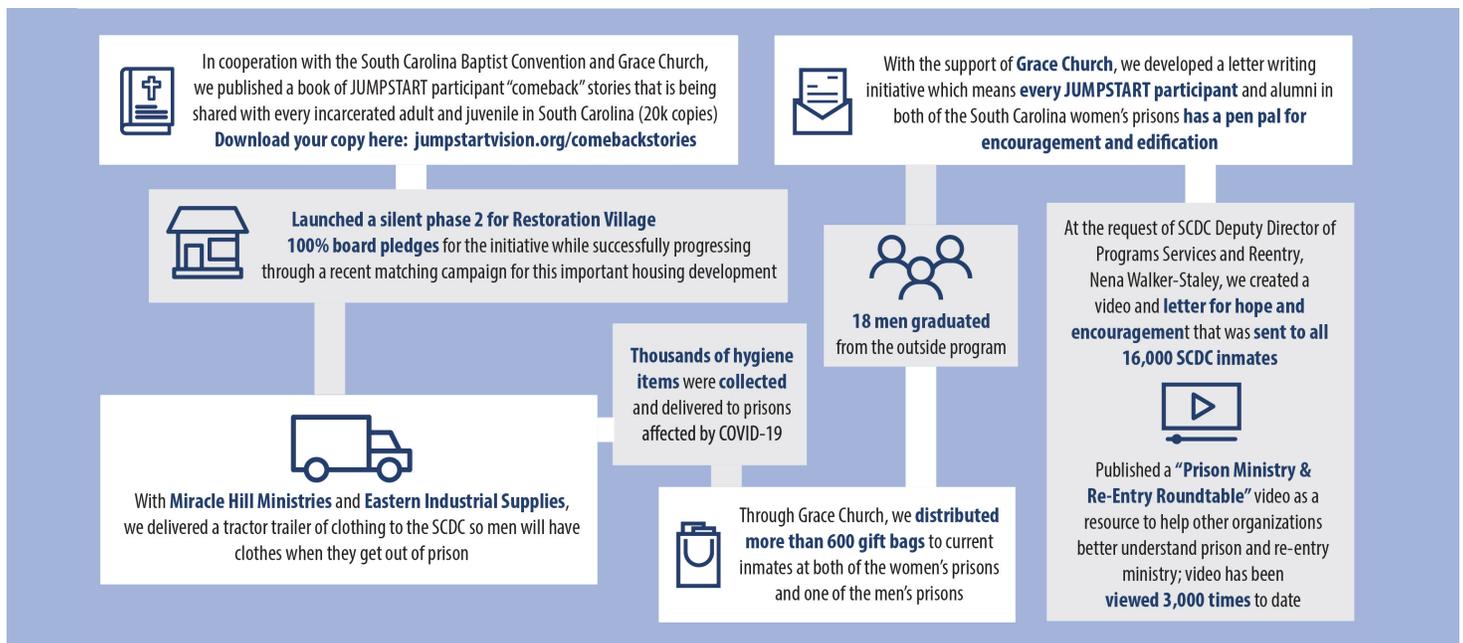


To our faithful supporters,

Without question, 2020 has been a year full of uncertainties that no one could have predicted. Although the challenges for us all have been monumental at times, God has remained faithful and blessed our ministry in unimaginable ways. **We are grateful for your willingness to step in during an unprecedented time to support our ongoing ministry efforts financially, prayerfully and voluntarily. You responded when we needed you the most, and for that, we say thank you!**

As this year winds down, we wanted to take this opportunity to provide a few highlights of where your contributions are making a difference in the lives of those in our inside and outside programs. **Here's what you helped us accomplish:**



How can you help us keep the momentum going? Volunteers, prayer partners and financial gifts are always needed to sustain our ministry operationally. During these difficult times, our expenses continue to rise because the needs of our ministry are increasing. Your financial donations will help offset these expenses as we address new opportunities from our growth.

