

Dear Partners In God’s service,

Thank you for your prayers and continued support. We are grateful for your service to our heavenly Father, His work and those in need. God has graciously granted to us many opportunities for ministry. In conjunction with other ministry opportunities, Charis Bible Institute is underway. We started our first Bible Study Methods and Rules of Interpretation BTCP class June 20th 2011 . We just finished “Old Testament Survey”. It has been great watching God work in preparing these men for their ministries. They seem to be very appreciative that they have the opportunity to gain a thorough knowledge of the Bible and its meaning. Please continue to pray for us as we seek the lost, and build up the body of Christ for the work of the ministry.

Many doors continue to open for the gospel of Jesus Christ and sound Bible teaching in the prisons and jails. We need more trained Bible teachers though, and Christian workers. The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. This is one of the reasons we seek out amongst those we serve those with the desire and spiritual gift for ministry. Charis Bible Institute was started to nurture their spiritual lives, and their spiritual gift.

“The very best evangelist, pastor, church leader, or church planter for a particular people group is someone from that group who has been called by God and properly trained” –BTCP

If anyone is in the Nashville area or moving to Nashville and would like to teach a weekly Bible study class please contact us. We can provide you with training and materials to fulfill your ministry. Also, if you or anyone in your church desire to serve at one of our “Operation Impact Lives Conferences” please contact us. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Your Partner in His service,

Keithian L. Starling

G.P.M.

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## *True Prosperity*

*Some are blessed with good health  
Some are blessed with wealth  
Some are blessed with good health and  
Wealth  
I am blessed with prosperity in the  
True knowledge  
Of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
So that makes me as healthy  
And as wealthy  
As anyone*

*By Larry Chambers*

### Lighthouse Christian Youth Camp



Youths Hungry for Truth

## Letters from the Inside

### Report from Metro Detention Center Team Member

The Holy Spirit has led Grace Prison Ministries to focus on eternal rewards that believers will receive if they persevere in the plan of God for their lives. Ephesians 2:10 explains that believers are God's "workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them." Keithian explained to the inmates that they will be provided opportunities to complete works of faith as they continue fellowship with God daily through the filling of the Holy Spirit, prayer, and the study and application of the Word of God. Trials and tribulations that inevitably come in our lives are opportunities to apply the Word of God that has been studied and become as James 1:22 explains, "doers of the word and not merely hearers." In order to show our love for God believers must listen to and apply His word, believing in God's promises. Keithian emphasized that applied faith is the requirement for earning eternal rewards, as Hebrews 11:6 states, "without faith it is impossible to please Him, for the one who approaches God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him"

In His Name,  
G.P.M Team

Dear GPM,

I thank God for the communication of the truth that God has brought through Keithian to me. I am joyful daily, walking spiritual growth and getting closer to God. I also enjoy the discipleship through the mail bible studies you send. It causes me to dig deep in the bible and try to really understand the word. I really do thank God for Grace Prison Ministries, and I am always asking for your prayers, especially to seek to know the Lord better. Also more people want to take part in the "Discipleship Through the Mail" program.

In His Name.

Inmate at Correctional Development Center

Dear Keithian Starling

Hi there Brother in Christ. I hope this letter finds you well. I finished the first lesson that you sent me. I want to learn to live like Christ, and I know I have already began this lifetime process because I have stepped out in faith and by grace I have been saved. I want to be free from this old life I lived. There were many things I tried to do right in the past. I just wanted to be a good dad, son, and friend. I was so close to God when I was a child and young man. All I ever wanted to do was save lives; I just lost hope for awhile. I still want to save lives through the gifts God has entrusted to me. I pray I become stronger and wiser in the Word of God to be able to accomplish the goal. Please pray for me.

God bless you and Brother Stefan,  
Metro Detention Center

Dear Keithian,

I've been out here at the CDC for about 3.5 months now. I just want to say that I really love and appreciate what you're doing for the prisons and detention centers. God really has been working with you and He's using you as a motivational tool for young brothers such as me. I know what I did to get in here was wrong, but I did it and I'm not blaming anyone so I'm reaping what I sowed! (Thank you Jesus!) I go to court on Wednesday and I'm going to pray and I hope that you guys will pray for me also. Thanks and God Bless.

P.S. If I just so happen to not get released on the 11th, I will pray and look forward to your bible studies.

