**Newsletter of PMA** 

Our Mission: "Reaching Prisoners for Christ!"

Fall 2014

# What are you thankful for? So Many blessings!

We at Prison Mission would like wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and to count our blessings and share with you how God has been working these past few months!

**Blessed with more Students!** From Feb. 1– Oct. 31, We have 1053 new students enrolled, with 193 new just for the month of Oct. which is an all-time high! Our goal is to double enrollment from last year! That will happen soon!

Blessed with New Donors! It's a blessing when new folks we have met are now supporting us so we can continue to offer FREE Life Changing Bible lessons! We are thankful for faithful supporters and that we have raised over \$1,125 per month with \$1,375 per month still needed to raise. That would be 20 people who can give \$50 per month, and 15 people who can give \$25 per month to help us meet our budget. Please be in prayer for this urgent need for new donors.



Unreached People group? We have a short video on YouTube you can share that explains the need for PMA and how we can help to reach the Unreached People group of 2.3 million inmates in our country. Go to www.tinyurl.com/pmavideo

Extra Blessing! Great news! We are truly blessed that a loyal supporter of PMA has come forward to help with our general fund. They are willing to donate \$5,000.00 for the general fund with a provision that we can match the \$5,000.00 before the 15th of December. So your gift this week will be doubled!! This donation is being made in honor of Pastor Robert Roosendaal, a former pastor of the Port Orchard Grace Bible Church, WA and friend of PMA.

## Blessed with New volunteers! We are grateful for

those who have recently volunteered to help us reach out to more churches, as volunteers who will represent PMA in churches near where they live. We have a 10 minute presentation that we developed. Please contact us if you are interested in being a PMA representative in your area. We



Steve McFarland

have ambassadors now in Michigan, Missouri and Washington. Steve McFarland, in St. Louis, was our first PMA rep!



Joseph Asong and Dwight

Blessed with a message from Joseph Asong, go to www.tinyurl.com/asongvideo to watch! It was a joy to meet Joseph Asong who was at our missions conference at Bethes da Church. He shared with us on video, the impact of Prison

Mission Association with his father serving as Director in Cameroon for 30 years and was able to reach many people for Christ across Africa and help plant churches. Listen to his story as well as others on our new Youtube channel for PMA.

**Spanish Translation Blessing!** The Selfors have finished translating a booklet written by Pastor Dwight, called "Do you understand God's plan for man?" into Spanish. Joel

McGarvey and Bible Doctrines to Live By will be printing the Spanish edition, Lord willing early 2015. They donated a box of English booklets to us to give our students this past month. Please pray for the funds now to print it. There is a real need for good Spanish booklets for us to include with our lessons.



Dwight and Joel McGarvey

**Blessed with new website!** Please check out our new website: www.prisonmission.org and twitter @prisonmission

### We are so Blessed with more Testimonies!

We've had over 100 come in since March. Praise the Lord!

Here is a recent one from our Spanish lessons... "Before I knew Christ as my Lord and Savior, I was a sad person, and nothing was important to me. Today, knowing Christ as my Savior through these Prison Mission Bible Studies, I realize how bad I really was. In these lessons I have learned what it means to be saved.

I have such a peace and joy knowing that God is with me every day, even in the moments that are most difficult. I give thanks to God for changing my life and for taking care of me and my family that are now so far from me, but I know that my Lord and Savior is protecting them.

Also I feel so fortunate that God is teaching me every day and I ask him daily for His help. I thank God and all of you for leading me in the teaching of the message of Salvation, thank you and may God richly bless you today and always."

- Gabriel A



real blessing. I did wrong and I will pay the price but I know that I am now walking in His light and will continue walking in His light forever more, never to return to the dark side. Thank you God, thank you Jesus, I am free. God bless you folks, you are doing a wonderful work here." Richard

Here is why I love working at Prison Mission Association.

"God bless you and thank you for helping me to grow in God's love through Jesus Christ, His Son. They say that going to jail is the worst thing that can happen to a person. In many ways this can be true, but I found my real salvation here. I really found God and His love for me."

"I knew and I believed, but I never felt the real Spirit and the

Need I say more? Could I say more?

'Tis the season to be thankful.

#### Karen

## PMA Operations Manager, Port Orchard, Washington

"For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose" (Philippians 2:13).

We would like to tell you about one of our students, Edward Martin. He was doing ALL of our Spanish lessons, but his Spanish was not perfect by any means. So I wrote to him, and asked him if he would like English lessons.



asked him if he would Selfors Spanish Update:

There was no answer, and finally when PMA sent him a Testimony sheet, he told us part of his story. Edward grew up in the Child Protective Services all his life. As a teenager he was "taken in" by a Latin family, but it was almost too late, and he rebelled, was into drinking and drugs and at 17 years was given a LIFE Sentence, which he has now served 22 years. He came to know Christ in prison, and of course his life and attitude have changed completely. The Latin family have visited him faithfully. I understand he has been instrumental in leading the whole family to the Lord. Now, the State of Ohio, has decided that they cannot give a LIFE sentence to an adolescent, and are contemplating releasing him for that reason, and because of his good behavior. We ask definite prayers for Edward Martin, he is very precious to us.

Arnie and Sally Selfors, PMA Spanish Ministry Coordinators, Largo, Florida

## **Praise and Prayer Points**

God has always supplied our needs. We praise God, since Feb.1, we have had 30 new donors and 24 people/churches have made new pledges to help us towards making our budget this year!

Please pray for us as we still need to raise \$1,375 per month to finish on budget this year that will enable us to continue this vital ministry!



Gene & Bev Lynn with Dwight

Praise God for Gene and Bev Lynn whom, Pastor Dwight met at the Grace Revival for Evangelism Conference in Cumberland, MD, last month. It was a huge blessing! They came up to Dwight and said we have been meaning

to call you, for the past 7 years we have been sending out lessons in Spanish and English to those in jail in their area of Franklin, NC. We praise God for the many faithful servants who are using our lessons and sending them out on their own like Gene and Bev.

Pray for more volunteers to help in the office and to visit prisons. Pray that Dwight will be able to encourage and challenge many as he shares of PMA, in person, via website, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and visiting churches.

From Carolyn Raymond in Muskegon, MI, who runs their own BCF at their church: Prayer request is that they could get our lessons into all three of the Muskegon prisons. We only have students in one. A man from our church is a guard at one of the two where we don't have students. He took some of the enrollment cards to his prison for me. He felt he had to ask the chaplain for permission to put them out, or else ask the chaplain to do it, and he said he had enough programs and he wouldn't take them. Please pray for this need.

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

## **Coming Soon!**

Pray for **PMA** presentations coming up: Nov. 20 GGF Region 5, meeting with rep. Steve McFarland, Nov.20 Dwight @ New Brighton Commu-

nity Center. New Brighton, MN
Nov. 22 PMA Board Meeting,
Nov. 23 Shelton Prison outreach, WA
Nov. 30 Oak Park Heights Prison,
Jan. 21-22 Missions Conference at Palm
Bay, Selfors will represent PMA.
Mar.29 Oak Park Heights Prison
May 28-30 Correctional Ministry Summit
at Wheaton College, IL

We are so **thankful for so many people** who have volunteered, prayed and generously supported this ministry for nearly 60 years!

For more information please

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1 Cor. 15:58

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