



Prison worship is never characterized by stale routine or manufactured emotion--inmates definitely see themselves as God's chosen people, not God's frozen people!

6. **Prison ministry enhances the church training effort** by preparing volunteers to minister to the unique needs of incarcerated Christians. What they learn about sharing their faith, counseling Bible study, and follow-up is equally applicable in "non-prison" ministry. Knowing they will actually utilize these skills upon entering prison makes volunteers attentive, serious learners. The necessary training can be supplied by a prison chaplain, a veteran volunteer, or a prison ministry such as Prison Mission Association, or Prison Fellowship.

7. **Prison ministry gets church members off the pews and outside church walls.** Christians of all backgrounds, education levels, and varieties of spiritual gifts participate in prison/jail ministry. Men and women, young and old, new Christian and "senior saint" all have a place chosen by God to serve. And prison work is never very far away: city and county jails, juvenile detention centers, state and federal prisons, and "halfway houses."

8. **Prison ministry teaches deep spiritual lessons**, such as how to forgive, how to restore, and how to really pray (reminding that God does all the work in prison ministry). It also teaches very practical lessons about listening, patience, cross-cultural communication, and theological diversity among Christians.

9. **Prison ministry promotes cooperation and goodwill among diverse Christians** from different denominations, socioeconomic backgrounds, and theological points of view. Paul's admonition to keep our eyes upon Christ was never more true than in prison ministry.

10. **Prison ministry produces new church members and ministry volunteers.** Contrary to the worry of some myopic pastors that prison ministry will "steal away" their volunteers, Christians who become active in the spiritual basics of witnessing, spiritual teaching/counseling, and prayer gain a renewed desire to serve their local churches. Many times it is the pastor or staff member who is most revived by contact or personal involvement with prison ministry. Just listen to the testimony of pastors and lay people actively engaged in prison work—there's always an unmistakable spark of joy and enthusiasm when they share their experiences before the local church.

Above all else, prison ministry is a **shower of blessings for all those involved. You can experience the wonder and joy of leading people to Christ and seeing them start their lives over in ways productive to society and pleasing to God.** You see prayers answered in timely and miraculous ways, strengthening your personal prayer life. You experience complete dependence on God for ministry success after realizing that nothing lasting happens in prison through purely human effort and striving. You come to understand deep down inside the awful nature and consequences of sin and the unique role of Christ in creating new creatures. Prison ministry shows us why indeed we're all brothers and sisters united in Christ.

For more info contact: Prison Mission Association, [www.prisonmission.org](http://www.prisonmission.org)  
Pastor Dwight Anderson, [dwight@prisonmission.org](mailto:dwight@prisonmission.org) cell: 612-423-3457  
Address to request Lessons: PMA, PO Box 2300, Port Orchard, WA 98366

**Our Mission: "Reaching Prisoners for Christ:  
To free people from the inside out"**

*"While here in prison, a cell mate asked me if I would like to do a Bible Correspondence course. Why not, I told him. One of your courses in particular, was of Works vs. Grace. When I finished it, I understood for the first time the Grace of God. The Holy Spirit opened my eyes and I opened my heart to Him, deciding to follow Jesus. I understand the love of God. I study the Word every day, walk within His commandments and pray daily. I would like to study the Bible more, possibly taking college courses. I want to learn more in order to teach others about Grace and the peace found in our Lord." Edward (He took our Spanish courses).*

### Why Prison Mission Association??

- Joe Mason had a burden to reach inmates and started PMA in 1955 to help those who trusted in Christ so they could be grounded in God's Word and transform lives!
- There are 2.3 million men and women inmates in the United States. 92% will be released.
- 2/3 of released inmates will return to prison within 3 years
- "Prison Ministry is The Most Fruitful Mission Field in Our Country" - Lennie Spitale, author of the book, "Prison Ministry" Heb. 13:3 "Remember the prisoners..."

