



LIVING STONES INTERNATIONAL
"A Children & Family Outreach Ministry"

A ministry for Children and Families:
building, improving, and strengthening
healthy relationships among family members.



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History of Living Stones



In 2007, Living Stones International became an outreach ministry and 501(c)(3) non-profit organization following the biblical standard of 1 Peter 2:4-9.

Gary and Josephine Montgomery, founders of Living Stones, worked diligently in their own

business for 30 years improving and strengthening individuals. The company became known as the "second chance company."

Gary and Josephine were involved in ministry for 20 years, while also managing their business for thirty years. God called them to start this ministry, Living Stones.

As Pastor and Elder, their desire is to assist those individuals living on the fringe of society and disenfranchised to become more productive. Thus the ministry was birthed to be a beacon for families, fathers, mothers, and children.

Gary and Josephine have been married forty-one years; have four beautiful children, & seven adorable grandchildren.

MENTOR A CHILD TODAY!

Solutions

Living Stones is a collaborative partner with The Service Network: Children of Inmates.

Children Connecting With Parents

The Network offers the following in North Florida:

- quarterly bonding visits
- mentor and tutor children
- case management services
- parenting and marriage classes
- referral services i.e. housing, substance abuse, and mental health services



Fathers Present & Active

The positive effects of fathers who are present and more active in their child's life are:

- reduces infant cognitive delay
- support translates into a better school readiness for children
- less behavioral problems

Incarceration's Answer

Of the 750 incarcerated men who graduated from the InsideOut Dad class, many found it to be life changing. Had they received the information before prison, it may have kept them from being incarcerated. Many of these men have not grown up with their fathers.

Teen Parents' Know-How

Much of the work with teen parents is providing mentors and role models for demonstrating to them what it takes to be a good parent. The other goal is emphasizing the need to remain in school and receive a high-school diploma.

The Issues



Children Living Without Parents

There is an estimated 809,800 inmates of the almost 1.6 million held in US prisons at midyear 2007 who were parents of minor children, or children under 18 years of age. Parents in this category comprise 52% of men and women in state prisons and 63% in federal prisons.

Father Absences

Research reveals that fathers are important in their children's lives. In America, per the National Fatherhood Initiative, "24.7 million (33 percent) lived in biological father-absent homes in 2010 .

Incarceration

Projections are one in three inmates will return to prison within three years of their release date, either recommitting a crime or violating probation terms. In state of Florida, that rate is 26%, if in a faith-based and character building facility 18%, and those in our program 7%.

Teen Pregnancies

Birth rates for mothers ages 15 - 19 has been lowering in Leon County, but rates are on the rise in the counties of Gadsden at a rate of 46 per 1,000; Jefferson 34; and Wakulla 20. The result is higher rates of violence and abuse due to father absences.