

THE SECOND PHASE: BUSTING BOULDERS.

A boulder is an obstacle that either prohibits you from seeing an entry point to minister to people in crisis or it prohibits you from entering that entry point in order to minister. **The biggest boulder that you will encounter will be yourself.** Remember that the evil one will try to use your past and your weaknesses to convince you that you are not able to do this. God did not call you to start this work because you were already qualified, He called you because He knew He could work through you to do this!

The second biggest boulder will be identifying entry points in which you can gain access to ex-offenders and their families. Listed below are some **key access points for ex-offenders and their families:**

Parole: Visit with the parole office and share with them that you are wanting to minister to parolees and their families. Share with the Parole Officer(s) specifics of what you have to offer in terms of ministry. Ask the parole officer if there is a specific family that comes to mind that you could help. The parole officer will use you as a resource and soon you will be receiving information from them to follow-up on. Visit or call the parole office weekly so that they can become familiar with who you are and what you are doing.

NA/AA Meetings: Attend NA and/or AA meetings in order to meet ex-offenders and their families. Many men and women on parole have mandatory attendance because of substance abuse issues.

The Welcome Back: Once you chosen to launch a work, give us a call or email us (see contact information) in order to receive contact information on ex-offenders and their families living in your zip code. (There is no charge for this information.) Whenever an ex-offender is returning to your community, we will email you with the contact information on this family for ministry.

Probation: By working with the probation department in your community you can help prevent many families of experiencing prison by ministering to them while their loved one is on probation. The probation department wants to prevent the one on probation from having a violation that will cause them to go to prison. Visit with the probation office and share with them that you are wanting to minister to those on probation and to their families. Share with the Probation Officer(s) specifics of what you have to offer in terms of ministry. Ask the probation officer if there is a specific family that comes to mind that you could help. The probation officer will use you as a resource and soon you will be receiving information from them to follow-up on. Visit or call the probation office weekly so that they can become familiar with who you are and what you are doing.