

Bill Glass Champions for Life Fast Facts

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Did you know … Currently without intervention, 25% of adult offenders successfully re-enter society and do not return to prison.(Statistics according to Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (1994) and 2003 Study by University of Pennsylvania regarding a joint effort between Prison Fellowship and Texas Dept of Criminal Justice over the last 2 years from Wall Street Journal article.) Also without intervention, 15% of juvenile offenders (Juvenile offenders are under 18 and younger) successfully reenter society and do not return to prison.

(Statistics according to Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1994) BUT, 68% of adult prisoners successfully reenter society if they become a Christian while incarcerated or 68% successfully reenter society (Statistics according to Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1994) THEN, If a former offender finds a church and is disciplined and mentored when released, he has a 90% chance of successfully re-entering society.(Statistics according to Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1994)85% of people who accept Christ do so before age 21.(Statistics according to Campus Crusade for Christ, 1998) 71% of the people who make a decision for Christ at a city-wide crusades are under 21.Approximately 156,000 adult inmates (18+ years old) are incarcerated in the Texas State Criminal Justice system in 2006-2007. Of this number, 449 inmates are on Death Row, including 3 women. The average age of all TDCJ inmates is just 35 years old. (Statistics according to Texas Department of Criminal Justice Statistical Summary for Fiscal Year 2002 off of the TDCJ website <http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/publications>)All who make a decision for Christ at Champions for Today (Champions for Life’s youth outreach ministry in public & private schools) events are under 18. Ring of Champions targets at-risk juveniles from 10 to 18. Many parents also attend. The annual cost to house a Texas inmate is \$15,810 (\$2.55B annual budget). (Statistics according to Texas Department of Criminal Justice Statistical Summary for Fiscal Year 2002 off of the TDCJ website: <http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/publications>) Champions for Life’s Total Budget in 2007 was \$2.7 million, and the number of life changing decisions for the Lord was 80,957. That’s Spiritual Return on Investment of \$33.35 spent per decision CFL. In the prison ministry alone, there were 80,957decisions or Christ by incarcerated adults only in 2007 worldwide. Applying the above Texas Costs shows a tax savings of more than \$EEE million for EE,EE former inmates who successfully reenter society. Just take 10% of these at E.EEE inmates who stay out equals \$EEE,EEE,EEE saved each year. Do we want to spend \$15,810 per inmate to receive a 15% to 25% success rate, OR spend \$33.35 per inmate to receive a 68% to 90% success rate? CFL has ministries working across the USA and in the following countries: South Africa, England, Russia, Ukraine, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Honduras and Peru.