

Spring: A Season of New Life... and Eternal Investment

As the earth awakens this spring, we are reminded of a powerful spiritual truth: what is planted today will produce a harvest tomorrow. Seeds go into the ground unseen... but in time, they bring life.

In the same way, every investment we make for the Gospel—every prayer, every gift, every act of obedience—produces an eternal harvest that only God can fully measure. At Prison Mission Association, we see this firsthand. A Bible lesson sent... a stamp provided... a letter written... and **God uses it to bring hope, transformation, and even salvation.** This spring, we want to invite you to think about what seeds you are planting for eternity.

A Unique Opportunity to Sow Eternal Seeds

For many, this season also brings an important financial responsibility—Required Minimum Distributions from retirement accounts. **But what if what is required... became something redemptive?** Through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), you can take funds that would normally go toward taxes and **instead plant them into Gospel ministry—sowing seeds that will bear fruit for eternity.**

The Seed That Multiplies

A seed in your hand has potential. But a seed planted in the ground multiplies. The same is true with our resources.

- Kept → limited impact
- Given → multiplied by God

What if your required distribution this year became a seed planted in the lives of men and women behind bars?

“I Realized I Was Giving It Away Anyway”

John had always been a faithful steward. For years, he supported ministries, gave to his church, and prayed for God to use what he had for eternal purposes. But



when he turned 73, something changed—he was required to begin taking distributions from his IRA. “At first, I didn’t think much about it,” John said. “It just felt like another financial obligation. Take the money, pay the taxes, move on.” But one day, he paused. “I realized... I was going to give that money away anyway—either to taxes or to something that matters.” That’s when he learned about the opportunity to give directly from his IRA to ministries through a Qualified Charitable Distribution. “It was like a light turned on,” he said. **“Instead of losing a portion to taxes, I could direct it to the work of the Gospel.”** John chose to send part of his distribution to ministries reaching people in desperate need—including those behind prison walls. “Knowing that those funds are helping someone hear the truth of God’s Word... that’s eternal. That’s what matters.” He smiled and added: “It changed the way I think about stewardship. **It’s not just about what I keep—it’s about what I invest in eternity.**”

Your Story Could Be Next

Every year, many are required to take distributions. But few realize they have a choice. **What if what is required... became something redemptive?** What if those dollars sent a Bible lesson to someone searching for hope? What if your giving reached someone no one else could reach?

Simple Decision. An Eternal Impact.

Like John, you can choose to:

- Fulfill your required distribution
- Reduce taxable income
- Invest in changed lives

PMA Office Update



Salutations from Simone

We have been seeing a wonderful increase in students. Many students express their gratitude for our postage paid return envelopes. Few students have funds available for envelopes, etc.

We have also received **over 400 new students** as transfers from New Creations Ministry. They had been using

our lessons, so when they decided to only minister to students in their state, it was an easy transition to send the students to us. With the increase in students, we needed an increase in local correctors. God is good. He has **sent us 5 new correctors in the past few months. I love seeing how God answers our needs.**

In December, a rainstorm brought rain inside our building. Evidently, an old roof and poorly installed vents will cause that. We had the roof replaced in January and the mold remediation in the attic is almost complete. It will be a relief to finish that project.

I love reading comments like this one from a Spanish student, "God bless all the people who make all this possible, a thousand thanks to all. I have decided to take your Bible correspondence courses. I hope for a prompt response. I am a new believer and I have put myself in the hands of the Lord Jesus

Christ. Amen, Hallelujah. May the goodness and grace of God be with you all. Amen and Amen."

Blessings, **Simone Montfort**,
Operations Manager



Drawn by an inmate.

Ark by **Jeremy T.**

Praise and Prayer Points

Praise Points:

- ◆ Praise God, for our Spanish Ministry Coordinator Pastor Frank and Carmen Salcedo, who has been translating our lessons and leading a team to correct Spanish lessons!
- ◆ April 11, there were **67 women who put their faith in Christ for the very first time in our new PMA outreach in Esperanza, Panama.**
- ◆ Thank God for **513 new inmate students enrolled since January 1.**
- ◆ Praise God for growth in outreach through the **Edovo digital tablets** around the country that offer PMA lessons in 1,492 facilities now and pending in another 220!! Over a year ago we were only in 350 prisons. So its really expanding beyond what we had imagined. **In the last two years we have had 173,865 lessons completed! www.edovo.com**

Prayer Points:

- ◆ Pray for **Simone Montfort, our PMA operations manager** and team of volunteers at our Port Orchard, WA home

office. She and the team there oversee an ever-increasing workload.

- ◆ 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 74 (up from 62 this time last year) BCMs including 29 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, PMA Director and Senior Pastor at Bethesda Church, Prior Lake, MN, for wisdom.** Pray for Executive Pastor Cyrus Emelander, who has been a huge help. **We have a transition plan that started last month. Dwight has gone part-time with Bethesda and is moving into full-time with PMA again.** Our Bethesda North Branch campus is going well with Pastor Larry Gabbard as our new campus pastor. We praise God for this.
- ◆ Pray for Dwight's wife, Darlene, who has suffered from nausea and pain but is getting help now. **Praise the Lord!**

Please download our
monthly prayer updates in
both Spanish and English
on our website
www.prisonmission.org/pray

Coming Soon!

Pray for PMA presentations:

May 14-16, CMCA 2026 Correctional Ministries Summit, Dwight teaching workshop May 15, 3:30-5 pm, Wheaton College, IL

May 17, 9 am Waypoint Community Church, Spokane Valley, WA. Local Ministries Spotlight with Pastor Cal and Karen Bodeutsch, representing PMA

May 17, 9:30 am Grace Bible Church, Streamwood, IL 60107

June 7, 10 am Bethel Union Church, Akron, CO.

June 8-11, Grace Gospel Fellowship Refresh Pastors Conference at Harvest Fellowship in Brighton, CO

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