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LOW-COUNTRY PRISON MINISTRIES

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25



LATEST INFORMATION AND UPDATES
ABOUT LOW-COUNTRY PRISON MINISTRIES



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A WORD FROM THE FOUNDER

I'm living proof that redemption is possible.

Years ago, I walked out of prison not just a free man—but a transformed one. Through the power of God and the support of a few people who believed in me, I rebuilt my life from the ground up. I became a top earner in the union trades, led major construction projects, and most importantly, I found my purpose in Christ.

That's why I founded Lowcountry Prison Ministries. This ministry exists to help others make that same transformation. We walk with men during and after incarceration—offering hope, spiritual guidance, and the resources they need to stand strong in faith and in life. We bring the Gospel behind bars, help with reentry, and now, we're reaching youth and families to break the cycles before they start.

Whether through Bible study, job coaching, art therapy, or simply being present—we remind people that they are not forgotten. That God still has a plan for them. And that with the right support, they can build something new.

Thank you for standing with us. You make this work possible.

In service and faith,

MINISTER DEREK FRANCIOS
FOUNDER



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

At Lowcountry Prison Ministries, community engagement is at the heart of everything we do. We believe true transformation happens when faith, service, and partnership meet.

Throughout the year, we have:

- Hosted Bible-based workshops inside Coastal State Prison and Palmer Pre-Release, providing mentorship and spiritual support to over 200 incarcerated men.
- Launched youth outreach initiatives in partnership with schools and detention centers to guide young people toward positive life choices.
- Collaborated with local leaders and churches to support returning citizens with housing referrals, job coaching, and reintegration support.
- Joined forces with Offender Alumni Association (OAA) to help reform former gang members and mentor youth through real-life testimony and accountability.
- Expanded our community presence through local events, food drives, and our new partnership with Hot 2100 Savannah to bring faith-based content and resources to the broader community.

This engagement isn't just outreach—it's relationship building. Together, we are rebuilding trust, restoring families, and reshaping futures through the power of faith, service, and consistent presence.

The Challenge

In Georgia and South Carolina, reentry support is scarce. Many returning citizens reenter society at high risk of homelessness, unemployment, and reoffending.

Our Solution

Weekly Bible-based ministry inside facilities like Coastal State Prison and Palmer Pre-Release Center, combined with post-release housing support, job coaching, ID recovery, and reentry guidance

Unique Strengths

LCPM was founded by Derek Francois, whose own redemption story now powers a ministry built to break the cycle of incarceration. Our partnership with the Offender Alumni Association adds peer mentors who understand incarceration from the inside.

Get Involved

Join us as a donor, mentor, volunteer, or corporate partner. Support helps sustain growth and transform lives. Stay engaged through Zeffy: our platform gives 100% of your donation to the mission



"EVERY DOLLAR IS CAREFULLY STEWARDED TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE MEN AND FAMILIES WE SERVE. OUR FOCUS IS ON IMPACT, NOT OVERHEAD." - LCPM FINANCE COMMITTEE



200+

200+ incarcerated men served through weekly Bible-based classes and mentorship at Coastal State Prison and Palmer Pre-Release.

1,330+

1,330+ hours of in-person ministry and reentry coaching delivered each month inside correctional facilities.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Lowcountry Prison Ministries continues to grow in both financial support and program impact. Our projected three-year budget reflects a commitment to transparency, sustainability, and mission-focused spending.

Key 2025 Budget Insights Projections with donations:

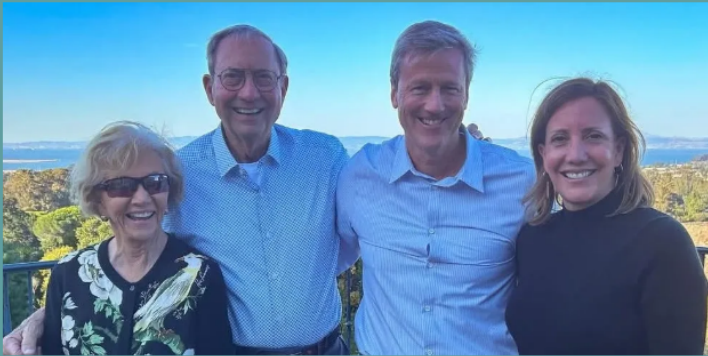
- Projected Contributions: \$75,000
- Total Operating Budget: \$72,288
- Ministry Surplus: \$2,712
- Salaries & Taxes: 61% of total budget
- Travel & Prison Outreach Costs: 9%
- Prisoner Education Materials: 8%
- Direct Assistance to Participants: \$2,000
- Volunteer Growth: New positions added to expand services

