

# newsletter

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**Meeting at Reach The Forgotten Jail Ministry**  
1500 Buchanan Ave. SW • Grand Rapids, MI 49507  
Sundays 10:00am & Mondays 6:00pm

## God Found an Amazing Home for the CBMI Church Family in 49507

On Sunday morning, June 15, 2025 we started our first Sunday morning worship service in our new home at **Reach the Forgotten Jail Ministry**. We gather for fellowship, worship, and discipleship in what they call the assembly room of their main office at

**1500 Buchanan Ave. SW Grand Rapids, MI 49507.** We gather on Sundays at 10:00am starting with breakfast, and Mondays at 6:00pm starting with dinner. You are invited to Come and See what God is doing!



*Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Psalm 37:3-4 KJV*

**OUR MISSION:** Embracing people needing another chance as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.  
Returned Citizen Friendly



**We love REACH THE FORGOTTEN JAIL MINISTRY!**  
It is an incredible blessing and honor to be the answer to their  
five-year prayer to partner with a ministry with a like-minded mission.

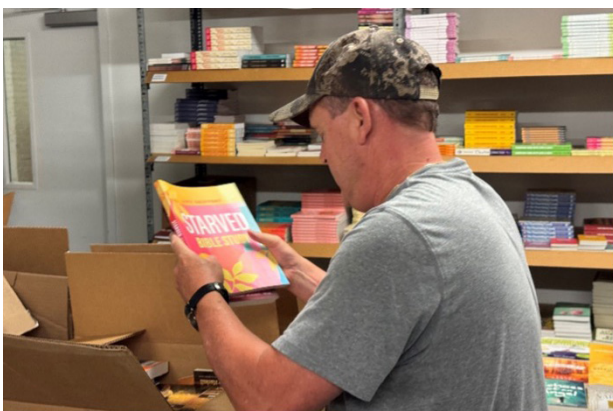






**Joe Whalen** is the RTF Business & Fundraising Manager  
Joe worked out all of the details of the partnership between RTF and CBMI

We joyfully accepted the opportunity to partner with REACH THE FORGOTTEN JAIL MINISTRY by providing volunteers on Tuesday mornings to unpack, sort, and arrange skids of donated books to be distributed to Jail Libraries all over the state of Michigan. These Christian books become a lifeline and pathway to true freedom and hope in Jesus Christ.





We had fun participating with volunteers from several churches during Bless The City 2025.

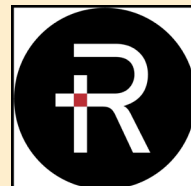


### Ways to Give to CBMI

- Text the word "GIVE" to (844) 973-0157
- Visit [CentralBibleMinistries.org](https://CentralBibleMinistries.org) and click on the GIVING tab
- Mail a Check made out to Central Bible Ministries to: 8056 Burlingame Ave. SW, Byron Center, MI 49315



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Sunday 10:00am  
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Food • Fellowship • Worship  
Testimonies • Word of God