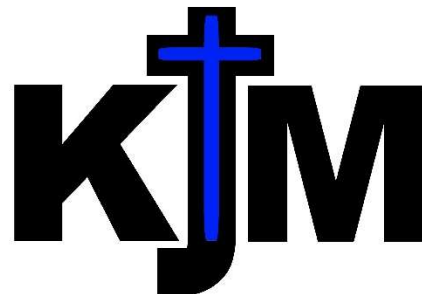




## Annual Report and Ministry Update 2024



## Spreading the Hope of Jesus Throughout Kalamazoo

My wife and I have given our lives to the **Kalamazoo Jail Ministry**. We will work with all the strength that the LORD give us, to bring the name of Jesus to the inmates of the Kalamazoo County Jail.

**KJM** reaches every inmate in the jail, every week. Every inmate has a Bible (unless they do not want one), is offered Bible study, is prayed with, fellowshiped with, and offered help upon release from jail if they are getting out.

Jail inmates don't have the distractions of worldly entertainment, and they also tend to be at rock-bottom, are typically stripped and separated from worldly attachments and lusts. This makes it very productive for **KJM** to bring the Word of GOD, because inmates who are at rock-bottom, and who do not have the option of worldly distractions, are eager and ready to hear from GOD. This makes jail ministry a lot of fun!

**KJM** Lead Chaplains



Jeff and Amy Grupp

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

1 Cor 12:13

**BREAKTHROUGH!**



## Joyful Operations at KJM

The **KJM** team brings a broad array of aid to the jail inmates, every day of the week. The **KJM** library supplies the entire jail with tremendous ministry materials, including missionary books (Corrie Ten-Boom, Brother Yun, Francis of Assisi, to name a few), devotionals (Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*), theology books (*Case for Christ*, *Tortured for Christ*, etc.), Bible studies, and Christian fiction. The jail inmates very commonly thoroughly study these materials, and experience great life transformation by them. These materials provide intense ministry to the entire jail around the clock.

**KJM** also supplies the jail inmates with new Bibles, ear plugs, writing materials, playing cards, Christmas presents, and, when possible, games (chess, puzzles), coloring materials (which are very popular in the jail), and other materials.

**KJM** is on a mission to change, help, rescue, Kalamazoo County!

The jail ministry is flooded with joy. To bring hope, rescue, and Truth to those who are so lost, and so hungry for answers, brings great meaning and depth to **KJM** daily. Many of the jail inmates report feeling GOD's presence often just after a few weeks of being in the jail and working with **KJM**.

The Jail ministry is a bastion of Jesus joy!

In thy presence is fulness of joy.  
Psalm 16:11



### **KJM Mission Statement:**

**Bringing the hope of Christ to the inmates, to empower them to live in joy and service.**

### **KJM Vision Statement**

**A flourishing community, energized by the Jail Ministry, igniting transformation through Christ.**

## KJM Weekly Services

KJM brings in churches regularly for Sunday services. These are times of great joy and renewal. Some of our major church partners are CenterPoint Church, Galilee Baptist Church, Calvary Bible Church, Trenches Community Church, CityGate Church, and Tree of Life School.

KJM is also involved in providing the jail inmates with weekly Bible studies, both to do in groups or alone in their cells, or with KJM personnel in a classroom KJM uses inside the jail. The Bible studies are very productive, and lead to many being saved and increasing in faith. Praise Jesus! KJM also has a library of amazing Christian movies for inmates who are allowed to see DVD movies. Some of the best movies are, Facing the Giants, Divine Influencer, Case for Christ, War Room, and many many others. These are powerful tools in helping the jail inmates see a deeper, more beautiful life awaits them in both receiving Jesus, and then, importantly, not falling away later on, or when they are released from jail.

Nothing is impossible with GOD.

Watch the powerful  
new KJM documentary:



This film will give you an in-depth  
picture of KJM operations.

Get to it through this QR code:



## KJM Financials

The **KJM** fiscal year is identical to the calendar year, thus ending December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**KJM** donations 2024 fiscal year:

**\$25,285 thousand**

100 hundred percent of donations in 2024 went directly to helping jail inmates. This will fully continue in 2025.<sup>1</sup>



**KJM** is 100% donor based.

QR code to donations page:



[kalamazoojailministry.org/donate](https://kalamazoojailministry.org/donate)

At our donations page, you will see our “**KJM Amazon Business Store**,” which has a list of all supplies **KJM** needs for the jail inmates.