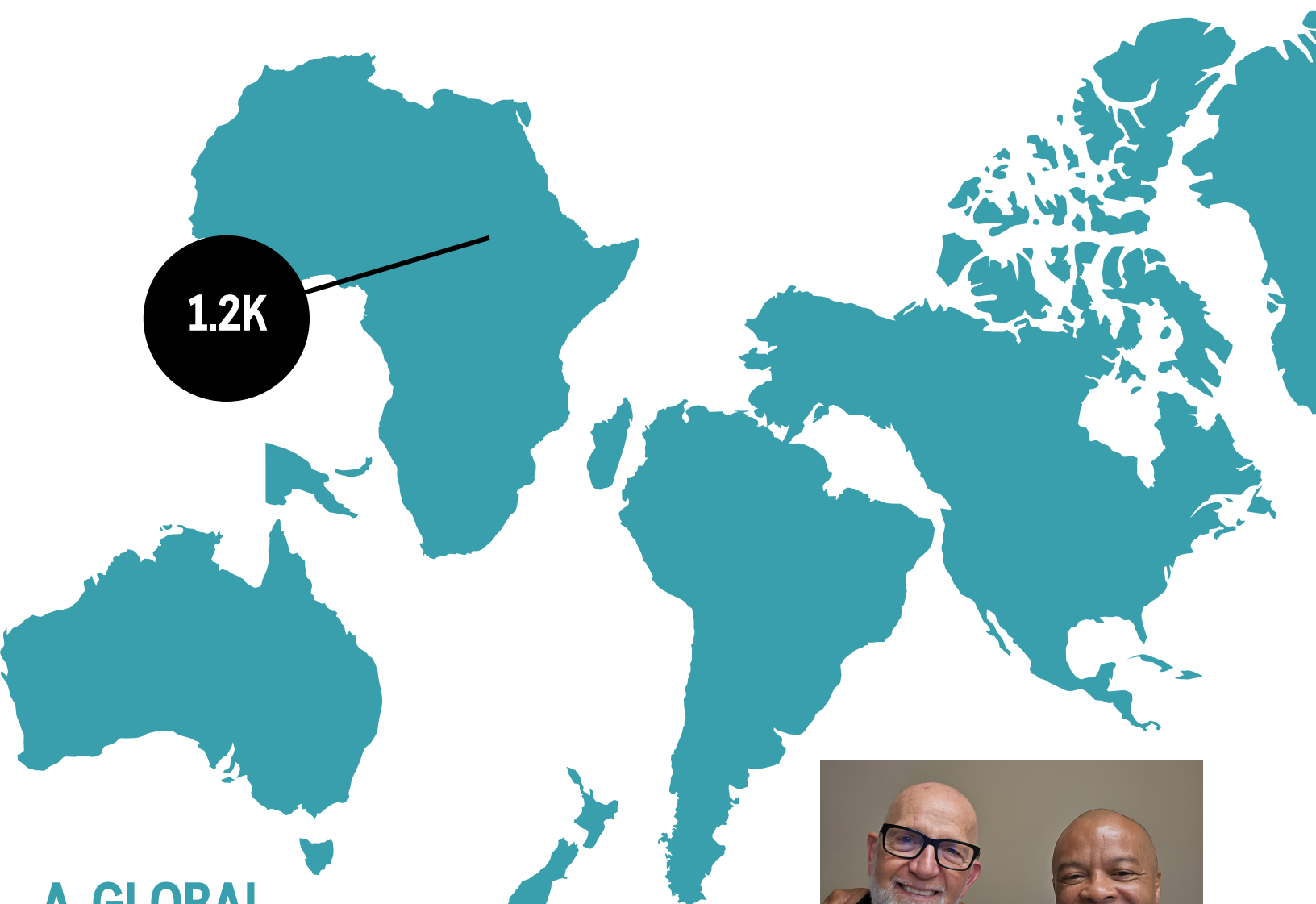
2025–2027 Budget Snapshot

Category	2025 E	2026 E	2027 E
Total Contributions	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$110,000
Total Expenses	\$72,288	\$94,984	\$105,138
Ministry Surplus	\$2,712	\$5,016	\$4,862
Travel & Outreach	9%	8%	8%
Salaries & Taxes	61%	61%	58%
Education Materials	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$9,375
Fundraising Costs	\$1,500	\$1,800	\$2,160

GREAT PEOPLE DO GREAT THINGS

Our community is made up of people from all walks of life, united by a shared faith and a desire to make the world a better place. We believe that everyone has something to offer, and that by working together, we can achieve great things.





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A GLOBAL REVIEW

Faith Behind Bars: The LCPM Podcast

Broadcasting Live on HOT 2100 Savannah, internet radio

📅 1st & 3rd Sundays | 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM EST

Lowcountry Prison Ministries has partnered with HOT 2100 Savannah to amplify our message of redemption, reentry, and restoration through our biweekly radio broadcast and podcast.

Hosted by Minister Derek Francois, the show highlights real stories of transformation from behind the walls and into society. We feature formerly incarcerated men and women, family members, ministry leaders, and special guests who are part of the solution in the reentry ecosystem.



LowCountry Prison Ministries Three Year Budget

	2025 E	2026 E	2027 E	2025 E	2026 E	2027 E	Notes
Contributions	75,000	100,000	110,000	100%	100%	100%	
YoY Growth		33%	10%				
EXPENSES							
Auto: Gas & Fuel	4,800	5,760	6,912	6%	6%	6%	
