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## **FORMER NFL PLAYER CHANGING LIVES Mike Barber Making a Difference in Prisons**

Houston, TX, July 20, 2009: Mike Barber, friend, client and former first round draft pick for the Houston Oilers, began a prison ministry in 1987. Since the formation of Mike Barber Ministries, he and his wife, Deanne, spend much of their time working with those who are incarcerated, some of whom are on death row.

The goal of the Ministry is to “PROCLAIM liberty to the captives” through “Weekends of Excitement” which involve one-on-one time with inmates as well as church services that are available in person or through televisions across the units in the prison. This Ministry is especially important because, according to [mikebarber.org](http://mikebarber.org), at the current rate of incarceration, it is possible that more than half of Americans could be in the prison system as early as the year 2063.

For more information, to view current prison system statistics, or to make a donation of time or money to Mike Barber Ministries, visit [www.mikebarber.org](http://www.mikebarber.org).

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