Make checks payable to:

**Kalamazoo Jail Ministry**  
1500 Lamont  
Kalamazoo, MI 49048



**KJM is a Michigan 501c3 nonprofit religious organization.**

<sup>1</sup> Salary for the lead chaplains commences in 2025, and is 100 percent paid by a grant KJM has obtained.

## Sunday Services



Trenches Community Church



Calvary Bible Church

## Future Plans and KJM Aftercare

**Kalamazoo Jail Ministry (KJM)** has become the sole supplier of clothing and shoes for inmates upon release from jail. A tremendous amount of clothing is needed, but by the grace of Jesus, **KJM** has been blessed to be able to meet the need.

**KJM** also heavily focuses on the basic necessities and spiritual needs of inmates when they are released from the Kalamazoo County Jail. We call this **KJM Aftercare**. A primary focus in **KJM Aftercare** is helping released inmates who would be homeless upon release.

**KJM** is seeking partnership with every church in Kalamazoo County for aftercare help with Jail inmates upon release. **KJM** is working toward partnership with Kalamazoo churches for clothing, shelter, food and other life necessities, mentorship, and life-coaching.

## Social Media and Kalamazoo Outreach

**Kalamazoo Jail Ministry (KJM)** is called to inform Kalamazoo County about what Jesus is doing inside the Kalamazoo County Jail. For that reason, **KJM** has an extensive social media ministry. This ministry is really no more than telling stories of what GOD has done in coming to the rescue of the jail inmates, and posting the Sunday church services.

The LORD continually provides revelation of Himself amid the jail ministry daily operations. We do not talk about ourselves in social media, but about all the hope that GOD brings in showing Himself to Kalamazoo County, by His works, and His miracles.

The **KJM** goal is to reach the entire county with the good news of what the LORD is doing inside the jail, and also amongst **KJM** aftercare. We have seen the LORD use these stories to bring sinners to salvation! So, a major aspect of **KJM** is social media outreach broadly in Kalamazoo County, for county-wide healing.



"You Are Good" Adam Sterenberg back w/ Kalamazoo Jail Ministry! Jammin at the Sunday Service 1/5/25



"The Jail Is the Epicenter of Revival in Kalamazoo County," Rev Jeff Porte KJM Chaplain & Board Pres



"By Myself," Galilee Baptist Church, Sunday Service 10/20/24. Kalamazoo Jail Ministry



"GOD answered my prayer." Jail inmate reaches out to Jesus. Kalamazoo Jail Ministry.

## KJM Farmhouse and Monastery

**Kalamazoo Jail Ministry (KJM)** has been given clearance by the Kalamazoo County government to obtain land and home construction through the Kalamazoo Land Bank. For this reason, **KJM** is seeking financial partnership for two homes that **KJM** is planning to build. The homes would provide a faith-based group home for specific released inmates, with preference to those released inmates who have been called into ministry, as they discovered while in jail. **KJM** would need community partners to make these aftercare plans successful, specifically in helping with maintenance and operations costs.

The first home will be a farm, outside of town, that accepted inmates can live and work at. Many inmates have not learned hard work, and a faith-based farmhouse is a wonderful place to learn to feel the positivity of hard work.

If inmates make it through the first house, they will be eligible to live at the second house that **KJM** plans to build, which will be roughly like a Protestant monastery and seminary, in a core neighborhood of Kalamazoo. This home will also be involved in prolonged daily serving of the community.

With these homes, **KJM** wants to show Kalamazoo what so many in our county have never seen before: pure love (the love of Jesus/GOD).

Both homes will involve the following, for extended times, daily:

- Bible study
- Group prayer
- Housework
- Personal study and prayer time
- Attending the daily house preaching
- Service to the poor (city house only)

The daily work for the men of the monastery house will be working in the house gardens in the morning, and in the afternoon, service to the community, much like we do in the jail ministry, but instead of person to person, in the neighborhood. The gardens of the monastery will be extensive, and will be a gift to the community, for people of the neighborhood to come and pray at, or talk and pray with the **KJM** men, and so forth.

The work of the men in the farmhouse will be farm work. The ultimate aim of the farmhouse is to create a profitable product, in order to fund **KJM** for yet more extensive operations and care for the jail inmates.



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Floyd Williams, Galilee Baptist Church

Amy Grupp, KJM Lead Chaplain

Jeff Grupp, KJM Founder and Lead  
Chaplain



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WITH  
CHRIST**  
Galatians 2:20  
**KJM**



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