

A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

There has been a void in many of our lives over the past 24 months. There are loved ones who are no longer around our tables, there are places that we miss going to, and there are many things that we haven't been able to do.

As we continue to persevere, we really miss our CPO family! For 25 years, prayer warriors, supporters, board members, volunteers and staff have gathered together to celebrate God's faithfulness. I'm happy to announce that CPO will once again host an in-person Evening of Thanksgiving, our annual celebration of ministry. We will also have a virtual option for those who cannot attend in person. Our banquets are like family reunions: we look forward to seeing your faces, hearing your voices and singing Amazing Grace together. We will once again hear testimonies from men and women who've been ministered to by CPO and we will have opportunities to give to this most important work.

I want to invite you to save the date, May 17th, on your calendar and be on the look out for your special invitation!



OUTREACH CAREER CENTER

Can you believe that CPO has been providing free vocational training for the last 17 years? God is so good! As we work our way through another round of carpentry and welding classes at our campus in Roseland and move to expand our reach through new classes and a new school site in Evanston, we are unendingly thankful for the prayers, support and contributions that come from across the country. Our students are not only gaining knowledge in the field they are studying, but are expanding their math and literacy skills, learning interview and resume building behaviors, working with trauma counselors and gaining assistance with job placement. CPO vocational students boast an 87% job placement rate upon graduating from their classes!

As we work to expand the outreach of our vocational school, we are thrilled with the progress being made at our new campus in Evanston. We look forward to hosting students there by the end of this year and helping them find long-lasting work to provide for themselves and their families.



Our students say it best: "If I didn't {go through} this program I don't know where I'd be. This program saved my life."

"My biggest takeaway is what you've been through doesn't make you who are."

Thank you for continuing to support CPO, our vocational school and these amazing students!



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to watch a special Strategic Plan Update video from Executive Director Corey Buchanan

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Celebrating 35 YEARS IN MINISTRY

February 2022 marked 35 years of prison ministry for our founder and Director of Ministries, Dan Swets. What began as volunteer time in Cook County Jail, leading Bible studies and discipling inmates, has become Chicagoland Prison Outreach as you know it today!

In a CPO newsletter from 2006, Dan wrote of how volunteers, staff and supporters come together to fulfill the call that Jesus gave when He said "... I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." (Matthew 25:35-36)

After 35 years of ministering to the least of these brothers and sisters in Christ, we praise God for the impact Dan continues to make and for the work he does to make CPO the organization it is today.



CPO is looking for great people to fill a variety of open positions: if you are looking for a way to be connected with amazing men, women and families and have a heart for service and a love for God, you may be exactly what we're searching for!

Visit WWW.CPOMINISTRIES.ORG
for full job descriptions and to
apply online.

LIFE LEARNING CHAPLAIN:

The Life Learning Chaplain works to shepherd the residents in the Life Learning Community, and to provide Bible studies and other religious services as needed in the Indiana Department of Corrections.

VOCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER:

The Vocational Development Manager is responsible for supporting the mission of CPO through building relationships with and increasing the engagement of stakeholders including, but not limited to, potential participants in the vocational school, community partners, employers, and other like-minded organizations.

PROGRAM ARCHITECT:

The Program Architect will be responsible for program development, program enhancement and program management, as well as manage all CPO digital and physical communication.

