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### **PFI, IPCA Agree on Path Forward in Prison Ministry Development**

Johannesburg, South Africa --- Prison Fellowship International (PFI), the world's largest criminal justice ministry, and the International Prison Chaplains' Association (IPCA) Worldwide, a global network of chaplains dedicated to prisoners, signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on the "development of prison ministry" which establishes a relationship for working in cooperation around the world.

"This partnership signals a deepening of PFI and IPCA's mutual support on behalf of prisoners worldwide," said PFI President Ron Nikkel. "Prison Fellowship volunteers worldwide are committed to working arm-in-arm with chaplains in support of transformed lives, reconciled relationships and restored communities. The needs are too vast for us to work apart from one another."

Under the MOU, the organizations have agreed to "encourage and support mutually-beneficial relationships between their members." This collaboration will apply in countries where the Associations both have affiliates as well as in countries where the two organizations have yet to establish a presence.

The most extensive international criminal justice ministry, Prison Fellowship is a global association of 117 national Prison Fellowship organizations. PFI is active in every region of the world with a network of more than 100,000 volunteers working for the spiritual, moral, and physical well-being of prisoners, ex-prisoners, their families, and victims of crime. National Prison Fellowship organizations are indigenous, volunteer-based and include Christians from the Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox traditions. Further information is available at [www.pfi.org](http://www.pfi.org).

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