### We offer FREE Bible Correspondence Courses in English & Spanish and work along other prison ministries!

- This is what sets us apart from other prison ministries.
- We build an ongoing relationship, helping them to grow in their walk with God, with deeper Bible Study.
- Upon completing the self-paced 35 lessons, the student may earn 6 credit hours that can transfer to Berean Bible Institute, Slinger, WI. [Bereanbibleinstitute.org](http://Bereanbibleinstitute.org)

## PMA Objectives

- Share what God is doing in the prisons
- Develop Prayer Warriors for prison ministry
- Recruit New Volunteers for prison ministry
- Train New Churches to serve with prison ministry
- Engage New Financial Partners to grow our ministry
- Resulting in more souls saved to the Glory of God!!

## PMA Vision for 2015

- Increase by 50% number of lessons sent out  
(In the last 14 years, we have had over 20,000 students take our lessons.)
- Increase of inmate decisions for Christ
- A new PMA video and updated website
- Expand Prison ministry to more cities

## Ministry Opportunities for You!

- Become a Prayer Partner
- Begin a Bible Correspondence Fellowship (BCF) at your church
- Start a Prison Visitation Ministry
- Serve as a Lesson Corrector
- Support us as a Financial Partner
- Become an ambassador for PMA by sharing in your local churches what God is doing to reach inmates for Christ!

## Do you believe in the Power of PRAYER?

Then we need YOU on our PMA Team! Please Sign up Today!  
Get our News & Prayer Updates of how God is working!

Pray for Karen Bodeutsch, Operations manager in Washington  
Pray for our financial need to raise \$1,450 per month support to meet our budget for this year.

Pray for the many volunteers who correct lessons, visit inmates and help send out lessons to all 50 states and overseas.

Pray for Arnie & Sally Selfors, Corrects Spanish in Florida.

Pray for Pastor Dwight Anderson, Executive Director, in MN.

You can download free bible lessons at our website:  
[www.prisonmission.org](http://www.prisonmission.org)

## 10 Ways Prison Ministry Will Benefit Your Church!

"I never shared my faith with anyone until I got involved in prison ministry."  
"Prison work taught me the true meaning of forgiveness, repentance, and restoration."  
"My prayer life has a new lease on life due to jail ministry."

These comments from recent prison (or jail) ministry volunteers capture some of the joy and spiritual excitement of this strategically important church ministry. The growth of the local church is built on the personal spiritual growth of its members. Prison ministry offers unique, vital opportunities for personal spiritual growth because volunteers get personally involved, even immersed, in the gospel basics: witnessing, Bible teaching, counseling, worship, and encouragement. And when church members catch fire for the Lord, it won't be long before the church grows.

Let's explore ten core impacts prison ministry can have on the local church and its members:

1. **Prison ministry is America's largest spiritual harvest field.** There are more than 2.3 million inmates, many of whom are genuinely seeking change, stability, and love in their lives. Many inmates acknowledge that coming to prison was "the best thing that ever happened to me" because they encountered Christ.
2. **Prison ministry does wonders for revitalizing the spiritual lives of volunteers (and subsequently their churches).** There's nothing like sharing the gospel to open ears, teaching the Word to thirsty minds, and praying for people with broken hearts to "rev up" one's spiritual life and commitment. And the newfound spiritual enthusiasm of a prison volunteer is infectious, quickly spreading throughout his or her Sunday school class and friendship network.
3. **Prison ministry breathes new life into church evangelism and outreach programs.** In some cases, Pastors and church members who may have had very few genuine opportunities to share their faith and see God reap the harvest in their churches. In prison ministry, by contrast, spiritually hungry inmates come to the Christian volunteer, often in bountiful numbers as "**prison ministry is the most fruitful mission field in our country.**" – Lenny Spitale, author of the book, Prison Ministry. You will see a harvest of souls for Christ!
4. **Prison work can be a real shot in the arm to the Sunday school ministry.** Class members can pray for inmates on a personal level, participate in "pen pal" correspondence with recently converted inmates, and pray for and encourage those who actually represent the class "behind the walls." Inmates are invariably deeply moved to know that a whole class is regularly praying for them. (This is the first time many inmates have ever experienced genuine love from anyone.) Some Sunday school classes even "adopt" an inmate's family in their local area, opening up the vital new arena of compassion ministry.
5. **Prison ministry enhances worship.** Many prison volunteers receive a renewed vision for worship while attending church services behind the walls.