



## An Advent Message from Dean Bucalos, MB3 Executive Director



As we enter the Advent season, I am reminded how much the work of Mission Behind Bars and Beyond (MB3) is like Advent. As in the weeks before the Christmas celebration, the church prepares and waits in anticipation. There is excitement and expectation. There is hope and promise of good things to come.

Those whom we serve who are incarcerated also prepare and wait in anticipation for their reentry into society. MB3 is there for them providing spiritual sustenance as well as offering life skills to make that transition smoother. As we see them each week, we join in their excitement (and anxiety) and expectation of deliverance back to their home communities and families.

And just like his parents were there for the baby Jesus to help him navigate the perils and obstacles that he would face, MB3's mentors are there for each of our "core members" to help them successfully return home and overcome the many barriers facing those convicted of felonies.

So, in many ways, the Advent season defines the ministry of MB3. Patiently waiting and preparing for the rebirth of those who have chosen to work with us. Our friends and donors make this happen with financial support and prayerful persistence.

May this Advent season be a special one for you as you remember God's gift of a sacred savior. We are blessed to live in this time of hopeful expectation and promise.

Thank you for your continuing support!

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