPoint Notes
- Setting up a Target Community (7 mins) – with supporting script
- Target Community – Materials (10 mins) – with supporting PowerPoint Notes

Plenty of food for thought.....

## Step 4 - Safety

Safety will be one of the first issues raised when we start to talk about prisoners. However, it should already be a point of consideration for church leadership whether released prisoners become involved or not.

**Appoint someone to check out the Child Safe programme – refer to this section on our webpage:**



Prison Fellowship recommends that churches and communities considering becoming a Target Community use the SafeHere Trust's **ChildSafe** and **ChurchSafe** resources, programmes and systems to keep their activities, programmes and people safe. These are especially designed for NZ conditions and are well proven