Correctional Development Center



Lighthouse Christian Youth Camp



Lighthouse Christian Youth Camp

Brother Keithian,

I've traveled down the road unfortunately, but I'm still on the same path to righteousness and I wanted you to know that you've done some wonderful things for me in the bible study class and I will always hold that near my heart. I want to continue to finish my bible lessons and continue to move forward in my walk with Christ. We had church the other day and he led us to Jeremiah 17: 9-10, and I want to ask the Lord to continue to search the heart of mine and test my mind always. I want to always stay in fellowship. So I thank the Lord for you and all that you do for Him.

God Bless with love and peace,

West Tennessee State Prison

Dear Keithian,

I am overwhelmed with joy and excitement from God through these studies! I received such a blessing from God through the study on prayer. I was just receiving an answered prayer where I was sharing Luke 11 with someone. I encouraged them to keep on praying and God will answer us! I am so tickled about this study of prayer through Matthew 7:7-11. I told several how God came in the mail. One letter had an answer prayer and the other was my Bible Study on prayer and it's exciting! I thank God so much for the growth he has made in my life through your ministry. I see how He is so in my life and His divine work being done.

God bless you, your family, and the ministry,

Criminal Justice Center

Dear Keithian Starling,

Once again, I would like to thank you for keeping in contact with me. I'm growing daily in the word and I'm seeing myself turning from sin, and trying to be more like Christ, in my talk and my walk. If you can get a chance, I would love for you to come to visit me.

God bless you and your ministry,

Tennessee Prison

Dear Mr. Starling,

I am currently located at the Smith Unit in Lamesa, Tx. I arrived here in December 2010 and facing a 33 year sentence. While being incarcerated I found my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I read your literature "How Can I Be Saved?" and I found it very informative. I thank God for the work He has done through you at Grace Prison Ministries, INC. I am inspired to follow in your footsteps. How can I began a prison ministry? Despite my incarceration, what can I do to take the initiative in seeking the opportunity to form a prison ministry? I realized that I have a passion to help and assist others to grow in Christ and to be free spiritually and physically. I am excited I received your information through your literature to be able to speak with someone who I consider strong in Christ.

May God bless you and the ministry,

Texas Prison

Dear Keithian,

I'm a 43 year old inmate who is finishing a three year sentence at CCA for burglary. I am writing to thank God for using you to come to this facility to spread the Truth! I grew up in a family where we attended church on a regular basis, but never really understood anything that was being taught. I did this until the age of 18 and the only thing I really got out of it was that Jesus loved me, and I knew there was a lot more to it. However, church fell by the wayside when the things of the world became my main concern. Since the age of 18 I perused money, women, and cars which lead me in and out of a place like this. Making a lot of money to only end up broke and in jail, wondering what happened! I was deceived by this broken world. Now I understand and everything I set forth to do Jesus has to be the head. He allows bad to happen to bring out the good in our lives. Through out my life I had made some really poor decisions and it cost me everything, or at least that's what I thought. Attending this Bible Study and doing the work sheet has given me a total different outlook on my life and relationship with The Lord Jesus Christ. I have learned to trust and lean on Him, and He is revealing my purpose in life through the Truth being spoken in your bible studies. I am still locked up but I am truly free inside. Thinking, talking, and acting different all because of the Lord. I know I have a long way to go but I would rather be doing this than what I have been doing.

All praise to God in The Lord Jesus Christ Name,

Tennessee Prison

# Charis Bible Institute Student Report

Charis in the Greek New Testament means grace. So far CBI has been nothing but a gracious opportunity and gift for me. In the first course Bible Study Methods and Rule of Interpretation God graced me out with a wealth of information and principles for correct observation, Interpretation, and application of the Biblical text.

The thing that impacted me most is learning the systematic process of studying and putting together a lesson and feeling confident about presenting it to an audience. Whether a person is doing a biographical study, topical study, theological study, or devotional. There are rules that must be applied in preparing a teaching or preaching lesson. I have gotten a taste of correctly handling the word of God. Systematic bible study is a lifelong process of developing skill in applying the rules of interpretation. It is my prayer that I become proficient. Going through the process of systematic bible study showed me how little I know about the bible, and how much more there is to know. Now, I am not satisfied with the type of bible study I use to do.

I also see through this first course what my spiritual gift really is. It is being developed through being here at CBI. Bible Study Methods and Rules of Interpretation has revealed to me the importance of God's word; and to get the correct observation, Interpretation, and make the right application it takes time and dedication. I have learned that all of scripture is useful. This has truly been a blessing to me from our Lord. He has allowed me to learn about Him correctly, and be able to apply it to life rightly, and teach others. Systematic Bible Study is "What's happening!" I pray my skill develop more so I may think and do things systematically. I give thanks to God and CBI.

