

## Who is God's Ambassador to your local jail?

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Think about your area. The **most receptive people to the gospel are close by you but behind bars**. They are waiting for someone who knows the Gospel of the Grace of God to come and share it with them. 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

You could have the joy of leading many to Christ! They are looking for hope and know they are sinners and need to change.



Since we have been sharing the **vision to plant churches in prisons**, God has opened up doors like never before for this ministry in answer to your prayers and support.

**Thank YOU for being a part of what God is doing to reach the 2.3 million unreached people group behind bars!**

There is no greater spiritual harvest field with a better return of eternal fruit for our investment of time and money of any ministry I have been a part of! ***We give God the glory for what He has done this past year in tripling the number of new lessons going out in this past year for a total of 3,789 new students.***

*We have a return rate of 45%, for those who return the intro lessons and tell us they have trusted in Christ. So that means we will have reached over 1,700 new men and women for Christ in jails and prisons in last 12 months! If you divide that by our total budget, we find that for every \$58 donated we were able to reach an inmate for Christ!*

**"He who wins souls is wise". Prov.11:30**

As I shared with my chiropractor yesterday, how a church I visited caught the vision and wanted to start a BCF (Bible Correspondence Fellowship—correcting lessons from their local jails and prisons), he said, "that seems to be happening each place you visit."



He was right- Grafton, OH- new BCF started, AZ- one is in the works, AL- interest to start one, Altoona, PA—interest to start something, Brownsberg, IN—interested in starting an outreach in nearby pris-

*Pastor Dwight with Pastor Thornton, Grace Community Church—correcting about 30 lessons per week, Grafton, OH*

on, Holland, MI- interest to help, and just got email from Pastor Paul Turner at Oshkosh, after I spoke at the BBI Missions Conference, and he has invited me to come and share at their church in response to his burden to reach the seven jails and prisons in his area.

If you are interested, I 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! What an opportunity!

We also work to reach the whole family of each inmate with

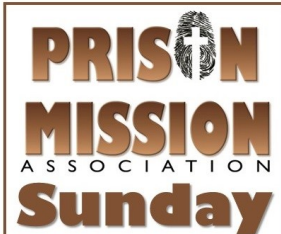


children's Bible correspondence lessons and books with several ministries we partner with: Grace Harbor- Miners Club and the Mailbox Club.

*PMA representative, Steve McFarland with Pastor duPlessis, at New Grace Bible Church planted in Brownsberg, Indiana.*

### "Remember the prisoners..." Heb. 13:3

This ministry has impacted the lives of untold thousands of individuals through **your prayers, volunteering and support.**



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"** 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. For more info: [www.prisonmission.org/prisonmissionsunday](http://www.prisonmission.org/prisonmissionsunday)

**THANK YOU for the Generous Offerings helped us far surpass our goal at the end of last year for the building fund!** We praise God for how we more than reached our goal to pay off \$10,000 towards our \$46,000 mortgage in 2015. We had donations of \$16,000 towards the Building Fund!!

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**Karen Bodeutsch**  
PMA Operations Manager  
Port Orchard, Washington

Some people like statistics, graphs, charts, and figures. I'm not one of those people (My husband, Cal, is one of them).

What I really like is the personal stories of the changed lives of prisoners taking our lessons. Listen to some of these testimonies.

*"I have done various Bible studies throughout my incarceration and have completed most and am still*

*working on some. But your Bible study lessons are really thoughtful and get me thinking which sharpens my focus on God's Word."* JW, Washington Corrections Center, Shelton, WA

*"I like this study more than some others I have done because you don't simply expect me to parrot back the 'correct' answer according to the text. You reference everything according to the Scriptures and you expect me to think about what it means."* TV, Ohio State Penitentiary

*"I am at a loss for words by the more in-depth these lessons become. I'm loving it. It's great!"* KS, Madison Correctional Institution

*"I want to praise God and give all glory to His Name. This Bible study has given me the full understanding of the Scriptures...Each Day I grow in my walk with Christ...The Lord*

*has begun to work in my life, and has humbled me...My heart isn't hardened anymore. I've learned to trust in the Lord and allow him to work his will into my life."* JM, Calipatria State Prison.

I see the success of PMA in lives transformed and transfigured by the Word of God through our Bible correspondence lessons. I feel so blessed to be able to participate in the ministry of PMA. And, **thank you for being a part of this life changing ministry too.**

By God's grace, 1 Thessalonians 2:13



**Please pray for our Spanish ministry coordinator: Mariana Selfors** who handles the Spanish ministry. Pray for God to provide several bilingual volunteers she can

train to help correct the Spanish lessons. She came to know Christ through our PMA lessons. **Watch her story @ [www.tinyurl.com/mariana-pma](http://www.tinyurl.com/mariana-pma)**

## **Praise and Prayer Points**

**Praise God for all our wonderful PMA team: for Karen's great leadership managing the operations with our expanding growth, 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 Prayer:**

- ◆ We more than reached our goal to pay off \$10,000 towards our \$46,000 mortgage in 2015. We had donations of \$16,000 towards the Building Fund!! Thank you Lord for touching hearts!
- ◆ The total number of lessons given out in 2015: 8,618 (increase of 3,931 more than 2014 total: 4687)
- ◆ New lessons sent out for 2015: 3,789 (increase of 2,475 more than 2014 total: 1314)! **We reached many more inmates for Christ this past year!**

### **Prayer**

- ◆ 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 lessons and plant prison churches.

- ◆ If all our donors from 2015 increased their donations for this year by 15% we would be close to having full support for our director.

◆ **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 \$29,504 that needs to be paid off by May, 2018.

- ◆ **For improvement in Dwight's sciatic nerve issues** in both legs causing weakness, numbness and pain. He may need surgery, and he will be seeing a specialist May 25.

**Coming Soon!**

Pray for **PMA presentations coming up:**

May 17 Rochester and Waseca Federal Prisons, MN

May 19 Sandstone Federal Prison, MN

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

May 29 Oak Park Heights Prison, MN

June 5 Steve McFarland speaking at Afton Grace Bible Church, St. Louis, MO

June 8 Faribault State Prison, MN

June 28 Rush City State Prison, MN

July 7-10 GGF Family Bible Conference, Spokane, WA

July 11-12 PMA Board Planning Retreat

July 26 Lino Lakes Prison, MN

July 31 Oak Park Heights Prison, MN

Aug 7 Dwight speaking at Grace Bible Church, Penrith, NSW **Australia**

Sept. 27 Oak Grove Lutheran Church – Men's group, 12 noon, Richfield MN

Sept. 27 Moose Lake State Prison, MN

Oct. 26 Stillwater State 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**