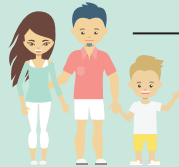


# ANY WAY YOU SLICE IT, TENNESSEE IS A MISSION FIELD!

Tennessee IS a mission field! The Golden Offering for Tennessee is our way to work together to #WinTN. Every dollar you give through the Golden Offering helps to plant churches, show compassion, minister to the hurting and evangelize our state.



**7.06 million** people living in Tennessee

**Human trafficking** is the **2nd** highest rising crime



At least **3 people die every day** from opioid related overdose



More than **7,000 children** in foster care system

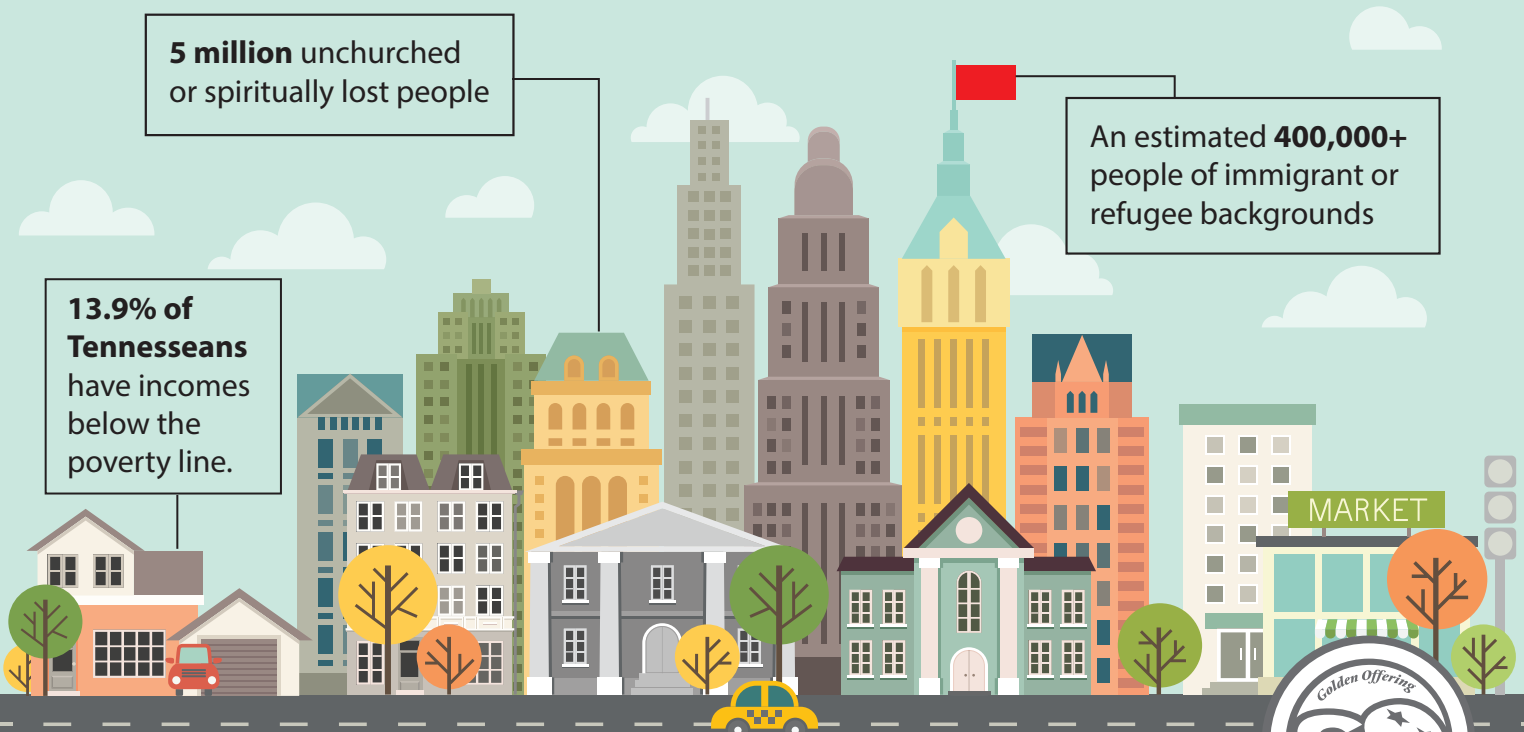


**58,000 people** are behind bars

**5 million** unchurched or spiritually lost people

An estimated **400,000+** people of immigrant or refugee backgrounds

**13.9%** of Tennesseans have incomes below the poverty line.



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# ADDICTION CRISIS IN TENNESSEE

*"For my people have committed a double evil: They have abandoned me, the fountain of living water, and dug cisterns for themselves — cracked cisterns that cannot hold water." Jeremiah 2:13*

Tennessee is experiencing a devastating epidemic with the rise of addictions, overdoses, and drug related deaths.



**5,029,476** Opioid painkiller prescriptions in 2020



An average of **6500** alcohol related traffic accidents occurs every year

Tennessee is in the **top 10 states** in drug overdose deaths



**3,032** drug overdose deaths in 2020

**At least 3 people** die every day from opioid related overdose

Approximately **70,000** Tennesseans are addicted to opioids



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# HUNGER AND FOOD INSECURITY IN TENNESSEE

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..." Matt 25:35*

Tennessee is one of the hungriest states in the country. Many people in our communities do not have enough to eat or lack the financial resources to buy adequate food for their households.



**For children relying on school meals, summer can be the hungriest time of year**



**13.9% (922,176)** of people have incomes below the poverty line



**15.6%** of households face food insecurity

**10.4% of seniors (60+)** face food insecurity

**1 in 8** people in Tennessee face hunger



**1 in 6** children face hunger



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# INCARCERATION IN TENNESSEE

