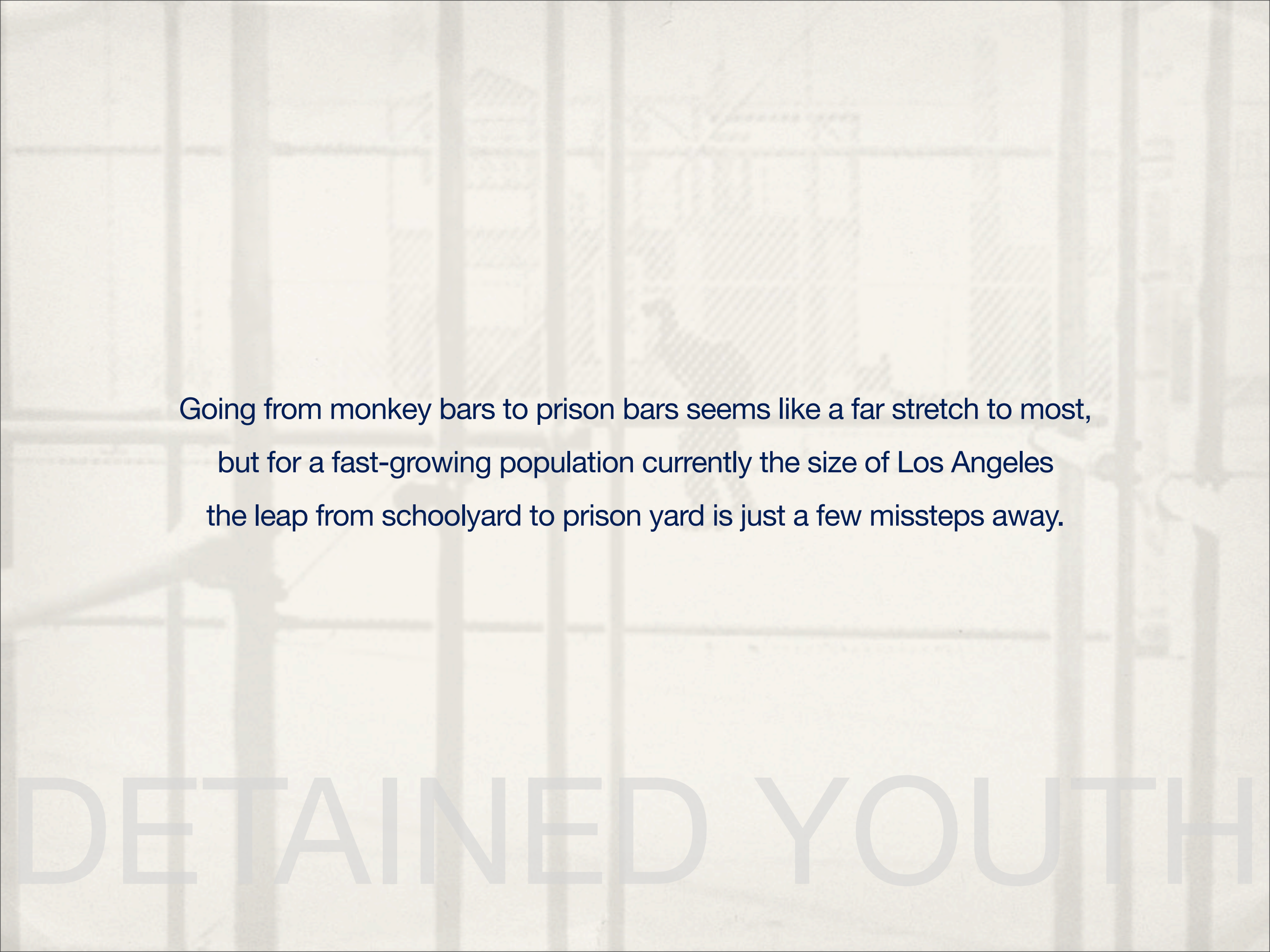


YOU ARE LOVED!

The background of the slide features a grayscale image of a person's hands and arms reaching out and touching the vertical bars of a prison cell. Overlaid on this image is a faint, light-colored map of the state of California, showing its geographical outline and some internal grid lines.

Going from monkey bars to prison bars seems like a far stretch to most,
but for a fast-growing population currently the size of Los Angeles
the leap from schoolyard to prison yard is just a few missteps away.

DETAINED YOUTH

Do you remember facing your biggest challenge in youth?
Who was available to help guide and lead you through the storm?
Most of us would easily say a parent or loved one, but...

NoBodY's cHiLD?

...what would you do and where
would you turn if you were
nobody's child?



AT RISK YOUTH

Dear Pastor and church leadership -

In recent years, much media attention has been placed on the Lost Boys of Sudan, young boys who were displaced or orphaned and faced a horrific plight and tragic circumstances in the presence of war and harsh adversity. These young boys banded together and wandered aimlessly in the desert looking for a place of rest, peace, and hope. Help finally arrived from individuals like you and me, and many of these young boys today are not only surviving - but thriving in a new environment where hope and love flourishes.

There is another war waging daily - but this battlefield is in our own backyard. It is a place of broken boys - the youth of this generation. **Reaching and repairing broken boys is a much easier task than repairing broken men.**

According to national statistics, the number one group prone to commit crimes are youth (boys and girls) coming out of the foster care system (25%). These youth emancipate or “age out” and are discharged whether or not they are prepared to transition to adulthood. As “adults”, they are now thrust into a world where they are forced to make daily life decisions, and this poses huge challenges since being raised in the system most decisions were made, and every move dictated, by others.

