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Dear Partners in the Gospel:

After 24 years of faithful ministry, Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries has re-missioned to become a more holistic prison ministry. Along with their new mission is a new name, Cross and Key Prison Ministries.

Cross and Key Prison Ministries has added advocacy for prison reform and education on Criminal Justice issues to their ministry offerings. Of course, Cross and Key Prison Ministries will continue to offer Disciple Bible study in prisons, but now they will also resource other prison ministries in our state.

One size does not fit all when it comes to prison ministry. Some congregations may be called to engage in advocacy. Others may be called to participate in hands-on ministry in a correctional setting. Still others may want to learn more about the many issues surrounding Criminal Justice ministry. Cross and Key wants to help! Cross and Key Prison Ministries has developed a comprehensive toolkit for prison ministry that will be available this fall on their website. They will then follow the toolkit with a new study on Criminal Justice ministry. The toolkit and study are designed to help churches begin a prison ministry journey.

I encourage you to pray for this new ministry. I also encourage you to receive a Conference Wide Special Offering for Cross and Key Prison Ministries on August 28 (or another Sunday that is more suitable).

For more information about Cross and Key Prison Ministries, please visit:
www.crossandkeyprisonministries.com.

Donations may be mailed to:
Cross and Key Prison Ministries
PO Box 358
Oak Island, NC 28465

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity!

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