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PFI and Caribbean Correctional Heads Launch Partnership

Prison Fellowship International and the Association of Caribbean Heads of Corrections and Prison Services (ACHCPS) have launched a partnership to advance shared goals in prison rehabilitation throughout the 16-nation region.

“This memorandum of understanding will take our level of cooperation to a new level and better equip our respective organizations to transform the lives of prisoners and reduce recidivism throughout the Caribbean,” said Soren Johnson, Senior Vice President for Prison Fellowship International. PFI maintains 13 national Prison Fellowship organizations within the Caribbean which serve nearly 15,000 prisoners in 39 prisons. PFI’s Caribbean affiliates are online at <http://www.pfi.org/national-ministries/caribbean>

ACHCPS is an association of the heads of correctional organizations in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) states—encompassing 16 Caribbean nations—which ensures that the best policies and procedures are in place to meet the needs of correctional/prison environment in individual countries and the region as a whole. The association is recognized by CARICOM as the competent authority on issues relating to correctional administration and management, penal reform and transformation, offender treatment and re-entry and other issues related to penal policy and the treatment and supervision of offenders and detainees. Further information is available online at <http://achcps.org/index.html>

Signed June 26th, the partnership outlines four general areas of cooperation: acknowledgment of mutual support and agreement on organizational purpose; mutual assistance in activities related to the treatment, rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders; exchange of program information, and the sharing of web site links.

The most extensive international criminal justice ministry, Prison Fellowship International (PFI) is a global association of 112 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, social 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.