Auto: Parking	300	345	397	0%	0%	0%	
Air Travel	1,000	1,050	1,103	1%	1%	1%	Have donor who donates private plane time.
Travel:Hotel	250	275	303	0%	0%	0%	
Travel:Rental Car, Uber, Taxi	100	110	121	0%	0%	0%	
Total Travel	6,450	7,540	8,835	9%	8%	8%	
Prisoner Education Materials	6,000	7,500	9,375	8%	8%	9%	
Program Supplies	1,000	1,200	1,440	1%	1%	1%	
Equipment	500	575	661	1%	1%	1%	
Fundraising Event Costs	1,500	1,800	2,160	2%	2%	2%	
Bank Fees and Other Financial	204	214	225	0%	0%	0%	Bank fee waived if continual balance over \$5k.
Financial:Credit Card Fees	1,575	1,550	1,525	2%	2%	1%	Assumes 70% of donations come in via credit card at a 3% transaction fee.
Direct Assistance	-	2,000	5,000	0%	2%	5%	Cash and aid given to beneficiaries (e.g., scholarships, food vouchers, rent vouch
Food & Dining	3,600	3,960	4,356	5%	4%	4%	
Gifts & Donations	50	53	55	0%	0%	0%	
Legal	100	120	140	0%	0%	0%	
Marketing / Website	500	525	551	1%	1%	1%	
Miscellaneous	250	263	276	0%	0%	0%	
Office Expenses	500	525	551	1%	1%	1%	
Email Hosting	10	11	11	0%	0%	0%	
Mobile Phone	900	927	955	1%	1%	1%	
Office Expenses:Postage & Mail	120	126	132	0%	0%	0%	
Office Expenses:Software	789	828	870	1%	1%	1%	\$189 website charge per year + \$20 per month for Quickbooks = \$30 per month n
Salaries Paid	41,250	56,650	58,916	55%	57%	54%	Assumes \$55k salary starts April 1.
Taxes:Payroll	3,135	4,305	4,478	4%	4%	4%	
Taxes:Preparation	250	258	265	0%	0%	0%	
Taxes: State Unemployment	5	5	5	0%	0%	0%	
TOTAL Salaries & Taxes	44,640	61,218	63,664	60%	61%	58%	
TOTAL EXPENSES	72,288	94,894	105,138	96%	95%	96%	
Ministry Surplus	2,712	5,106	4,862	3.6%	5.1%	4.4%	
YoY Growth		88%	-5%				

