Newsletter of PMA

Our Mission: "Reaching Prisoners for Christ!"

Spring 2015

Celebrating 60 Years! To God be the Glory

Through your prayers, volunteering and support this ministry has impacted the lives of untold thousands of individuals. Not only have the correspondence lessons been instrumental in changing lives of inmates and their families, the lessons have reached all corners of the globe and been instrumental in starting many missionary outreaches.



To help us honor and give glory to God for all He has done, we would like to ask you to prayerfully consider asking your local church to host a "Prison Mission Sunday" to Celebrate our 60th birthday! Choose a Sunday at your church to highlight what God is doing to reaching the 2.3 million

in prisons across our country. When you choose your date, please contact our Director, Dwight and we can supply you with helpful info, arrange a PMA rep to speak at your church and give you help in planning it.

Generous Offerings helped us finish the year in the Black! We are truly blessed that a loyal supporter of PMA came forward at the end of last year to help with our general fund. They offered to match up to \$5,000 for the general fund. Many responded and we had \$5,000 new donations come in! This donation was made in honor of Pastor

Robert Roosendaal, a former pastor of the Port Orchard Grace Bible Church, WA and friend of PMA.



PMA lessons used for Church Planting! We are grateful for Pastor Noel Maquiling from Butuan City, Philippines who contacted us and asked if he could translate our lessons into Visayan. We said yes and sent him our answer keys. He has recruited a team of men and sent me a photo of them. From right to left (Pastor Aaron Arcino, Pastor Ruel Tagasling, Pastor Roque Escalante, Pastor Noel Maquiling and Pastor James Nader Sevilla. They need our prayers as Pastor Maquiling is planting a church at this time with Things to Come Mission. Www.tcmusa.org

More Translating work progressing! We have our lessons in Swahili you can download from our website now. Pray for Hung Ling in Myanmar translating our lessons for his country (formerly Burma) and Rob Van der Zee translating into Dutch.

Opportunity to invest in Eternal Fruit! We are so thankful to God for the generous gifts so we can continue to offer FREE Life Changing Bible lessons! We are thankful for faithful supporters and that we have raised over \$1,500 per month with just \$1,000 per month still needed to raise. That would be 15 people who can give \$50 per month, and 10 people who can give \$25 per month to help us meet our budget.



Pastor Dwight, Robert Visconi and Arnie Selfors

New Creation in Christ! All things New!!

It was at Pinellas County Jail in Clearwater, FL where I met a man named Arnie Selfors. He led a Sat. Bible Study. I was locked up again for petty theft but this was my third so it was considered felony petty theft. Arnie and Bob Evans both very knowledgeable disciples of the Lord showed me how kind and patient God is.

It was in jail was I shown what the Lord had in store for me. I am now on a spiritual journey I never dreamed God had in store for me, and He designed and created it before the universe was placed by His Command!! Just how powerful and incredible and awesome is my God? It was while answering the PMA Bible study questions that I did come to believe! I realized I was not being punished. I was being set free!!

On Christmas Eve, 2014, I was released from jail! Now what's happening to the "tough, I won't let anyone get to me, macho dude, that was bullet-proof?" I believe 2 Cor. 5:17 is the best description of the change in my heart. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

- **Robert Visconi**, -He attends church with Arnie and told me he feels called now to prison ministry! Pray for him!



The office is a bit busier than normal because Dwight was able Port Orchard, Washington to get an advertisement for Prison Mission in a paper called Inside Journal that is sent out by Prison Fellowship to all prisons in USA. We just added two new correctors to help us handle the load.

Here is what one of the newly enrolled inmates wrote to us. "I was reading Inside Journal and I noticed the PMA free Bible correspondence course. I want to learn more about the **Bible and**, yes, I'm interested in taking the course in English. I want to learn more so I can lead other unsaved souls to Jesus Christ" Anthony.

Bring it on! More souls for Christ!

Karen PMA Operations Manager,



Karen spoke recently at the Berean Bible Church. Shoreline, WA

Our dear friend, Sally Selfors, who served in South America and many vears with Prison Mission went to be with the Lord. Jan.20, 2015. Please pray for Arnie and the whole family at this time! We give thanks for



Selfors Spanish Update:

the life and testimony she was for the Lord Jesus and helping many to come to Christ. Thanks to many who have sent in memorial gifts in honor of Sally!



Please pray for our new Spanish minstry coordinator - Mariana **Selfors** who is taking over the Spanish ministry where Sally left off. She will be training in several volunteers who will help

correct the Spanish lessons. She came to know Christ through our PMA lessons, married Jeff Selfors (Arnie and Sally's youngest son) and then started helping with correcting lessons, and now feels God has called her to do this ministry. Watch her story @ www.tinyurl.com/mariana-pma

Praise and Prayer Points

Pray for inmates, their loved ones and family that God will work to draw each of them closer to Christ. Pray for them to shine the light of the gospel to those around them living in darkness.

Praise God for all our wonderful PMA team! For Karen's great leadership managing the operations, all our faithful volunteers, board members, and for all of you who pray, give and partner with us in the exciting ministry!

Praise God for answers to Prayermore New Students! Last year, we had 1,479 new students. Our goal is to double that number again each year til Christ returns! We sent out a total of 4,687 lessons last year!

Pray for our vision to double the number of people being reached for the **Glory of God!** We will need to double our prayer partners, double our financial partners and double the number of prisons we have teams visiting to get our lessons out to more inmates! Each year it will be our goal to double from the previous year.

Praise God for New Trifold Bible Stud-

ies! Our friend, Pastor Andrew Hollier has written up great trifold Bible Studies. He has given us permission to use them for our ministry. He has been putting our logo and info on them and sending me a few each week.

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 \$51,504 that needs to be paid off by May, 2018.

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 improvement in Dwight's sciatic nerve issues in both legs causing weakness, numbness and pain.



Pray for Dwight Anderson Family

Coming Soon!

Pray for **PMA presentations coming up:**

March 22, 10,30 am St Johns Methodist Church, St. Louis, MO – Steve McFarland Mar.29 Oak Park Heights Prison, MN April 21-24, 2015. GGF Leadership Conference, Grace Bible College, Grand Rapids, MI

April 26 Rush Creek Bible Church, MI May 28-30 Correctional Ministry Summit at Wheaton College, IL Dwight will be teaching a workshop

May 31 Oak Park Heights Prison June 21-23 BBF Conference, Cedar lake,

July 15-18, GGF Family Bible Conference, Grand Rapids, MI. Dwight teaching a Workshop

July 19, Frontline Bible Church, MI Aug.30 Oak Park Heights Prison, MN September 9-11, 2015 Coalition of Prison Evangelists, Indianapolis, IN workshop Sept. 13 Grace Church, Indianapolis, IN

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