Would you prayerfully consider how you can give financially to JUMPSTART? We offer several ways to make your financial gift through online giving, credit card, or by check. **Secure, online financial donations can be made at jumpstartvision.org/financialsupportoptions.**

We are grateful for you and give God the glory for how He uses each of you in our ministry. **May you experience his wonderful presence in this beautiful Christmas season! Thank you for your continued prayerful and financial support!**

Peace,

Tommy Moore, Executive Director

PS: Our gift to you in this **Season of Giving** is a free PDF download of our "Comeback Stories" book available through this link: jumpstartvision.org/comebackstories



WHEN DARKNESS TURNS TO LIGHT

"When you see there's so much hatred and bitterness in prison, it's a dark place. JUMPSTART was the only light I saw, because all I knew was pain, grief and sorrow my whole life."

Gus and Andrea Soliz came from very different backgrounds and each have their own stories that have led them to a new life in Christ and a life together as husband and wife. Although they had unhealthy relationships in the past and served time in prison, neither of them imagined their lives would be where they are today.

Having grown up around drugs and gangs, Gus knew no other lifestyle and happiness alluded him. No one had ever shown him how to have healthy relationships, manage money, work with others, how to submit to authority or even how to treat women properly. All of these deficiencies led him down the wrong road and eventually to a 15-year prison sentence.

HOPE WITH OPEN ARMS

“ I was tired of living the same life, and JUMPSTART gave me the ability to finally open my eyes, not only to myself, but to my surroundings. ”

Being in prison wasn't any easier until he discovered JUMPSTART and his life was turned around. "For me, it was a life change, it was something I had to do. I was tired of living the same life, and JUMPSTART gave me the ability to finally open my eyes, not only to myself, but to my surroundings." Through JUMPSTART, Gus developed connections with volunteers who came to the prison each week to show the participants the love and hope available through Jesus Christ. "I can't, to this day, explain the love and generosity that they came to show us. They always came with open arms and smiles. It was just something, I guess, we were longing for." JUMPSTART taught Gus critical life lessons and demonstrated how to bring the love and light of Jesus into the darkest of places.

A CRUMBLING WORLD

Andrea, on the other hand, had never been in trouble or been involved with criminal activity growing up. She did come from

a broken home and when her mother became ill, she was sent to live with her father in California, but never felt at home there.

Wanting to feel loved and cared for, Andrea turned to a much older man when she was a teenager, but he only made promises he didn't keep. The two were married and had children. Years of mental and physical abuse ensued which eventually led to an attack that created serious physical harm to Andrea. It was at this time that her world crumbled even further when the police discovered drugs in her home that led to a trafficking charge and 5 years in prison. Postpartum depression set in and she was separated from her 3 children with no real communication with any family.

“ You just felt like they were, in a way, like angels because you could see a difference. ”

Andrea was a broken vessel feeling empty and hopeless. At this lowest point in her life, a JUMPSTART participant reached out to her and Andrea began the inside program. Through JUMPSTART, she finally saw something new that gave her hope. "When you see there's so much hatred and bitterness in prison, it's a dark place. JUMPSTART was the only light I saw, because all I knew was pain, grief and sorrow my whole life."

TRUE LOVE and a BRIGHT FUTURE

Both the volunteers and other JUMPSTART participants showed Andrea what love really feels like and introduced her to the true love of Christ. She learned what healthy relationships look like and all the practical life skills JUMPSTART teaches.

Today, Gus and Andrea are leading a life they never would have thought possible considering their backgrounds and where they had been before. With a foundation built on Christ, living a life to honor him, and using the tools that JUMPSTART has taught them, they are building a beautiful future for themselves.



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Stories like those of Gus and Andrea remind us every day of our mission here at JUMPSTART where, in cooperation with you, churches and the community, we work together to disciple current and former prisoners and assist them with re-entry to society.

In this season of giving, would you prayerfully consider a financial donation to our ministry? You may give securely online at jumpstartvision.org/financialsupportoptions.

Thank you for being a blessing to us and may this Christmas season be one filled with the joy of Christ!

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