WHAT WE COVER:

- Testimonies of faith and freedom from returning citizens
- Updates from our prison outreach teams
- Conversations with reentry specialists, pastors, and community partners
- Live call-ins, prayer, and praise reports
- Youth and gang prevention messages for at-risk communities

“This is more than a podcast. It’s a lifeline of hope for anyone who believes change is possible.” – Minister Derek

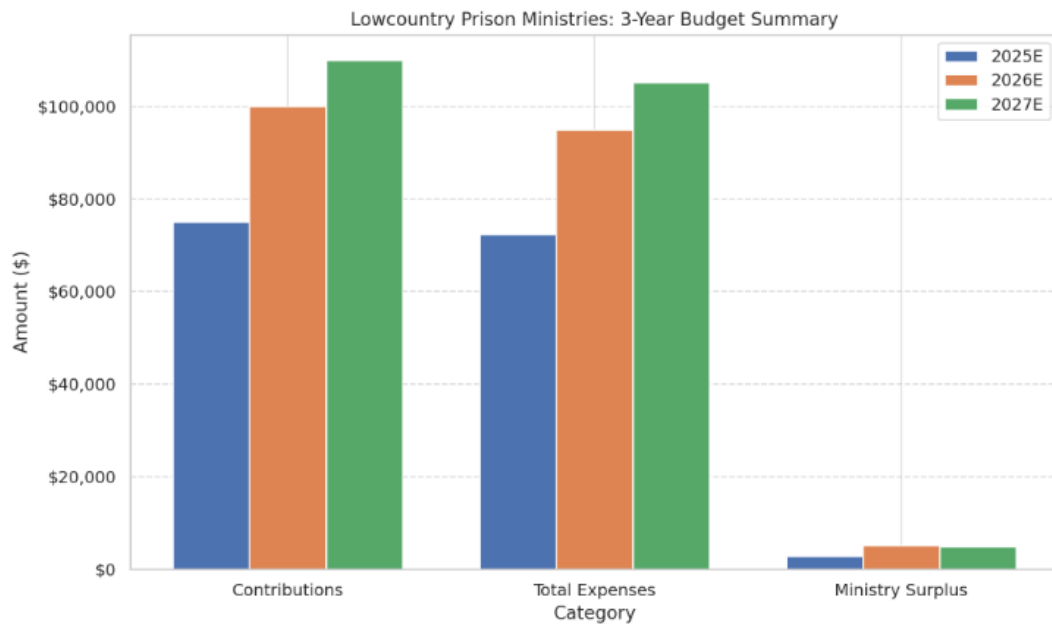
Why It Matters:

- Expands our reach beyond prison walls—into homes, churches, and communities
- Bridges the gap between incarceration and reintegration
- Builds awareness of LCPM’s mission across the southeast and beyond
- Inspires youth to choose faith and family over crime and confusion