*The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. Psalm 33:5*  
Restorative Justice Ministries desire to help churches and associations minister to the needs of offenders, victims, family members and friends, and correctional professionals in a way that leads to redemption and restoration through the grace of the Gospel.

**58,000** people from Tennessee are behind bars



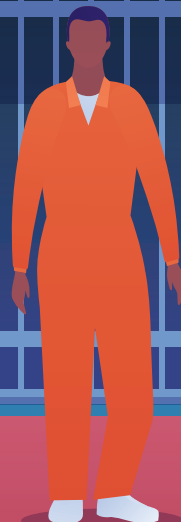
Tennessee has an incarceration rate of **838 per 100,000 people** which includes prisons, jails, immigration detention, and juvenile justice facilities.

**14** State Prisons in Tennessee,  
**26** juvenile detention centers,  
**112** jails in **95** counties

Each year at least **117,000** different people are booked in local jails in Tennessee



**97,022** Women are released from TN jails and prisons each year



About **½** of the state prisoners Tennessee releases each year return to prison within three years.



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# SCHOOLS IN TENNESSEE

Partnering with local schools helps your church impact the lives of children and families in your community. What an incredible way for you to meet needs in your community and build meaningful relationships that could lead to opportunities to share the Gospel and connect families to Christ and His church.



**Only 36.5% of students** met expectations in English and Language Arts Achievements last year.



**1 in 6 children** in Tennessee are hungry.

According to the National Assessment of Adult Literacy, **2/3 of students** who cannot read proficiently by the end of the fourth grade will end up in jail or on welfare.



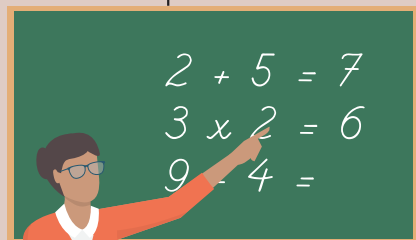
Teachers spend an average of **\$750 out of pocket** for essential supplies.

**Only 30 % of students** met expectations in Math achievement scores last year.

**85% of all juveniles** who interface with the juvenile court system are functionally low literate.



**30% of children** in Tennessee public schools are considered "economically disadvantaged."



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