

## Why a vision to plant churches behind bars?

This past summer we had a PMA Leadership retreat and were able to sit down to pray together, evaluate, and consider the direction of PMA so we can follow God's will for this amazing and fruitful ministry.

I praise God for the honest sharing as we each were able to communicate how we felt and setting some action steps to follow for our leadership team.



Our New PMA Board Chairman, Pastor Cal Bodeutsch, with wife, Karen and Pastor Dwight

We did elect a new chairman of the PMA Board. Please pray for Cal Bodeutsch. We are thankful as he has been involved with PMA for many years, helping to correct lessons, etc..

At our retreat, we did affirm the need for raising full time support for our director to achieve our vision to plant prison churches.

### Why is this vision so important?

We need to think beyond the way we have been doing this ministry if we are to begin to reach the 2.3 million unreached people behind bars!



1. Planting churches is God's ordained method for ministry in this dispensation.. Acts 14:21-23
2. The best place to plant is the most receptive and spiritually fertile harvest field. 1 Cor.3:5-9
3. Many future Christian leaders and pastors will come from prisons. Gal.6:9
4. We will be able to get many more lessons distributed and reach more souls for Christ if we have qualified inmates correct PMA lessons in each prison congregation. 2 Tim2:2
5. Can you imagine what could be done for the glory of God if we train inmates in Biblical leadership and ministry skills to serve God and reach inmates? Mt.20:26

Are you interested in getting involved? We would be happy to come and visit or we may have a local PMA rep who can come and share how you can make a HUGE eternal difference in the lives of many who are hurting right in your area! We can **have a PMA Sunday**, and share how God is working and can help you reach out to your



local jail and prisons. **Maybe your church can help plant a church in a prison near you! Imagine that!!**

We are very close to having full time support for our director. We need commitments for \$600 more per month and we will be there!

As part of our plan to raise full support for our director we want to pay off our home office building. We have a goal to raise \$12,000 this year and so far we have raised almost \$2,000. So pray that we can raise the remaining \$10,000 by Dec.31, 2016.



**THANK YOU** for the Generous Offerings helped us far surpass our goal at the end of last year for the building fund! Last year we had over \$16,000 donated for our building fund. Next year it will be our goal to pay off the remaining amount.



**Here is just one of many testimonies we got this last month!**

**"I want to spread the message of God to those in prison with me and to be a missionary for God upon my release."**

*I was saved many years before my incarceration, however, like some I was living a back-slidden, sinful life.*

*Now that I am a prisoner, I have decided to completely change my life. To go the exact opposite direction, I was headed before. I have now applied to become a student at a local bible college to pursue a degree in theology.*

*I want to attain this degree so that I can become a missionary for my savior Jesus Christ! I want to spread the message of God to those in prison with me and to be a missionary for God upon my release. I want help every person I can, to know of the love and forgiveness of Christ. The study courses from PMA have helped me understand the way to study and to get a notion that I would like to study God word more to get a better understanding of his divine message for me.*

*Also, I want to set up a prison bible newsletter while I am in here and to continue this project after my release. - Matthew G.*

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It's been my privilege to have served Prison Mission as Operations Manager for twenty years. Dwight Anderson is my 5<sup>th</sup> director. I love what I do and I will keep serving the Lord in PMA for as long as God directs me.

We have decided, for the sake of PMA, that we needed to hire a younger person to learn the operations job that I currently hold. So we hired a Monday girl to begin to learn what all is involved in the operation of the mission. It is a huge job and we need just the right person. We ended up with a wonderful gal, Darlene Stiffy. Darlene

loves the Lord and is very excited to be a part of PMA. Welcome Darlene to PMA.

We have ladies that come in the office during the week with various jobs to do too. Thank you Celeste Wedding, Pam Otto, Joan Devine, Fran Nelson, Gladys Hanson, Linda Howell, Sara Devine and Carly McDonald. Also coming into the office to balance the check book, pay taxes and prepare financial reports is our board Treasurer Bill Howell. It takes a lot of faithful people, working together, to keep PMA going and growing. We have a special prayer team that prays for all our inmate's prayer requests. Thank you for your continual prayers each week. There are others that come into the office on a "needed only" basis.

Our Port Orchard correctors correct at least 10 lessons per week, which accounts to 8-10 hours of volunteer time a week. We also have instructors at

Bethesda church in Minnesota. They help us out by correcting the Intro. lessons. That's a big help for us when we are very busy with all the other lessons. Thank you everyone!

Again, I want to thank each and every one of you that serve at PMA because you all make it work. The mission is never done alone. As we all work together may we heed God's Word in Colossians 4:2-6. *We devote ourselves to prayer, being thankful and praying for these men and women in prison that they see the mystery of Christ.* We trust that we are wise (v.5) in how we act toward those in prison making the most of the opportunity to testify to them the grace of God, letting our conversation always be full of grace, seasoned with salt so we know how to answer them all.

Honored to serve Christ,

**Karen Bodeutsch**  
Operations Manager



*At recent Volunteer Appreciation Dinner- Thank you presentation for her 20 years of Service!*

## Praise and Prayer Points

Praise God for our PMA team with our continued expanding growth, all our faithful volunteers, board members, and for all of you who pray, give and partner with us to make this all happen for the Glory of God!

### Praise God for answers to Prayer:

- ◆ In the last 12 months we have been able to visit 18 prisons in 4 states!
- ◆ Thankful for new volunteers helping to visit prisons, correct lessons and be PMA representatives!
- ◆ We have now reached over 27,000 students in the last 16 years!
- ◆ Pastor Dwight was able to have back surgery on Sept. 13 so now there is no pain from sciatic nerve!

### Prayer Points:

- ◆ Pray for Ben Wedding, who after 39 radiation treatments for his breast cancer, now has pneumonia.
- ◆ For more volunteers to help Mariana Selfors with the correcting of Spanish lessons to reach more Hispanics with the gospel!
- ◆ For God to call key leaders within the prisons to help distribute/correct les-

sons and plant prison churches.

- ◆ **For our Building Fund Goal of \$12,000 this year to pay down the remaining loan balance on our office building.** We have a total remaining of just over \$26,000 that needs to be paid off by May, 2018.
- ◆ Pastor Dwight is recovering from surgery and will have to wear a back brace until Dec.
- ◆ Pastor Dwight is very close to full time as PMA Director We just need \$600 more per month designated for his monthly support. This will complete phase 2 of our 5 phases in our 10 year vision for Planting Churches in prisons.
- ◆ Pray for more churches to have a PMA Sunday in 2016 and 2017!

## Coming Soon!

Pray for **presentations coming up:**

- Oct. 30 Oak Park Heights Prison, MN
- Nov.3-6 Bethesda Church, Prior Lake, MN Missions Conference
- Nov.27 Bethesda Church, Prior Lake, MN preaching

Jan.21 noon- PMA Board Meeting, WA

Jan. 24 Lino Lakes Prison, MN

Jan. 29 Oak Park Heights Prison, MN

Mar.1-3 Renegade Pastors Conference, Charlotte, NC.

April 11, Shakopee Women's Prison, MN

April 25-27 GGF Leadership Conference, Grace Bible College, Grand Rapids, MI

April 30 Oak Park Heights Prison, MN

May 5-7 CMCA Ministry Summit, Philadelphia, PA. Teaching workshop on "Planting Churches in Prisons"

May 10 St. Cloud Prison, MN

July 19-23 GGF Family Bible Conference, Parkside Bible Church, Holland, MI

July 30 Oak Park Heights Prison, MN

**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**