

Faith Is Not a Program

A story-led keynote on values-driven prison culture

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Phil 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

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I was formed by the model I now challenge

For years, I accepted the model because it was the model.

What changed me was outcomes

A punishment culture produces punishment-shaped results.

Culture is values made visible

Shared values become daily practice: how people decide, correct, forgive, lead, and relate.

Faith is not a program

If faith stays at the margins, it becomes an activity. If it becomes a value system, it reshapes culture.

These Christian examples point beyond Christianity

Dignity. Accountability. Mercy. Restoration. These values travel farther than a program calendar.

South Korea • Somang Prison

A nonprofit Christian prison designed around reconciliation with God, family, and community.



South Korea · Somang Prison



Belize • Kolbe Foundation

Nonprofit management with secure, humane custody and meaningful rehabilitation.



Belize • Kolbe Foundation

Government Operated

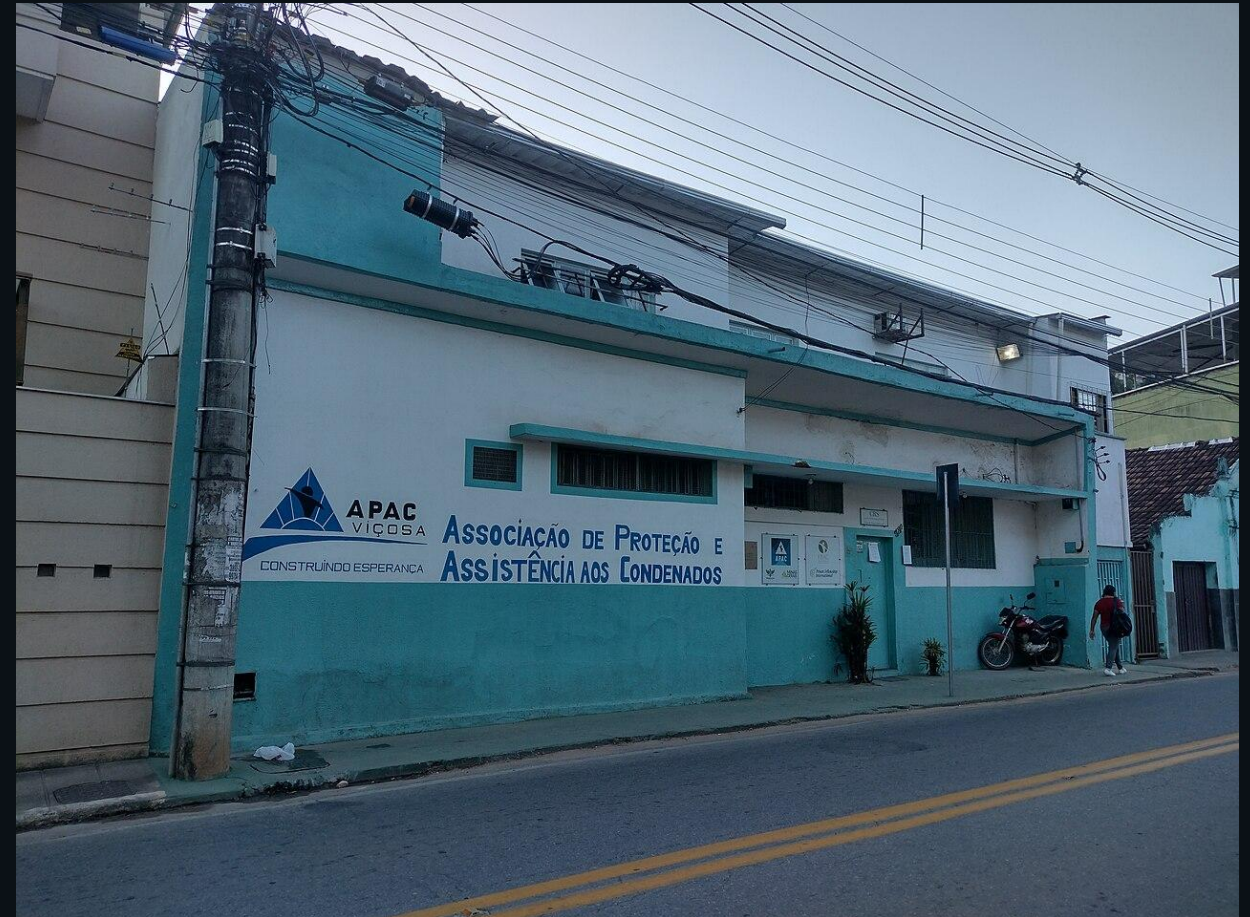


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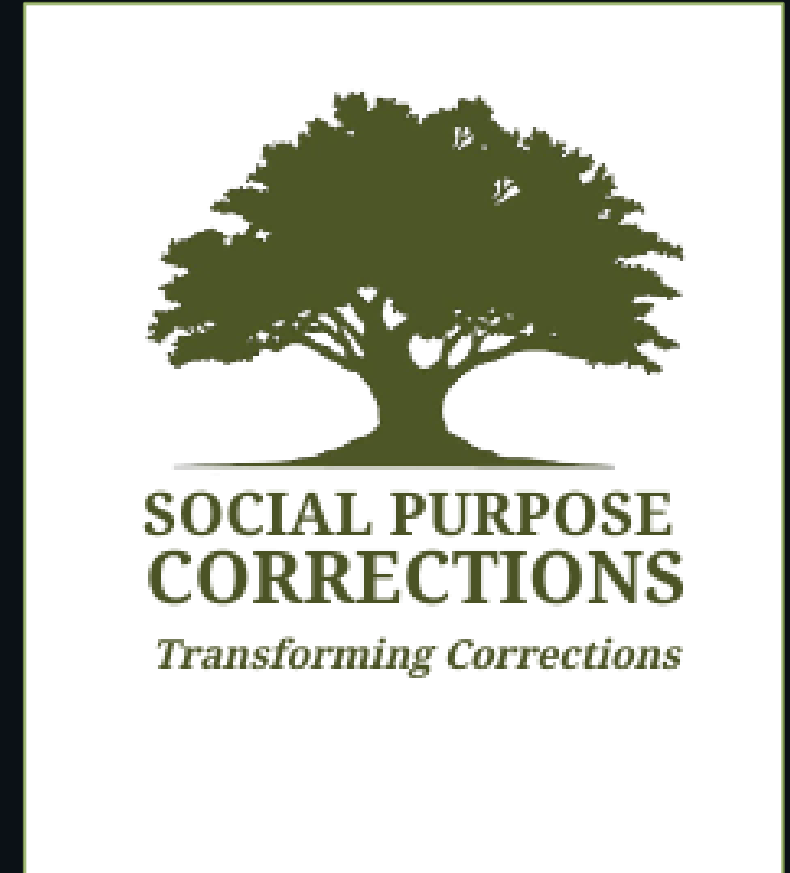
Brazil • APAC model

Work. Discipline. Prayer. Education.
Responsibility. A Christian framework lived as a
daily culture.



Social Purpose Corrections · US model

Reenvisioning the outcomes of US corrections through faith



Institutions become what they reward

They also become what they repeat, tolerate, fund, measure, and embody.

Why I stepped outside the box

At some point, I had to stop defending the system I inherited and help build one more consistent with the values I claimed to believe.

Educate the influencers

Frustration does not change culture. Education does. Influence does.
Courage does.