

Mileposts along the Journey, a Home to Call Our Own

By Cal Bodeutsch, Chairman of the Board

Sometimes looking back at the past brings us a greater appreciation of the present, especially when it reminds us of God's leading and blessing. Allow me to share with you a short history of PMA since it moved to Port Orchard, Washington.

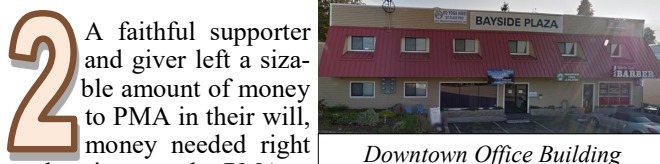
MILESTONE 1990



Vern Bigelow and Duplex

Vern Bigelow brought the ministry of PMA to Port Orchard and operated it from a duplex next to where we lived. Lessons were processed and mailed from their living room and records were kept on 3X5 cards and stored in shoe boxes. Looking back it seems quite primitive but lessons were being sent and inmates were being saved and growing in their love and knowledge of the Savior.

MILESTONE 1994



Downtown Office Building

A faithful supporter and giver left a sizable amount of money to PMA in their will, money needed right at that time to take PMA to the next level. This enabled PMA to rent some office spaces in a building in downtown Port Orchard. The Lord grew the mission so that we used every bit of that office space. Computers were purchased enabling us to track lessons and giving, and the lessons were all updated and computerized. The extra room allowed for more people to become involved in the day-to-day operations of PMA.

But it did have a major downside. The offices were located on the second floor. With many of our volunteers being in their 60's and 70's some of them had a hard time climbing the steps. We needed an office on the ground floor. So Karen went on the prowl.

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Grace Bible Church Parsonage

After a lot of looking in the Port Orchard area Karen approached the Grace Bible Church of Port Orchard, about

renting their old parsonage building. Permission was granted, but what we gained in accessibility we lost in useable space. The growth of PMA prohibited moving back into a residential building for very long. Soon we were on the lookout for something bigger, which could handle the growing ministry. Again Karen was on the hunt and the Lord had just the perfect place for a more permanent office for PMA.



MILESTONE 2011

In 2009, Karen became aware of a church that was unfortunately closing its doors. They had been using a converted garage for their offices so



Current location— 6549 Sidney Rd. SW

Karen contacted their corporate offices and found out they were very open to renting that building to us. Also, in the agreement was a clause that if they ever wanted to sell the building, PMA would get first choice.

The day came when the denomination told us that they had received an offer from someone to buy the building and we had only a few weeks to match the selling price if we wanted it. The board decided to step out in faith and make the need known to the faithful PMA supporters and churches. In four weeks we raised over \$24,000, enough money for a down payment. PMA then had five years to come up with the rest of the money needed to purchase the building.

MILESTONE 2018 — TO BE DEBT FREE!

For the past four years PMA has been making payments on the building, narrowing down the amount owed (now just under \$20,000). We are excited to see how God will provide the rest of the money needed to make the upcoming balloon payment. We praise God for answers to prayer as we see the finances come in from faithful supporters like you to reduce the money we owe on the building.

What a blessing it will be to have a permanent home of our own for PMA, with no mortgage payments. The money previously used for mortgage payments can now be used to further the ministry of reaching prisoners for Christ.



PMA Home Office

2017 Building Fund Goal \$20,000 To pay off in full Jan. 2018!

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**Karen Bodeutsch
PMA Operations Manager—WA
In His Presence**

On February 23, 2017 **Joan Devine entered into the presence of God.** It is a huge loss for all of us here at PMA. Joan started working for PMA in February, 2010. Joan dedicated every Wednesday to PMA processing all the return lessons from correctors and helped process the incoming checks to be deposited at the bank. She was also the one who processed your receipts. Those jobs took her from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM every Wednesday. Joan's last day was Jan-

uary 11, 2017. That day she was diagnosed with cancer.

That was also about the same time we got a new volunteer. Sandy had just retired from her day job and with some encouragement from her sister Pam Otto, (who also works for PMA on Tuesdays) she started doing some of Joan's work. Sandy now does the processing of all the lessons that are returned to the office. At the end of April Joan's daughter-in-law, Sarah Devine, will take over the finances that Joan used to do.

I'm always amazed how God keeps volunteers coming to fill in exactly when needed. We need all our volunteers but God controls the supply for our office. All of our volunteers have a day and time they come in faithfully every week. We have eight to nine people a week, depending on our needs. It's a blessing to me to be part of a vital, caring and responsible group.

We all feel the loss of Joan, but we are happy she is finally home. PMA is mostly all volunteers. Last year we added five more volunteers in the office, of which one has since move away. God has been forever faithful to give us what we need at the Port Orchard office. We are looking forward to God providing us with more correctors this year.

We appreciate your prayers as we continue to process the lessons and for God to meet the daily needs of the office. In all the ups and downs I am reminded what of Paul said about his ministry that reflects the calling of PMA.

"I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:24-27).



Joan Devine

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:

- ♦ Pastor Dwight's back is slowly healing after surgery. With the back brace off, he is doing core strengthening exercises and will take six more months they say to fully heal. **This has given relief from sciatic nerve problems he had in the past! Praise the Lord!**
- ♦ God is answering prayers and seeing lives transformed as we have over 28,000 students enrolled with PMA in last 17 yrs.

Prayer

- ♦ Our need for a Spanish Director and team for 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.

- ♦ For more open doors in 2017 to share what God is doing behind bars! We will be trying **some new technology to do online webinars and presentations** to connect with more people and churches on a personal way.
- ♦ **For our Building Fund Goal of \$20,000 this year to pay off the remaining loan balance on our office building by Jan, 2018.**
- ♦ Pray for Pastor Dwight to be able to go full time soon. Once the building is paid off that will make this possible! This will be huge!

Coming Soon!

Pray for the presentations coming up:

- April 23 Steve McFarland to share at Preakness Bible Church, NJ
- April 25-28 GGF Leadership Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.
- April 29 Oak Park Heights Prison, MN
- May 3 MCF-St. Cloud Prison, MN

May IFI meeting- Speaking at Shakopee Women's Prison, MN

May 16, Rochester and Waseca Federal Prisons, MN

May 19 Sandstone Federal Prison, MN

June 7 MCF- Faribault, MN

June 27 MCF-Rush City, MN

July 20-23 GGF Family Bible conference, Holland, MI

July 25 MCF-Lino Lakes Prison, MN

July 30 Oak Park Heights Prison, MN

Sept. MCF-Red Wing Prison, MN

Sept. 13-16 Teaching workshop at COPE-Coalition of Prison Evangelist Conference, Daytona Beach, FL.

Oct.4 MCF-Moose Lake Prison, MN

Oct. 15-22 MEM- Men Encouraging Men Camp at NGYC, Wisconsin

Oct. 18 Stillwater 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