

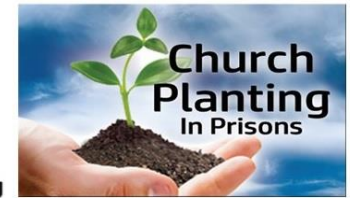
before I got there. He allowed me to see things clearly for the first time in my life. Just because I was in prison my life was not over. In fact, it had just begun. You see, God had a plan for me. He was going to take this time as the Master Restorer. **Who is more than capable of making things beautiful again?** Since I have been locked up, I have been stripped of all choices and decisions that I had been able to make when I was a free woman. Now I am told when I can eat, sleep, and shower. I have lost all control, I am powerless. That's exactly where God wanted me to be. Right here where I am at now in prison. **He is able to start the process of restoration now!**

He has taken the old me to the cross with Him. Every bad or evil thing I have done is forgiven. Gone...not there anymore, all that guilt and shame gone. You can't have a car in mint condition if you leave any of the old dirty parts there. You see he is cleaning me from the inside out. Just like Jesus said to the Pharisees...you have made the outside look clean, but you have failed to clean the inside. So not it's time to make the outside presentable. I believe God paints us with **the fruits of the spirit. So, when others see us, they see Jesus. How beautiful He is.** I know He is still working a few kinks out of me. Because once He starts something He always finishes it. I am now looking forward to His finishing touches. I look at it this way...He kept me from the junkyard and took me straight to the showroom floor. **I will have been in the Master Restorer's hands."** - Patricia R. in SC.

Since 1955, Prison Mission Association (PMA) has focused on **"Reaching Prisoners for Christ"** by providing Free Life-changing Bible correspondence courses to inmates in all 50 states and overseas, with the goal of planting churches behind bars.

**August
2022
Prayer
Update**

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Praise Points

Do you have the new 12 seeds book?



- The new book is being reprinted this month and published by PMA!
- It is now being translated into Urdu to be used in Pakistan.
- Also into Chichewa for use in Malawi
- The Spanish version has been translated and now in final editing. We hope to have it printed in a few months.

We will feature one of the 12 seeds each month. This month we will feature the principle of **Nurture**. *"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."* - 1 Peter 5:7.

How can we share the gift of Nurture? "As we grow in our relationship with our great God, we come to experience more and more of His wondrous nurturing nature. As we focus on Him and His ways, we become more and more like Him. We come to understand that everyone needs help, that we all need care. We learn to focus more on the needs of others, and we learn to share His gifts with others. This care can include training via gentle, respectful suggestions or in sharing of what you learned that could help another person." - From the new book, *12 Seeds Growing in Love* by Norm Andersen.

PMA wants to help provide resources for churches to grow so please contact Pastor Dwight for ideas on Leadership Retreats,

PMA Prayer and Praise Updates – God's work behind bars!
For more info contact: Pastor Dwight Anderson, 612-423-3457,
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Vision casting workshops, and *12 Seeds for Successful Relationships* and *12 Seeds Growing in Love* workshops. Norm Andersen is now a PMA volunteer! Praise God! We are working on a **correspondence course for *12 Seeds Growing in Love* book.**

We have a book project fund you can donate to help us, just earmark it “12 Seeds” to help us continue to share these resources with prisons, churches, and other ministries.

We praise God for providing new donors and prayer partners as our needs grow! **We are thankful for each one of you who prays and gives.**

Prayer Points

Pray for Pastor Dwight and Darlene's Mission Trip to Australia- Aug.15-30



Praise God that Australia have lifted any travel restrictions so they are free to visit this month!



Pray for their sharing at Grace Bible Church, Kingswood, NSW and seeking to setup a local prison outreach- BCF. And to visit inmates who have written to them.

Here are some upcoming dates to pray for:

Dwight and Darlene are taking a mission trip to Australia, Aug. 15-30. Visiting inmates who have contacted us and recruit volunteers to setup a BCF in Australia.

Aug. 21 Grace Bible Church, Kingswood, NSW Australia.

Sept. 18 Missions Conference at Bethesda Church, Prior Lake, MN

Oct. 19, Grace Bible Church, Fairhope, AL

Oct. 20 Forest Park Bible Church, Mobile, AL

Oct. 21 Grace Bible Church, Mobile, AL

Oct. 23 Greystone Bible Church, Mobile, AL

Continue to pray for more open doors in churches and places we have never been before. **We would be happy to do a Zoom call with any church** or Bible study groups.

Keep praying for **more local churches to start a local BCF** (Bible Correspondence Fellowship) so they can reach out to their local jails and prisons. **We now have 50 BCFs** around the country and overseas! Each BCF prints, distributes, and corrects lessons to mentor inmates so they can reach more inmates for Christ! **We would love to help you start a BCF to reach out near you.**

Stories of Changed Lives for the Glory of God!

Your prayers and gifts are making an **eternal difference!! THANK YOU!** We are blessed to see so many hearts changed by Christ.

Testimony from an inmate of how God is the Master Restorer

“I believe God is using this time to restore me, to who I was before addiction. That’s not something that happens overnight. It takes time and effort. Take this for example... When you restore an old car, what do you do first? You take it off the streets for awhile so you can work on it. Then you take everything out of it, the seats, the glass, the rug, etc.... “EVERYTHING”. Then you would sandblast the car to remove all the ugly spots. Next you would paint it. After you did all this, you would put it back together. Not with all the old dirty filthy parts, but with brand new parts that are new and not faulty.

See God is using this bad time in my life right now and turning it into something good. God is able to make a bad situation good. He has taken me out of commission and sat me down a minute. He couldn’t get through to me while I was doing my own thing...and chasing all the wrong things. I had put myself in Satan’s hands, the hands that likes to kill, steal, and destroy. I was headed straight to the crusher, doomed and couldn’t even see it coming. I was blind. **I thank God for loving me enough to catch me**