

## Caring for Ex-Offenders Conference **Breaking the Cycle of Crime – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2005**

I am writing to invite you to our **seventh** National Caring for Ex-Offenders Conference on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2005.

This year we are celebrating 10 years of running Alpha for Prisons. 80% of prisons in the UK are now registered as running Alpha, with over 40,000 men and women having completed the course whilst in prison. This 10 year celebration coincides with Caring for Ex-Offenders being launched as a separate charity and we are very excited to be moving into the next phase of this ministry.

Our aim is to link men and women with a church who will support them when they are released. We have been encouraged by the change in individuals lives as they are integrated successfully back into society and hope that you will be inspired by this vision too. The partnerships we have made with statutory agencies and the voluntary sector provide us with unique opportunities to support and encourage ex-offenders locally and throughout our nation.

The day will include presentations from key speakers in the field and a series of seminars to help train and raise awareness of delegates of the specific issues ex-offenders face.

New developments include:

- A supported housing project in North London
- New partnerships with both faith and non-faith organisations
- Training and new resource initiatives

Our vision is to see each and every church in our nation offer supported housing to ex-offenders, come and hear how this could be achieved through your congregation.

We very much look forward to you joining us if you can, please contact either the HTB Conference office on Tel: 020 7052 0440 or email: [htbconferences@htb.org.uk](mailto:htbconferences@htb.org.uk) for further information and booking instructions.

With every blessing

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