

“Proclaiming Freedom Behind Bars” Springing forward in faith and impact!

Spring reminds us that God is always doing something new—even in places most people forget. **Behind prison walls, lives are being transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.** And thanks to your prayers, support, and partnership, PMA continues to grow—expanding into new prisons, launching new initiatives, and raising up new leaders.

We are thrilled to share a few updates and introductions with you this spring!

Welcoming Two New Board Members

We are excited to welcome two passionate, mission-minded individuals to the PMA Board of Directors:

Pastor Frank Salcedo

Pastor Frank Salcedo is a Marine Corps Gulf War combat veteran and the founder of Iglesia Cristiana Shekinah / Shekinah Christian Church in Port Orchard, Washington. Although his parents migrated from the Dominican Republic to New York in the late 1960s, Pastor Frank remains deeply rooted in his Dominican heritage—frequently visiting the island and serving as a missionary across the region.

Born and raised mostly on the East Coast, he married his high school sweetheart in Brooklyn, NY, and they remain happily married to this day. Together, they have two sons and four beloved grandchildren.

In 2023, following God’s divine direction, Pastor Frank and his wife were led on an Exodus to the beautiful city of Port Orchard, where he now resides and leads his church. He is passionate about his faith and devoted to sharing the goodness of God with everyone he meets. His deep compassion for the forgotten and marginalized fuels his involvement in the Prison Mission board and ministry. For Pastor Frank, it’s not just about outreach—it’s about redemption. **“It’s all about saving the lost behind bars,”** he says. His mission is clear: to bring the light of Christ into the darkest places, offering hope, purpose, and a path to spiritual freedom for those incarcerated. Through this ministry, he continues to serve—this time, on a battlefield of souls. This is why he joined PMA.



Karen Horan

I grew up in Port Orchard, WA attending Grace Bible Church. It was my grandmother, **Gladys Hanson, who led me to the Lord at the age of five** after attending her five day club. Her testimony to me through life was of dedication and service.



I attended Grace Bible College (now Grace Christian University) from 1987 to 1989. Then moved to Colorado where I met my husband Vincent through Derby Bible church & we grew spiritually as we attended the sister church Grace Bible Fellowship in Englewood. Our understanding of the grace message and the hope it brings deepened.

In 2004 we moved our family back to Washington and again began attending and serving in various ministries at Grace Bible Church Port Orchard. I watched my grandmother, Gladys continue to serve the Lord until she passed at 101 in 2023. **Gladys served the Lord with Prison Mission Association (PMA) until the age of 99.** So I have had a long awareness of PMA. I’ve been a hairdresser through the years and am currently a beauty school instructor. One story I share is of a lady who opened a beauty school in a women’s prison to give inmates hope of a changed future and has effected the prison return rate. I know as believers, we offer hope of a different sort: Eternal Hope!! **I am excited to follow in my grandmother’s footsteps to serve with PMA** and continue changing lives for the Lord.

Please join us in praying for wisdom, unity, and bold vision as our PMA board grows!

Pastor Frank Salcedo is also Our New Spanish Ministry Coordinator!

We are also thrilled to introduce our new **Spanish Ministry Coordinator: Pastor Frank Salcedo, our new board member has been volunteering for over one year correcting Spanish lessons.** Pastor Frank will lead the charge in translating, distributing, and overseeing our new **Spanish Bible correspondence program.** This is a major step forward in reaching the growing number of Spanish-speaking inmates in the U.S. and beyond! His first priority will be translating our English lessons into Spanish that need to be done and building a team of volunteers to correct Spanish lessons. **“This isn’t just a translation ministry—it’s a multiplication of our mission.”** — Pastor Dwight, PMA Executive Director.

Together, we are proclaiming freedom behind bars—freedom that only Christ can give.

PMA Office Update



Salutations from Simone

We are enjoying a beautiful Spring, here in Port Orchard. It is wonderful to know that we are helping inmates learn about Christ.

One student, Everardo wrote: *I met some people and they asked me if I wanted to accept Jesus as my salvation. I told them yes. And on Sunday,*

March 1st, 2025, I accepted God as my Savior, I am a new creature. I just wanted to write that news and ask you for help. Everardo has completed our first Spanish lesson.

A few weeks ago, we had our volunteer appreciation lunch. Our volunteers are amazing, giving so much of their time at PMA to serve the Lord.

We are working with our new Spanish Coordinator to translate our topic list. These topics answer many of the frequent questions our inmates ask, like, "How Can I Control My Anger?" and "Why Does a Loving God Allow Innocent People to Suffer?". We have 27 topics, and only 13 of them were previously translated into Spanish. Frank is doing an awesome job!!

Thank you for your prayers and support.
Blessings, **Simone Montfort**,
Operations Manager



Drawn by an inmate.

Praise and Prayer Points

Praise Points:

- ◆ Praise God, we just hired a Spanish Ministry Coordinator Pastor Frank Salcedo, on May 20, to train a team to correct lessons. Pastor Dwight was invited to preach at his church on May 18 in Port Orchard.

Praise the Lord for our new Spanish Ministry Coordinator, Frank Salcedo



- ◆ Over 1,770 lessons completed, with 8 inmates completing full course certificates so far this year. Last year we had 14 complete all our 35 lessons, and in 2023, we had 28.
- ◆ 736 new inmates students enrolled since January 1.
- ◆ Praise God for growth in outreach through the Edovo digital tablets around the country that offer PMA lessons now on 300,000 tablets.

As of May 29, 2025, 84,936 lessons have been completed on the tablets. .
www.edovo.com

Prayer Points:

- ◆ **Pray for Simone Montfort, our PMA operations manager** at our Port Orchard, WA home office. She and the team there oversee an ever-increasing workload!
- ◆ For God to call key leaders within the prisons to help distribute/correct lessons and plant prison churches.
- ◆ Keep praying for **more local churches to start a local BCM** (Bible Correspondence Ministry) so they can reach out to their local jails and prisons. **We now have 62 BCMs including 28 in overseas countries!** Each BCM prints, distributes, and corrects lessons to mentor inmates so they can reach more inmates for Christ! **We would love to help you start a BCM to reach out near your church.**
- ◆ **Pray for Pastor Dwight as PMA Director and Senior Pastor at Bethesda Church, for wisdom.** Bethesda has called Pastor Cyrus Emelander to be the part time Associate Pastor at Prior Lake campus which is huge answer to prayer to help

Pastor Dwight in the ministry. Pastor Cyrus is recovering well now from hernia surgery on March 28. Pray also for his wife, Janelle.

- ◆ Download our **monthly prayer updates on our website**
www.prisonmission.org/pray

Coming Soon!

Pray for PMA presentations:

- June 1**, 10 am Anchor Point Bible Church, Norton Shores, MI.
- June 2-5**, Grace Gospel Fellowship Pastors Conference at Grace Christian University, Wyoming, Michigan.
- July 12**, 10 am Monte Sinai, Bloomington, MN 55431
- Aug. 9**, 10 am Iglesia Nueva Vida, 201 Hope Avenue, Jordan, MN
- Sept. 13**, 10 am Tiempo de Cosechar, Eau Claire, WI 54701
- Oct. 28-30**, MN Correctional Assoc. Conference, Nisswa, MN 56468 www.mn-ca.org

Please contact us as we would love to come to your church too!