

## Thanking God for Transformed Lives!



*Jim Kralik David Kepner Dwight Anderson Robert Reed*

The Prison Mission Association mission statement is ***Reaching Prisoners for Christ***. We give thanks for how God has been working to transform thousands of lives all across the country!

Let us introduce a few of those to you now. David Kepner has turned his life around through his faith in Christ. He had lost his business, marriage, and was in prison when he realized he needed to surrender his life wholeheartedly to Christ and live for Him. David started doing our PMA lessons while in jail and prison. He was mentored by Vern Hendrickson of Bethesda Church, Prior Lake, MN. While in prison, he felt God calling him into full-time ministry providing training for those coming out of prison and recovery to learn a trade.

Since coming out of prison two years ago, he has started a nonprofit called ***New Creations***, which is providing training in automotive bodywork and restoration. We interviewed Dave on our Prison Transformation Radio show. You can hear his complete story on [www.newcreations.org](http://www.newcreations.org). David said, “**At New Creations, people restore their lives while restoring old and classic cars.**” God has worked mightily and even restored his marriage to Lisa. They were remarried earlier this year at Bethesda Church. Both are active serving members of Bethesda.



*Lisa and David Kepner*

David’s friend in prison, Jim Kralik, started to do our PMA lessons in Faribault MN state prison and completed all 35 lessons. He came out of prison this year and has become a member of Bethesda Church, Prior Lake, MN. He is working with Dave Kepner at New Creations.

Dave was able to share the gospel with Robert Reed, who came out of prison earlier this year. He came to faith in Christ with Dave on Aug. 9. Robert has been coming to Bethesda Church and also recently became a member. Dwight had met Robert in Stillwater prison two years earlier, so it is amazing how God works in hearts and changes lives for His glory! Robert’s fiancé, Barbara, has also come to faith in Christ, so please pray for all of them as God continues to work.

We are so thankful for how God is working to transform lives and marriages in answer to your prayers and faithful support, as this is just one story of many we see at PMA.

We are praying for more leaders inside the prisons who feel called of God to plant churches. We have had almost 50 graduates who completed all 35 lessons this year. Pastor Dwight will be contacting them all to see if they feel called to help us plant house churches in their prisons.

### New Resources for Correctional Staff

Last year, two Correctional officers died in the line of duty in Minnesota. God has been working to show us how we may be able to help in some ways. The apostle Paul reached the guards in his prison (Phil 1:12-14). They have one of the hardest jobs on this planet. They have the second-highest mortality rate of any occupation. Can you imagine the impact of Christian Correctional staff that will help us reach more prisoners for Christ? We have created a resource list for correctional staff and how to pray for them in a handout. You can **download them from [www.prisonmission.org/resources](http://www.prisonmission.org/resources)**.

**Karen's**

You can make a difference, Transforming Lives, One Prisoner at a Time.

"In session one, where it says to stop here and consider what Scripture we just studied, Romans 3:13-15 caught my attention. I wrote in session two on question number 10, 'I'm transitioning unto a spiritual man, James 1:3.' Knowing the testing of my faith wortheth patience. Coming to prison for the first time at age 31, the spirit of God generated a lot of patience. We all know prisons around the world have a lot of nonsense going on within the barbed wire fences. Thank you, Prison mission Association for all that you people do! God bless" (Antonio) TX

"Thank you for your continuous brotherly kindness in providing free Bible correspondence courses, and a special thank you to E.P. who graded my previous study (Foundations of Faith 1) and taking the time to go through my papers and leaving a line of kind message of encouragement. Whether you have a lot or little to write, just remember that small acts of kindness can be just as powerful as big donations. If you can make a difference in just one life of an incarcerated person, you've done a great service because simple kindness can start a chain reaction of similar actions inside this facility, resulting in his/her effort initially becoming magnified many times." (Inmate) Florida

Thank you for your prayers and gifts in this great work. Thank you to all our volunteers (25) at the PMA office and all the others through our BCF's all over the country.

"Therefore my dear brothers, stand

firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Karen Bodeutsch, Operations Manager

### Spanish Update

It's been a year of wonderful blessings with the Spanish ministry. Receiving amazing testimonies from students who are receiving Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and also getting close to him, to their families and friends is a joyful moment to me. The Holy Spirit has been working in lives. I'm so grateful for PMA to give the opportunities to change lives. We are working formatting the lesson Parte Entendiendo La Biblia ELB (Understanding the Bible) My husband and I appreciate all prayers for wisdom to the next step the Lord is calling us for 2020. Have a blessed Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas

Altagracia Peralta Soriano  
Spanish Coordinator

### Praise and Prayer Points

Praise God for our PMA team with our continued expanding growth, all our faithful volunteers, board members, and 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:

- ◆ Thankful for new volunteers helping to visit prisons, correct lessons, and be PMA representatives!
- ◆ We have now reached over 35,000 students in the last 19 years!
- ◆ We have updated our Spanish lessons to reach more Hispanics.
- ◆ We now have over 19 Bible Correspondence Fellowships (BCF) around the country, effectively multiplying our outreach!
- ◆ Generous donations have provided a new laptop for our director and desktop for the home office.
- ◆ A Honda Odyssey van was donated for Pastor Dwight, so he has a much better vehicle now for traveling!

#### Prayer Points:

- ◆ For bilingual volunteers to work with Alta, our Spanish coordinator, so we can grow and expand to reach more

Hispanics with the gospel!

- ◆ For God to call critical leaders within the prisons to help distribute, correct lessons, and plant prison churches.
- ◆ Pray for churches to start a local BCF so they can reach out to their local jail and prisons!
- ◆ Pray for the expansion of our PMA board with leaders from across the country
- ◆ Pray for the expansion of our PMA staff to help handle our fast growth and vision.

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Please pray for presentations  
coming up:

Dec. 1 10:30 am Grace Bible Church,  
West Allis, Wisconsin.

Dec. 8 Bethesda Church, Prior Lake, MN

Dec. 29 Oak Park Heights State Super Max  
Prison, MN

Feb. 21-3 PMA Board Retreat WA

April 29 St. Cloud MN State Prison

May 5 St Cloud State Prison, MN

May 5-7 GGF Leadership Conference,  
Grace Christian University, Wyoming, MI

May 15-16 CMCA Ministry Summit,  
Wheaton, IL. Teaching workshop

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come to your church and share what  
God is doing behind bars!!

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