

Dots that will Change Lives! New opportunities!

This month is Thanksgiving! “So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and **overflowing with thankfulness**” (Colossians 2:6-7).

We are overflowing with Thankfulness to God and for all of you on our PMA team who pray, give and volunteer. We have hundreds of volunteers all across the country and overseas that are spreading the message of God’s grace through PMA Bible lessons!

As God has led me to become senior Pastor at Bethesda Church, **I will continue to be the executive director here at PMA. We thank God for his blessings as both ministries are growing in new ways.** Bethesda added some new members and we have seen people come to faith in Christ in the local church. We have added more children which is also a huge prayer request for our church.

The Lord is working mightily as PMA growth continues to excel my expectations even when I am now not full-time but I do work close to full time for PMA. I have admin help now at Bethesda and more volunteers helping as well. Praise God.

Last year at this time, we had 38 Bible Correspondence Fellowships (BCFs), now we have 54 in USA and 28 countries overseas that duplicate what our home office does by providing life-changing Bible correspondence courses. To handle our rapid growth we have had to de-centralize the ministry and expand on many levels!!

Praise the Lord we will soon have our Introductory lesson in braille. A prison in NC has a program where inmates are working this now. They hope to have the intro lesson done by thanksgiving! Our November PMA prayer update has more info. You can download our monthly prayer updates at www.prisonmission.org/pray.



Steve McFarland, St. Louis, MO speaking on behalf of PMA

Meet our new PMA board member:

Steve McFarland - Steve McFarland had the privilege of being asked to be a board member of Prison Mission Association this year. He was born and raised in South St. Louis County, Missouri. He became a believer at the age of 25 after serving honorably in the United States Marine Corp. When he met Lyn (now his wife), he was introduced to the doctrine of the Grace Gospel Fellowship by his father-in-law, the late Edward Jude.

Steve volunteered with PMA after Pastor Dwight Anderson visited his local church in 2014. His heart was moved to help prisoners to hear the gospel of the grace of Christ Jesus. **Steve became our PMA Rep for Region 5 of the GGF back in 2014 and has served faithfully speaking at churches.**

We are looking for more PMA representatives so we can have one in each state. Please contact Pastor Dwight if you are interested in volunteering.

Dots That Change Lives

■ God has opened a door at The Scotland Correctional Institution, Laurinburg, NC. with inmates that are willing to transcribe some of our PMA lessons into Braille - printed in raised characters which the blind can read and learn the gospel of the Grace of God!



Update from Simone Montfort, Operations Manager, Port Orchard, WA

I have been working with PMA for over a year and a half now. Time has really flown!!! I have enjoyed working with all the volunteers, they make my job sooo much easier. I definitely rely on their experience. We have had several of our correctors either move out of state or retire. God has provid-

ed us with some awesome replacements, Cheryl Shelton, Kathi Jones, Medy Renken, Debbie Christensen, and Bethany Fisher.

Rising costs are evident in all areas. For example, the cost of our printed envelopes with shipping went up 30%, paper has increased 20%, and our building/liability insurance went up 15%. I had to buy a new office computer this year for another \$1,200.00. However, the Lord is blessing us with faithful supporters, and the Lord is providing in answer to your prayers!

Bob Barry did an amazing job replacing the two sections of wood fence that we have on the property that were looking very decrepit. Lord has blessed us with faithful supporters.

Thank you everyone for your prayers and support.

Inmate Testimonies

*I am enjoying these studies. They make me work for the answers. I am looking to become a minister while I am here. I am looking at a lot of years behind bars and I'd like to put myself to work for the Lord. Any help would be wonderful. Thank you. -- David B.

*I am wanting help to start a ministry inside here with your help. With all the glory and praise due to the creator in which we'll let guide us through this journey with endurance!! I am studying for my Associates degree at the moment. Thanks for all your time and patience with the uplifting literature. Thank you Jesus! -- Keith S.

Praise and Prayer Points

Praise God for answers to Prayer:

- ◆ **Praise the Lord for Simone Montfort** who is doing a terrific job as our Operations Manager at the PMA home office.
- ◆ Praise God for many new BCF hubs since our last newsletter. We have **over 54 BCF regional hubs now around the country** and 28 countries overseas. The newest ones are in India and Australia.
- ◆ Praise God for **our outreach through the Edovo digital tablets around the country that will offer PMA lessons** and podcasts, which will be on over 100,000 by tablets by end of 2022. www.edovo.com
- ◆ **Praise God as doors are opening to connect with inmates again in MN jails and prisons.** We have our first transition fair coming up March 2, 2023 at Stillwater Prison, MN.

Prayer

- ◆ Pray for our need for **bilingual volunteers** and a Spanish coordinator in WA.
- ◆ **For God to call key leaders** within

the prisons to help distribute/correct lessons and plant prison churches.

- ◆ Pray for Pastor Dwight as he leads PMA and Bethesda Church. He is praying for some young leaders whom he can mentor to help with PMA and at the Church.
- ◆ Local churches near prisons to mentor and plant a multi-site church in the prison.
- ◆ The expansion of our PMA board with leaders from across the country.
- ◆ The expansion of our PMA staff to help handle our fast growth and vision.

Coming Soon!

Nov. 5, Sat. 10 am Spanish Pastors Prayer Breakfast, at Casa del Maestro, Maplewood, MN

Dec. 3, 10 am Iglesia Christiana La Vina Inver. Inver Grove Heights, MN.

Jan. 27 CMCA Hope Virtual Conference

March 2, 2023 7 am to 3 pm Stillwater Correctional Transition Fair, Stillwater, MN.

March 6-10, 2023 GGF Pastors Conference Grace Bible Church, Phoenix, AZ

May 19-20, 2023 CMCA Summit at Wheaton College, Illinois

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