



DO'S & DON'TS FOR VOLUNTEERS

We try to be flexible in requirements for Volunteers during a “Weekend” to allow freedom for the Holy Spirit to use you to the greatest possible extent. At the same time, there are some rules that must be observed and others that have been determined helpful in ensuring you are most effective during your time of ministry. Below is a list of **DO'S AND DON'TS**, which are rules and regulations that ***must be*** adhered to.

DO'S

1. DO be yourself and DO forget about home!
2. DO attend **all** scheduled activities, and **please be on time.**
3. DO bring your driver's license or picture ID (you will not be admitted into prison without one!).
4. DO mingle with the inmates as well as share with officers and officials.
5. DO be especially careful not to downgrade or criticize any “religion.”
6. DO correspond with inmates after the Weekend (**JPAY only**).
7. DO eat with inmates **when scheduled** and remember that they only have 15 minutes from the time they enter the dining hall until the time they leave.
8. DO let us know **immediately** if you have a family member or relative in the prison we are visiting.
9. DO be flexible! Any directives given by an officer or official must be followed regardless of MBM's agenda.

DON'TS

1. DON'T have firearms or hunting knives in your vehicle.
2. DON'T take anything into the prison with you other than your Bible (no Bible cover) and the Volunteer Packet you will receive at check-in.

*no billfolds *no knives *no Kleenex *no paper money or coins *no fingernail files *no chap stick
*no cell phones *no lipstick *no mints or gum *no tobacco products *no Bible covers
*no cameras *no tape recorders *no liquids or products containing liquid ***no anything!**

EMPTY YOUR POCKETS!

3. DON'T wear any jewelry whatsoever, other than a watch (**NO SMART WATCHES**) and a wedding ring. Eyeglasses are allowed.
4. DON'T wear open toe shoes or sandals, shorts, tank tops, capri length pants, distressed jeans (***or any other distressed clothing with holes***), jogging suits, workout clothing, leggings (***unless hips and bottom are fully covered***) or any other form-fitting clothing for men or women. **NO WHITE CLOTHING** and **NO GREEN JACKETS DURING WINTER** for either men or women!
5. DON'T take pictures, videos or live stream (Facebook, Instagram, etc.) on prison grounds!
6. DON'T make promises you won't keep.
7. DON'T argue – with other Volunteers, Inmates or prison officials.
• *This includes topics such as prison rules and conditions, Biblical doctrine, lifestyle choices or political positions.*
8. DON'T ask about their crime.
9. DON'T get in the way of any prison official assisting inmates.
10. DON'T borrow inmate clothing.
11. DON'T run on prison grounds.
12. DON'T leave jacket, Bible, or any personal belongings laying around unattended.
13. DON'T go into restricted areas without permission.
14. DON'T enter an inmate cell or cubicle.
15. DON'T be concerned about the number of commitments.
16. DON'T offer Bible Correspondence Course, Bibles, or Literature to inmates. (They are to get those through the Chaplain's office at their unit.)
17. DON'T financially support any inmate (it will automatically ban you from the unit that inmate is on.)
18. DON'T **take anything** from an inmate or give anything to an inmate, even as small as a piece of paper. This is a STATE LAW! You can give them MBM's address, and they can write you through our office.
19. DON'T promote your own ministry, solicit funds, or take in any materials into the Unit with you other than those provided in your Volunteer Packet, and don't add any additional materials to the Volunteer Packet.