

Here are upcoming events to pray for:

August 20, 6:30-8:30 pm: Pastor Dwight speaking at Eagle Brook Church men's group, Apple Valley, MN

September 12, 10 am, Monte Sinai Church of God, 2201 W 108th St, Bloomington, 55431

October 10, 10 am, Iglesia Cristiana Remanente Escogido Por Garcia, 815 Frank St. N, St. Paul, MN 55106

October 27-29, MN Correctional Assoc. Conference,

www.mn-ca.org

November 14, 1 pm (PST), PMA Board meeting

Stories of Changed Lives for the Glory of God!

"Thank you for making these lessons available to me. I've learned much from them, and my faith is strengthened through them also. I appreciate your efforts to share with me the Gospel of God, for these things work effectively in accomplishing His will. Please pray for me that God would work on my daughter Jessica, that He would put the desire of forgiveness in her heart, and that she would come around to contacting me. The Lord God willing, and not my will, only His. Amen." - **Bridget T.**

Since 1955, Prison Mission Association (PMA) has focused on "Reaching Prisoners for Christ" by providing Bible correspondence courses to over 45,000 inmates in all fifty states and 29 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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August 2026 Prayer Update

Beyond Prison Walls: God's Word Is Transforming Lives Across Africa



Tom and Michelle Sanchez

Exciting ministry growth in Burundi, Tanzania, and Democratic Republic of Congo

Praise Points

PMA update from Tom & Michelle Sanchez

One of the greatest joys of Prison Mission Association is seeing how **God is expanding the use of our Bible correspondence lessons far beyond prison walls.** Through the faithful ministry of Tom and Michelle Sanchez, GMI Missionaries and our Tanzanian ministry partner, Method Mwendapole, these lessons are equipping believers, strengthening churches, and making disciples throughout Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Tanzania.

What began as Bible lessons for prison inmates has become a valuable discipleship resource for churches and communities. To help remove the misconception that the lessons are only for prisoners, they are distributed under the name **Bible Correspondence Fellowship (BCF)**.

Today, these lessons are being used in several exciting ways:

- **Church Discipleship:** Local churches use the lessons for small-group Bible studies. In some churches, participants complete the lessons at home and then gather weekly or monthly to discuss what they have learned. Because many church leaders have had little formal Bible training, they are deeply grateful to have sound biblical teaching available in their own languages, including Kirundi, French, and Swahili.
- **Christian Influence in the Classroom:** A private secondary school in Burundi, with approximately 1,200 students in grades 7–12, uses the lessons during its required weekly religion class. A Congolese believer volunteers as the religion teacher, faithfully leading students through God's Word. While progress is steady rather than fast, seeds of truth are being planted in hundreds of young lives.
- **Workplace Bible Studies:** The lessons are also being used in small-group settings outside the church. One example is a South African foreman who leads a weekly Bible study for his crew at Amazi Water, a Christian water-well ministry.

The greatest growth is occurring through local churches in Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo. As the ministry expands, keeping accurate records of students has become increasingly important. We praise God that a gifted young woman named **Bonté** has volunteered to serve as the ministry registrar. Using her computer skills, she is creating a centralized database to track student progress and strengthen the administration of this growing outreach.

We also rejoice that **Method Mwendapole**, our ministry partner in Tanzania, recently officiated at another BCF graduation. Students receive a certificate after completing the first eleven lessons and a graduation certificate upon finishing the entire 35-lesson curriculum—a significant accomplishment that reflects months of faithful study in God's Word.



This month the seed to focus on is: “Nurture”: Care & Feeding, Loving Support. "Love never fails." -

1 Corinthians 13:8a. When Nurture Grows: ♦ People get the help they need. ♦ People experience the joy of helping others. ♦ Skills are put to good use. ♦ The Lord is pleased as we show love for Him in the way we love others. To discover more, check out our downloadable tools you can use in classes and discussions at www.prisonmission.org. Thank you to all who support the book fund that allows us to distribute books.

Prayer Points

Praise God for our **Spanish Ministry Coordinator, Pastor Frank Salcedo, and his wife, Carmen. Pray for Simone Montfort, our operations manager in Port Orchard, WA.**

Pray for Pastor Dwight’s wife, Darlene, who has mesenteric panniculitis causing nausea and pain in her stomach. Pray for her improvement. We are on a waiting list to see a specialist at Mayo.

Keep praying for **more local churches to start a local Bible Correspondence Ministry (BCM)** so they can reach out to their local jails and prisons. Each BCM prints, distributes, and corrects lessons to mentor inmates so they can reach more inmates for Christ! **We have 75 BCMs now, and we can help you start a BCM to reach out near you.**

Pray for Pastor Dwight, PMA Director, for wisdom, now part-time with Bethesda and working full-time with PMA again.