Ill-equipped, isolated, and with no parental guidance or support, most tend to commit crimes in order to go back to what they know - an organized system that’s “safe” - even if it’s a criminal or juvenile justice one.

This is unacceptable to us. This should be unacceptable to you - the body of believers. Why, because **we were all once prisoners in our own regard and Christ came to set us free - and in that very freeing moment we experienced and witnessed what love can do.**

~ We were all once prisoners in our own regard and Christ came to set us free ~

Who we are...

“I have seen what love can do.”

Jeff Moody, Executive Director, Upward Bound Outreach

At **Upward Bound Outreach** we truly believe that **“You are loved!”** Our mission is to share this foundational message of hope and love in Juvenile Justice Facilities to **create a stronger bridge for the community, community organizations and churches to reach out, mentor, and encourage at-risk youth.**

Upward Bound Outreach is not only going into Juvenile Justice Centers to speak to at-risk youth, but **mobilizing the Church to implement mentoring programs, partner in prayer, offer financial support in order to carry-out the UBO mission, and to love the least and lost in our own backyard and communities .**

What started out in 1983 as a music ministry has been completely transformed into an outreach ministry. After years of leading worship and sharing concerts with tens of thousands across the country, Jeff Moody answered the call to be an advocate for those with no voice in society. Kids in Juvenile Justice Centers around the U.S. have been written off by society, but God has not written them off.

These kids are counting on God’s people to join Upward Bound Outreach in this effort to help them see a different future for their lives - and to give them mentoring and life skills that will guide them through difficult choices and harsh environments.

While offering tools to strengthen one’s foundation, and no matter the issues, our challenge to detained and at-risk youth is:

- Let go of the past... it does not define you.
- Embrace this moment... there is a reward or consequence for every choice we make.
- No matter the situation, keep moving forward one step at a time and never give up!

BRIDGE TO HOPE

Why you?

We can't do it alone - and we aren't called to do it by ourselves. We, with the body of believers, need to get out of the pew and into the people! This war will not end on its own accord, and we may not end it altogether, but we will faithfully pour and invest into the lives of these lost youths' to make our mark, impact lives, and fight the good fight!

Why now?

Now is the time where the mountains have been leveled. We have found favor within the judicial administration in Florida (our pilot state) and the doors are open for us to walk through.

Also, as mentioned earlier, this demographic is a growing population, not receding. Our hope and goal is to actively and effectively make change in partnership with you, the church, as we seek to minister and mentor youth in order to reduce recidivism and increase the positive outcome and productivity in the lives of these broken boys and girls on our own backyard.

WHY NOT?

How can you help?

- Invite us to share our ministry and powerful stories with your church, whether during weekend worship services, Men's ministry mid-week, youth groups, or a special event
- Prayer partners
- Letters of Encouragement
- Financial Support
- Sponsor a Facility
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Mentor a Youth
- Start a Mentoring Program
- Host a gathering where UBO can share the vision and mission with others

PARTNERS

Our Team...

The ordinary becomes extraordinary when there is hope to dream, strength to pursue and confidence to be empowered. Traveling with Jeff are ordinary individuals who have been refined by extraordinary circumstances beyond human understanding. Together they share a passionate message as a reminder to dream, to reach, to run, and to never give up.

It's a message of hope to inspire change. We know the very things that hurt us the most are the things we use to help others. We can't change the past — so let's focus on building an incredible future... one step at a time!

Jeff Moody has spent over the last 25 years singing, teaching, encouraging, and mentoring, all the while having to overcome his own battles with health and physical pain.

Chris Keith was left for dead after his father killed his family and turned the gun on himself. Right after the paramedics declared everyone dead, Chris, at 5 years old started crawling toward the door.

Bryan Jackson was injected with AIDS by his father as an infant to avoid paying child support. Rejected his entire life, Bryan will stir your heart as he shares his story.

Russell Pondo was living the American Dream when a poor choice cost him nearly everything. His story will inspire and challenge you.

*Note: Not all team members travel to church engagements. To be discussed when booking your church event.

STRENGTH TO PURSUE

Frequently Asked Questions...

- **What can we expect when inviting Jeff Moody and UBO team to speak and inspire our church body?**

Jeff Moody is a powerful and dynamic communicator, and his key message is “Have You Seen What Love Can Do?” He will challenge and inspire your church members and guests to get out of the pews and into the people; to love unconditionally, offer help and hope to the least and lost, and to step out in faith and see where God is leading and challenging to love and minister to others.

Please e-mail AngelS@UpwardBoundOutreach.org if you would like to listen to an MP3 message of Jeff and his team speaking and ministering at other churches.

- **Is the message appropriate for all ages?**

Families of all ages will be encouraged by his powerful message and the personal stories shared by Jeff and accompanying UBO team members. Some testimonies may contain personal tragedies where parents may want to use discretion for children twelve years old under.

- **Do you require an honorarium or stipend for travel related expenses?** Our ministry is supported by the generosity of churches and donors through love offerings and financial contributions towards our ministry endeavors. Although we do not require an honorarium, we ask that you prayerfully consider a love offering taken during the service on our behalf.

We also hope that Jeff and accompanying team members may be guests in the homes of gracious church leadership, staff, or members with the gift of hospitality if an over-night stay is required in order to travel and minister to your congregation.

JOIN OUR JOURNEY!

To book a church outreach event or schedule a speaking engagement with Jeff Moody/UBO please contact:

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