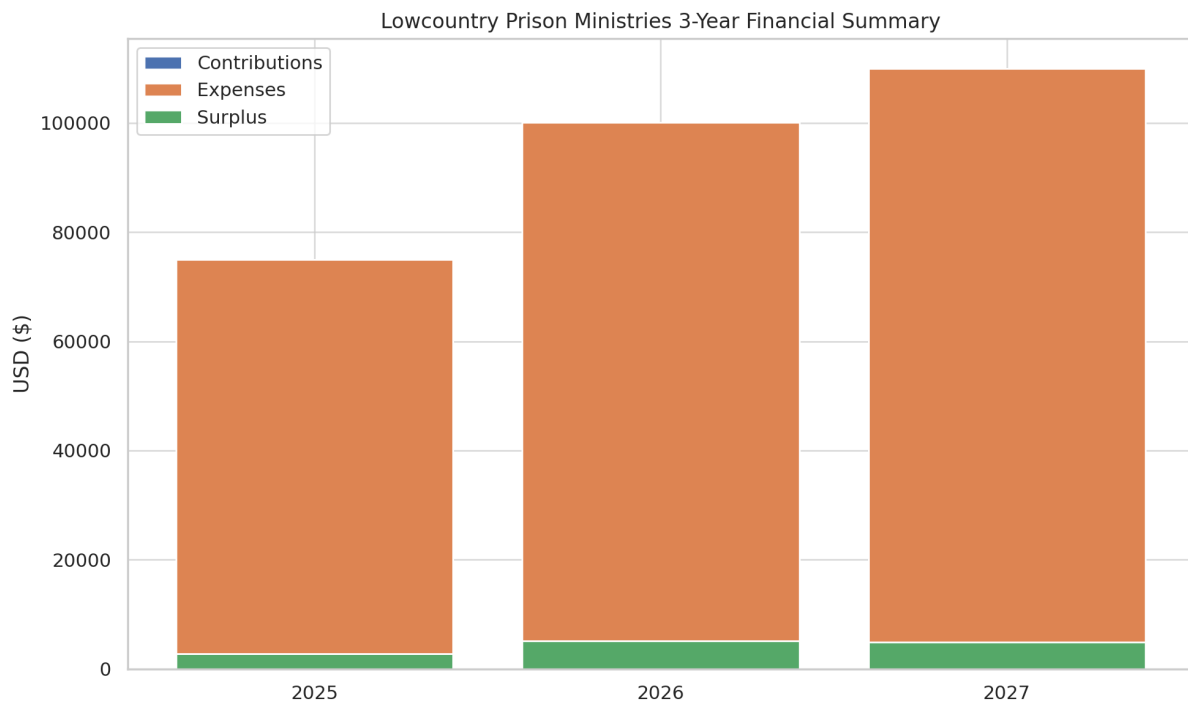
Missed an episode?

All episodes are archived and available online soon via Spotify and YouTube.



Financial Highlights

The figures presented in our Three-Year Budget Overview (2025–2027) reflect projected estimates based on current trends, ministry goals, and anticipated donor support. These projections are not final audited numbers, but rather strategic forecasts to help us plan for growth, accountability, and sustainability.



Important Disclaimer:

These figures are budgetary projections and not actual year-end totals. Final audited financials will be made available upon completion of each fiscal year.



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After being released, what is your biggest need? (Please Circle all that apply)

Housing LD441

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Name (Optional) GARY HERTIN



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Name (Optional) Joshua Rivera



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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Lowcountry Prison Ministries extends our deepest gratitude to the community partners who walk alongside us in this powerful work of redemption, reentry, and restoration.

Because of your ongoing support, we've reached over 200 incarcerated individuals with the hope of the gospel—and we're just getting started.

Your commitment has helped us:

- Launch weekly ministry sessions at Palmer Pre-Release and Coastal State Prison
- Collaborate with reentry leaders to guide returning citizens through job readiness, spiritual counseling, and family reunification
- Mentor at-risk youth through our Verbal & Visual Intervention Program in partnership with the Offender Alumni Association
- Expand our message to thousands via our Hot 2100 Savannah Podcast, aired 1st and 3rd Sundays, 8-10AM
- Support men post-release who are now mentoring others

With You, We Are Stronger

Your generosity—whether through funding, facility access, time, transportation, or shared vision—has helped bridge the gap between incarceration and transformation.

We especially thank:

- Offender Alumni Association (OAA)
- Hot 2100 Savannah
- Palmer Pre-Release Center
- Coastal State Prison Staff & Chaplains
- Local Churches, Schools, and Reentry Specialists
- Our faithful volunteers and prayer warriors

We honor the role you play in this mission and look forward to all that we will continue to build—together.

“Two are better than one...for if either falls, the other will lift them up.” – Ecclesiastes 4:9-10