



*And they came, bringing to Him a paralytic, carried by four friends . . . And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven."  
— Mark 2*

## Four Friends Speakers Bureau

*"We, everyone, cannot grow spiritually, emotionally, and mentally alone. Everyone needs someone to walk with them. All of us have a need to belong. We [returning citizens] come to tell our story: what it is like to walk out of prison and have friends like those who carried the paralytic to Jesus."*

*— James Clay, Returning Citizen and Member of All In Community*



### Ways To Restore Hope and Welcome Returning Neighbors:

**Open Your Heart** - Pray for your returning neighbors and members and their families

**Open Your Mind** - Learn more through *All In Community* equipping events to increase your awareness and understanding

**Open Your Door** - Invite a Four Friends Speaker to tell his/her story at your church

The **Four Friends Speakers Bureau** is an outreach ministry of *All In Community* that supports formerly incarcerated individuals (also known as returning neighbors) bringing their stories of faith and transformation to others.

*All In Community* is a ministry through the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church that restores hope and provides healing in lives affected by the criminal justice system.

To learn more about *All In Community*, go to: [westohioumc.org/conference/all-community](http://westohioumc.org/conference/all-community)

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