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## **Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministries Announces New Executive Director**

*Mark Hogsed will join the forty-four year old ministry on June 7th*

**WINSTON-SALEM, N.C., May 25, 2021** - Mark Hogsed will join Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministries as Executive Director on June 7th. This is a new position for the well-established ministry, which has served thousands of incarcerated individuals in Forsyth County since 1977. Hogsed will assume the organization's administrative responsibilities from Senior Chaplain Rodney Stilwell, who looks forward to devoting his full attention to direct ministry with inmates, volunteers and ex-offenders.

Most recently, Hogsed served as vice president of global programs for World Help, a Christian humanitarian organization, in Forest, Virginia. He holds a Masters Degree in Education Administration from Grand Canyon University, as well as a Bachelor of Science Degree in Communications from Liberty University and Secondary Education licensure from the University of Lynchburg. As executive director for Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministries, Hogsed will oversee the organization's programs, staff and volunteers throughout its service locations and the community at-large.

"As the ministry has grown, our desires to expand our pastoral care, services and programs have grown, as well. After much discussion, reflection, and prayer, we felt that an executive director would perfectly support and complement the senior chaplain as we seek to do all we can to bless our community through the mission of FJPM," said Board of Directors Chair, Joel Cook. The organization engaged CapDev, a recruitment firm specializing in the nonprofit sector, to lead search efforts. The Board of Directors selected Hogsed based on, not only his experience, but also his shared values with the ministry. "Mark is a skilled leader of nonprofits, as well as a compassionate servant who believes in this mission of sharing God's grace to transform lives of the incarcerated," said Senior Chaplain Rodney Stilwell.

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Hogsed is a native of Canton, Ohio. While living in Virginia, he attended Lynchburg First Church of the Nazarene with his wife Nikki, and two sons, Adam and Colton. "I am honored and humbled to join Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries, a ministry with such a strong history of providing quality programs and services to inmates in our community. I look forward to working closely with the staff, board, volunteers, and supporters to help minister to and prepare inmates for life outside of prison," said Hogsed. The community will have an opportunity to meet Hogsed in the coming weeks.

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#### About Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministries

Founded in 1977, the Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry has helped thousands of incarcerated men and women discover the true meaning of Christianity, and what it means to live as a Christian. Only through the help of hundreds of volunteers does this program work. Through Christ's love and compassion, we are taught not to condemn, but to love. It is not only our civic duty to serve, but our calling as Christians to help imprisoned men and women find Jesus Christ through study, through counseling, through worship and through actions. For more information, visit [www.forsythjpm.org](http://www.forsythjpm.org).