Newsletter of PMA

Our Mission: "Reaching Prisoners for Christ!"

Summer 2014

New Vision for our Future!

New Director!! As the new Executive Director, Dwight is very excited about how God has been working as we have



had opportunities to share about the many changed lives! It's a part time position. Our headquarters is in Port Orchard, near Seattle, WA., but Dwight and his wife, Darlene will continue to live

in Burnsville, Minnesota and travel to share in churches and challenge them to use PMA lessons and visit prisons.

New Testimonies! Recently we started to send out a testimony worksheet with each lesson asking for their testimonies. They have been coming in and we have had over 50 come in over the last couple of months! Praise the Lord!

New Students! Since Feb. 1 We have 426 new students enrolled! Our goal is to double enrollment from last year!

New Prayer Partners! As we have visited Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri and Minnesota churches and conferences the past few months we have had 56 new folks sign up for our prayer and news updates!

New Donors! It's a blessing when new folks we have met are now supporting us so we can continue to offer FREE Life Changing Bible lessons! We are thankful for our many faithful supporters! Right now we need 10 people who can give \$50 per month, and 20 people who can give \$25 per month to help us meet our budget. Please be in prayer for this urgent need for new donors.

New Prison Ministry partners! We have had the joy of connecting with other prison ministries and now will be offering our lessons to supplement their outreach. Women's Prison in Shakopee, MN, Steele county Jail in Owatonna, MN. As well as some in Florida, Missouri, Michigan, and Illinois.

New volunteers! We are grateful for those who have recently volunteered to help us reach out to more churches, as volunteers who will represent PMA in churches near where they live. We will have a 10 minute presentation that we are developing ready to share in July. Please contact us if you interested to be a PMA representatives in your area.

New website! We are thankful for Jason Kocina of Checkerboard.com who has been helping redevelop our website, which is still in progress, **www.prisonmission.org** is our new webpage. Please vote for us: Prison Mission at **www.tinyurl.com/voteforpma** so that we may win a publicity and website package valued at \$15,000-\$20,000. This would be a great boost for our

outreach.

New Opportunity! Those who complete all our self-paced PMA 36 lessons (usually takes 2 years), will get the opportunity to get 6 Credit hours towards Berean Bible Institute, in Slinger, Wisconsin. (Pictured with BBI Director, Robert Nix.)



New Spanish Translation Project! The Selfors have just finished translating a booklet written by Pastor Dwight, called "Do you understand God's plan for man?" into Spanish. It is in rough draft form. Please pray for the funds now to print it. There is a real need for good Spanish booklets for us to include with our lessons.

New English Acts Lessons! The Selfors are translating the Spanish "Book of Acts" lessons we have had into English. It is almost half done as they have finished lesson 8 of 19 lessons. It gives real insight into the Gospel of the Grace of God.

Testimony of God's Amazing Grace!

One of many testimonies to come in the last few months:

"A little over 30 years ago, I did not know peace. There was a void in my life and I would fill that void with temporary things like pornography, alcohol, drugs and money. But I did not find peace in them. Then I end up going to prison and that is where another brother who had the peace I was searching for, told me about the love of Jesus who brings eternal life. It was like opening up a package which was His gift to me, Praise the Lord! The Blood Jesus shed on the cross washed away my sins.

The Correspondence course with Prison Mission helps me to do bible studies so I can grow in God's grace I received by faith in Jesus. Because at this prison camp here we do not have many bible studies we can do so I do the ones through the mail. Your studies help me so I can apply what I learn to my life. And that is what they are doing, I study verse by verse to really know God's truth each and every day. So I thank you for sending them to me so I can grow in Christ Jesus. God bless you and thank you!" -John K.



It's been about three years since I wrote a Karen's Korner. A lot of new things are happening. Dwight Anderson is my 5th new director in my 18 vears with PMA. God has truly blessed us with the purchase of our own building and increase in volunteers (eleven to be exact never done of which four are new correctors). We added new prayer partners and are about to add some more from my church. We also had numerous people help with work on the building and grounds. We are sadly saying goodbye to

one of our financial helpers as she is moving away. Karen Gillis has been with us ten years. Thank you Karen. It is true 'Volunteers get it done." This verse is for you Karen-I know this is in your heart. "Not with eye service, as men pleasers: but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord and not to men "(Ephesians 6:6-7). Thank you Karen, we will

miss you much! The mission is alone.



PMA Operations Manager, Port Orchard, Washington



Selfors Spanish Update: cells. This does not

Leading a Bible Study in the local jail is not an easy job. MANY groups go into the jail, and some men just go to each of the sessions, to get out of their seem to be the case in

our situation. Especially on Saturdays, we find these few, but faithful men very open to the teaching of the Word rightly divided, and anxious to grow. On Tuesdays, with Ricardo Diaz de Leon and our Spanish group, we find a continual shuffle of men, as they are only there until they get sentenced and sent to some prison. BUT it is such a privilege to present them with the gospel, something that many have never heard. They often ask for prayer, and that is mostly for their wives and children. Please pray for these men. One of our biggest concerns as well as that of the prisoners is their family. Pray with us for the families of each of these men.

Arnie and Sally Selfors, PMA Spanish Ministry Coordinators, Largo, Florida

Praise and Prayer Points

We praise God for the great team we have with Operations Manager, Karen Bodeutsch and many volunteers who help with correcting lessons that are sent out to all 50 US states!

Dwight was thrilled to be able to tour and see the new building that was purchased last year in Port Orchard. We praise God for the many sacrificial gifts that made that possible!

Praise God that in the last 14 years, we have had over 19,000 students enrolled with our lessons. That is many, many transformed lives!

URGENT NEED- God has always supplied our needs. Please pray for us as we need to raise \$992 per month for our new budget this year that will enable us to continue this vital ministry!

Pray for more volunteers to visit prisons. Pray that Dwight will be able to encourage and challenge many as he shares of PMA, in person, via website, Facebook, and visiting churches.

Pray for Dwight as he contacts and meets with folks who have a burden for this

ministry to pray, volunteer and support this ministry. We are very excited to be able to see many come to Christ and grounded in God's Word.

Pray for **Dwight** 's presenting **PMA**: June 29, Oak Park Heights Prison, MN July 16-19 Bethesda Church, Prior Lake, MN Aug.3 Friendship Bible Church, Friendship, WI. Aug. 24 Shelton Prison Outreach, WA. Aug. 31 Oak Park Heights Prison, Oct. 4 MCMA Church Expo, Edinbrook Church, Brooklyn Park, MN. Oct. 10-11 Grace Revival for Evangelism, Cumberland, Maryland.

Dwight Anderson Family Photo



Back row: Celeste, Dwight, Joel, Keira Front row: Ethan, Kyle, Betty, Elijah, Darlene

Coming Soon- Next Year PMA's 60th anniversary!

Can you believe it? 2015 will be 60 years from when Joe Mason started PMA!

We are so thankful for so many people who have volunteered, prayed and generously supported this ministry.

We want to collect some stories of those who volunteered, prayed and were reached over the 60 years. We need old photos, videos, audio tapes of Joe Mason and other directors. Please let us know if you can help with stories for this important celebration what God has done the last 60 years! We want to bring Him the glory.

Contact Pastor Dwight at: 612-423-3457 or dwight@prisonmission.org We thank you for your prayers and

support! 1 Cor.15:58

No matter how small your contribution is, always keep in mind that doing something is always better than doing nothing. No gift is too small in God's hands!