

**Newsletter of PMA** 

Our Mission: "Reaching Prisoners for Christ!"

Fall 2015



# 10 Year Vision to Plant Prison Churches!

years of what God has done, it's time to reflect on what God would have us do for the future! We want to uphold the heartbeat of our founder, Joe Mason's vision to "Reach Prisoners for Christ".

With prisons being "the most fertile spiritual harvest field on this planet" we believe the time has come to develop our Bible Correspondence courses with Biblical Leadership and church ministry training to equip them to "Reach Prisoners for Christ" and plant churches in prisons!

With this new vision we will "Reach more prisoners for Christ" and fulfill our mission more effectively by using a grass roots approach - mobilizing the inmates to be part of our ministry to inmates! So in effect, we would be...

#### "Helping Inmates Reach Inmates for Christ!"

Which we feel is the Pauline Biblical model set out in 2 Tim. 2:2. This will help us multiply our outreach to bring the **Gospel of the Grace of God** to those who need to hear it, are most receptive, and are looking for purpose and meaning to life!

This vision the Lord has given us, helps us reach our mission utilizing qualified inmates who have plenty of time to correct lessons! They can distribute lessons saving us postage and enabling faster delivery times, as we continue to see our volume explode over the next few years. **Our vision has 5 phases.** We don't have room to list them all here. At www.prisonmission.org you can read all five phases. Here are the first 2 phases:

<u>Phase 1</u> (Completed) – We have more than doubled our lessons we send out now! We are thankful for how God has helped us reach this goal to win more inmates to Christ!



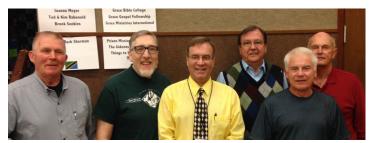
Phase 2 - Establish Regional Hubs for correcting lessons and raise full time support for the PMA Director, Dwight. We have started a Midwest hub in Minnesota now to help handle our increased volume of lessons to process. We have had 18 instructors come forward. Pray for people to invest in God's Vision so we will have our director fully supported!

Pray for God's leading through this whole process, providing and guiding for His glory!

Please pray, give and volunteer! We need YOUR help to develop this model of evangelism and church planting that will be reproducible and will encourage many new churches to be planted across this nation!

As part of our plan to raise full support for our director we want to pay off our building. We have a goal to raise \$10,000 this year and so far we have raised almost \$3,000. So pray that we can raise the remaining \$7,000 by Dec.31, 2015.





Pray for our PMA Boardmembers:
Minne Vanderhoek, Chris Nelson, Dwight Anderson,
Ben Wedding, Todd Nelson, and Bill Howell (left to right)



I love celebrations...birthdays, holidays and especially anniversaries. Anniversaries remind me of long-term faithfulness and strength in the ups and downs of life.

So, I eagerly anticipated Prison Mission Association's 60th anniversary celebration. Part of that celebration already took ing) Sara. Pastor Jon is our place at the Berean Bible Church in Shoreline, WA. We had a great time as Dwight, Ben and I shared the past, present and future of PMA.

The second part of our celebration is still coming at the PMA office in Port Orchard, WA. In Port Orchard we have fourteen correctors. Thank you to Louise, Seenie, Linda, Marilyn, Merrill, Dale, Barb, Kathy, Kristi, Carrie, Lolamae, Rhonda, Paulette, and Judy.

In the office every week on their specific work day are Celeste (twice a week), Pam, Gladys, Joan, Fran, Carly and Linda. In two weeks we are adding a girl Monday, Darlene. We also have a fill-in person (when she's not workcomputer tech.

This year we lost our longest volunteer Jack Nelson who was a corrector for 25 years.

He corrected lessons up to three weeks before he died. A huge thank you to an amazing group of volunteers for God. Volunteers truly make it happen. God will honor your faithfulness

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works" (Hebrews 10:24, KJV).

Karen PMA Operations Manager, Port Orchard, Washington



Pray for our Spanish ministry coordinator - Mariana Selfors. We are praying that she will be able to train others who will help correct the Spanish lessons. It's our prayer for God to provide so we can handle many more new Hispanic students!

#### **Great Example of Inmates Reaching Out!**

"I wish to thank you all for these PMA studies! We have one hour Bible study group almost every evening on our own time. I share these studies with others here. Good way to witness for Christ! Please pray that I may become closer to Christ Jesus... " - John

## Praise and Prayer Points

Praise God for all our wonderful expanding PMA team! Karen has recruited many new helpers and instructors as she manages the operations in our home office. We are blessed with so many faithful volunteers, board members, Regional PMA reps and for all of you who pray, give and partner with us in the exciting ministry!

Pray for inmates who feel called of God to do ministry that we will be able to equip them and mentor them to reach more prisoners for Christ!

Praise God for answers to Prayermore New Students! This year in just 9 months we have 3,020 new students, which is on pace to have over 4,000 new students this year. which is more than triple last years totals. We praise God for the new open doors from visiting transitional fairs in prisons.

Pray for churches near prisons that would see the need to help plant a **church in the prison near them** as an extension of their ministry. These can become hubs to distribute lessons as well.

Prayer for our Building Fund Goal of \$10,000 this year to pay down the remaining loan balance on our office **building.** We have a total remaining loan of \$49,000 that needs to be paid off by May, 2018.

Praise God for new PMA reps so in the past two months we have been in 7 prisons in 3 states, 8 churches and radio interview at KKMS Am980. listen at: www.soundcloud.com/kkms-church-ofthe-week It's an honor to get this award!

Pray for Dwight as he contacts and meets with folks who have a burden for this ministry to pray, volunteer and support this ministry.

Pray for continued improvement in Dwight's sciatic nerve issues causing weakness, numbness and pain.



Pray for Dwight Anderson Family

### **Coming Soon!**

Pray for **PMA presentations coming up:** 

Nov. 22 Bethesda Church, Prior Lake, MN

Nov. 29 Oak Park Heights Prison, MN

Dec. 6 Bethesda Church, North Branch, MN

Dec. 10 Grace Bible Church, Southgate, CA

Dec. 13 Grace Bible Church, Anaheim, CA

Jan. 4 Green Valley Evangelical Free Church, Green Valley, AZ

Jan. 31 Oak Park Heights prison, MN

April 26-28 GGF Leadership Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

May 20-22, CMCA Ministry Summit, Atlanta, GA. Dwight teaching workshop on "Planting Churches in Prisons"

**Praying for inmates:** an important ministry that anyone can do. Thanks to all who pray now! To learn more about the PMA Inmate Prayer Ministry, contact the PMA office: 360-876-0918