

**Children with a parent in prison grow up wondering if their mom or dad still loves them. Through Angel Tree and ICCMC you can be the one to show them they do!!**



## **How Does Angel Tree Work?**

### **PRISON FELLOWSHIP**

Angel Tree is a program of Prison Fellowship that connects parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts. In most cases, local church volunteers purchase and deliver gifts and the Gospel to children in the name of their prisoner-parent.

Many churches make an annual commitment to this highly rewarding program, and recognize it as a way to care for some of the most overlooked members of our communities.

#### **The Process**

Angel Tree Christmas begins when a church member registers their church for the program with the support of their pastor or other church leader(s). Once a church is registered, the process works like this:

- **Receive Angel Tree Names:** Sometime in the fall, Angel Tree coordinators will receive the name, caregiver, and contact information of children who were signed-up by their mom or dad in prison.
- **Display Angel Tree Name Tags:** Angel Tree tags are completed with the name of these children, along with gift suggestions, and are displayed in your church.
- **Angel Tree Announcement:** Church members need to be notified of the program —bulletin, pulpit announcement, bulletin board, etc.—and invited to select names from the Angel Tree display.
- **Gift purchase and delivery:** Church members purchase, wrap, and deliver a gift for each child on behalf of his or her incarcerated parent—and in the process, share the Gospel.

#### **The Costs**

The cost of Angel Tree Christmas is minimal — \$15-\$25 per child. Included with the children's information, we will provide a suggested gift type based on what the prisoner picked out using our gift guide. You will confirm with the child's caregiver that this would be a good gift for the child. This is simply a minimum requirement and churches/volunteers may purchase gift(s) as they are led and see fit.

#### **Getting Started!**

Ready for the life-changing adventure of Angel Tree Christmas? Please call us at **1-800-55-ANGEL** if you have questions. Angel Tree materials will be shipped in September and will include our Quickstart Kit, video, and everything else you need to get started. Call ICCMC Coordinator, Evangelist Sheran Thomas (253) 344-9781.