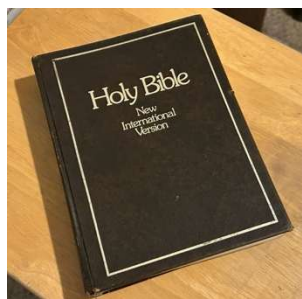




In 2023 three inmates at Missouri's Farmington Correctional Center met around a picnic table in the yard to initiate a transitional life skills ministry for men leaving prison.



Behind the razor wire, with all the restrictions of incarceration, establishing a ministry of any kind would seem to be impossible. But these three men persisted—and with prayer and perseverance God rewarded their efforts.



The principles are Biblical:

Romans 8:1—“There is therefore no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit.”

John 3:6—“That which is born of flesh is flesh, that which is born of Spirit is spirit.”

1 Peter 1:3—“God...according to his grace and mercy, caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

1 John 5:4—“For whoever is born of God overcomes the world.”

Reflecting these principles, the men chose “Born Again Ministry” as the name.



Following our theme, a logo was designed to express the tenets of our ministry, with the cross of Christ bursting through the razor wire barrier that imprisons men in the penal system.

Razor wire is not the only barrier to freedom for men who are incarcerated. There are men who have done everything right in preparing themselves for life after release yet are faced with significant obstacles to reentry into society.

Finding suitable housing, getting a job, and learning to live with the freedom that release from prison brings can be overwhelming. Banking, communications, and transportation have changed radically.

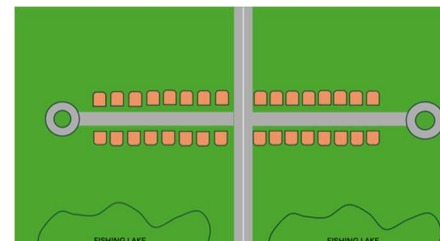
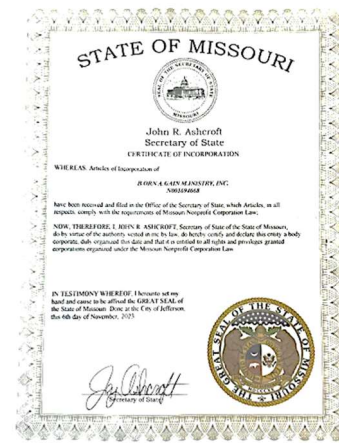
Add to this all the restrictions and regulations that often face a released offender, and the transition to daily life can be frustrating.

But a name and a logo and a vision do not automatically result in action. Establishing a functioning ministry would take a framework upon which to build activity.

So, against all odds, while still incarcerated, the three men were able to form a Missouri non-profit corporation on November 6, 2023.

Everyone told us it couldn't be done, but with the Spirit's help we were successful.

Our next challenge was to attain our Federal 501 (c) 3 nonprofit status. We were prepared to wait the typical six months for approval. Imagine our surprise when our application for Federal nonprofit status was approved in 10 days, on February 20, 2024! It had to be Spirit directed.



With the input of other inmates who believed the vision of Born Again Ministry, a graphic design emerged. It was a self-contained village that would house and serve up to 30 men. Each would have his own small single-occupant home located on a 100-acre rural tract.

The Born Again Ministry village will provide residents with the opportunity to restore personal dignity by providing, during a one year term, experiences in

- spiritual development
- education
- vocational training
- animal husbandry
- and recreation

Experiences at BAM will be life-altering and offer residents the chance not only to better their personal lives but to continue their reentry into the community at large.



The men served by BAM will be inmates who have sought to prepare themselves for release by taking advantage of self-improvement programs available in prison.

They will be active attendees at chapel services with a personal recommendation from the institutional chaplain.

They will be expected to complete and sign an extensive agreement governing personal responsibility.

In exchange, they will have complete freedom of movement on the BAM campus.



Education and vocational classes of various types will be provided. Spiritual guidance and counseling will be available.

They will have the opportunity to raise and care for animals, grow and harvest crops, and market their skills and products.



And, as much as possible, residents will have access into the local community to interact with society in positive ways.

Every experience will be tailored to address the needs of each individual in preparing for independent living after BAM, to enter society as a functioning, contributing member.

Details of our program can be found on our Web site at www.baministry.org.

You can support the ministry with your gifts by going to www.baministry.org and choosing a one-time gift or a sustaining monthly gift. All major credit and debit cards accepted. Or you may give a gift by check made out to Born Again Ministry, mailed to the address below.

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WHAT IS B.ORN A.GAIN M.INISTRY?

Born Again Ministry (B.A.M.) is a faith-based transitional life skills ministry for men. We live and work by the principal stated in Romans 8:1 which reads, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." (KJV)

B.A.M.'s mission is to help the men coming out of prison successfully transition from incarceration to real freedom.