Here are upcoming events to pray for:

Feb. 18, 10:30 am West Valley Grace Fellowship, Sun City West, AZ **February 19-23,** Grace Gospel Fellowship **Pastors Conference,** Grace Bible Church, Phoenix, AZ

March 2, 10 am Iglesia C.R.E.E.S, Ramsey, MN

May 17-18, Teaching a workshop at THE CMCA 2024 CORRECTIONAL

MINISTRIES SUMMIT, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

April 6, 10 am DHH Church, Minneapolis, MN

May 4, 10 am Iglesia Nueva Generacion, Minneapolis, MN

June 1, 10 am Monte Sinai, Minneapolis, MN

July 13, 10 am Celebracion de Amigos, Savage, MN

Aug. 3, 10 am, Tiempo de Alegria, Rochester, MN

Oct.23-25, Minnesota Correctional Assoc. Conference, Mankato, MN

Stories of Changed Lives for the Glory of God!

Email we just got from Chaplain in Colorado: "I wanted to thank you for your generosity of the materials/resources you provided to our women's prison last year. I wanted to let you know the incarcerated women are now leading 2 separate 12 Seeds classes. One is for our mental health unit and the other is for our high-risk inmates. For most of these women this is the first time they are learning about respect, encouragement, hope, trust, healthy relationships, etc. I wanted to see if you would be willing to donate some of your 12 Seeds resources again for these incarcerated women? They would love to work through the books, guides, bible studies, workbooks, etc." - Chaplain Cathy. (Yes we will!)

Since 1955, Prison Mission Association (PMA) has focused on "Reaching Prisoners for Christ" by providing Bible correspondence courses to over 40,000 inmates in all fifty states and 28 countries overseas: working to plant self-sustaining church communities in prisons. Students may earn free college-level credits with Berean Bible Institute (BBI), West Bend, Wisconsin.

PMA Prayer and Praise Updates – God's work behind bars!

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February 2024 Prayer Update

Praise Points

1,608 New Students at PMA home office

- ■In 2023, we had 1,608 New students enroll in our life changing Bible Correspondence courses!! Praise the Lord!
- Pray for these who came to faith in Christ to share the Gospel of the Grace of God in 2024 so we can continue to reach more inmates for Christ!!

We praise God for the growth in new students last year!

God has blessed us to be able to reach more and more new inmates across the country and now in 28 countries overseas! We have added a total of 1,608 new students in 2023. In the last ten years, we have added 22,058 new students at our home office. On top of that we have our 60 Bible Correspondence Fellowship (BCFs). Each BCF prints, distributes, and corrects lessons to mentor inmates in their local areas so we can reach more inmates

for Christ! We are so thankful for the hundreds of volunteers helping to reach thousands more inmates with the Gospel of the Grace of God!!



Praise God for Pastor Dwight sharing about PMA outreach with Spanish Pastors, Jan. 6, 2024, at Celebration Church, Lakeville, MN.

Update on our digital lessons on Tablets behind bars:

PMA lessons on Prison Digital Tablets

- Edovo Tablets are in over 350 facilities across USA.
- Reaching now up to 300,000 inmates.
- So Far as of Dec. 2023, 66,171 lessons completed.





This month the seed to focus on is:

"Encouragement"
Inspiring with Courage

"Let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching." - Hebrews 10:25b. How we can share the gift of Encouragement: "We live in a world where many people dwell in fear. As we receive encouragement from our loving Father, we can overcome our own fears and then help others to do the same

... We can assure people that with God's help they will be able to press on. We can 'be there' with them in what they are facing. We can help in meaningful ways." – from 12 Seeds Growing in Love.

Each of the 12 Seeds is an Ideal. To discover more about the seed of Encouragement, check out our downloadable tools you can use in classes and discussions at www.prisonmission.org. Thank you to all who support our book fund that allows us to distribute books. We will be needing to reprint the original 12 Seeds English book soon.

Prayer Points

Please pray for the local corrections institutions near YOU! With covid and the unrest, staff at the jail are under a lot of pressure and often work understaffed and in challenging situations. Praying for inmates, their families and those reentering into the community is huge but very important. Pray for more volunteers that can work from home to help us correct lessons from inmates.

Pray that the right volunteers will come forward and work through the challenges involved in volunteering and that jail staff will allow and welcome them. The political climate in each facility affects everything and prayer is of the utmost importance.

We are **praying for a Spanish Coordinator to** help train a team to correct lessons so we can expand this area of our ministry.

Keep praying for more local churches to start a local Bible Correspondence Fellowship (BCF) so they can reach out to their local jails and prisons. We now have 60 BCFs including 28 overseas countries! Each BCF prints, distributes, and corrects lessons to mentor inmates so they can reach more inmates for Christ! We can help you start a BCF to reach out near you.

Pray for Pastor Dwight as PMA Director and Senior Pastor at Bethesda Church, for wisdom. Pray for the need to hire another pastor to serve our North Branch campus and assist at our Prior Lake campus.