In Him,

I have really enjoyed Bible Study Methods and Rules of Interpretation. It was step # 2 in Systematic Bible study that impacted me the most. General rule #1 tell us to interpret in view of history and culture. Discovering the historical and culture background of the text assisted me in understanding the meaning of the passage. The culture setting might not be applicable today.

Example:

Footing washing in John 13:1-17 should not be practiced today as a church ordinance, but the principle and truth should. Jesus teaching is applicable today which is the principle of humility and service to one another. I thank God for CBI.

In Christ,

CBI Student

At Charis Bible Institute we strive to make sure that finances don't prevent a student from studying with us. For this reason scholarships have been granted that are unfunded. We would ask for you to prayerfully consider donating \$5, \$10, \$50, \$100, or whatever you are able to help cover these unfunded scholarships. You can donate by sending check payable to Grace Prison Ministries P.O. Box 171052 Nashville TN 37207. Or donate online at [graceprisons.org](http://graceprisons.org) Thank you for your prayers and support!



Charis Bible Institute

# Charis Bible Institute

Keithian L. Starling founder and President of Grace Prison Ministries partnering with BTCP started Charis Bible Institute in June 2011 which seeks to extend non-formal theological training by forming Bible institutes for those incarcerated in prisons, and those released from prisons. Many incarcerated with spiritual gifts will never go to a formal Bible college or seminary. Therefore we seek to take training and make training available for those that desire it. Recently seeing the need for churches and ministries to have trained leadership to transfer theological information to the next generation.

We are now extending our service to churches and their Christian leaders. If you know of any Christian leader who wants Biblical training please contact us. We can come and share with your church about our program and help you form a Bible Institute in your church or you can send your leaders to us and we will train them for local church ministry.

Many believers are asking the question where can I go to gain a thorough knowledge of the Bible-how to rightly interpret and apply it- in order that I am equipped for ministry? This is the question commonly asked by church leaders and congregations in America.

In other words, if we have been given everything we need for "life and godliness," what are the basics we need to know in order to grow and be effective in our lifelong journey in Christian life and service?

## The Answer:

### Bible Training Centre for Pastors

Bible Training Centre for Pastors is a 10-course curriculum designed to provide basic Bible training for national and international pastors, evangelists, deacons, and church leaders. BTCP is for men only. BTCP will adequately and effectively equip them with the necessary knowledge and practical skill for the work of local church ministry and missionary work here and abroad. Most BTCP students have not been to Bible College or seminary. Graduates are encouraged to transfer

BTCP training to others. This program can be finished in 10 months.

### Bible Training for Church Leaders

Bible Training for Church Leaders consists of 8 of the 10 courses selected as the core curriculum for training all church leaders such as teachers, small group leaders, elders, missionaries, and all Christians to be equipped for service. There are two electives in BTCL application for church leaders. This program can be done in 8 months.

## The Curriculum

### Bible Training Centre for Pastors curriculum

1. Bible Study Method and Rules of Interpretation
2. Old Testament Survey
3. New Testament Survey
4. Preaching Biblical Messages and Pastoral Ministry
5. Bible Doctrine Survey
6. Personal Spiritual Life
7. Church Ministry/Admin/Education
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### Electives

9. Teaching Principles/Methods
10. Church History

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## Grace Prison Ministries Recent & Planned Schedule

Nashville, TN	April 9 – 10, 2011 – Correctional Development Center (O.I.L. Conference)
Lighthouse Point, FL	June 13 – 16, 2011 – Lighthouse Christian Youth Ministries
Narrowsburg, NY	August 12 – 14, 2011 – Grace Bible Church
Nashville, TN	October 2011 – Tennessee Prison for Women (O.I.L. Conference)
Tulsa, OK	October 29 – 30, 2011 – Southwood Bible Church
Shreveport & Bossier City, LA	November 2011 – Caddo & Bossier City Youth Detention Center
Lubbock, TX	November 2011 – Texas Prisons

### Keithian Weekly Prison & Jail Ministries (Nashville)

Monday 1:00pm – 2:00pm	Correctional Development Center
Wednesday 6:30pm – 7:15pm	Metro Detention Center (Female)
Wednesday 7:30pm – 8:30pm	Metro Detention Center (Male)
Friday 8:30am – 9:30am	Criminal Justice Center (Adult Males)
Friday 10:00am – 11:00am	Criminal Justice Center (Juvenile Males)
Sunday 6:30pm – 7:30pm	Criminal Justice Center (Adult Males)

Please continue to pray for us!

**Financial Policy:** Grace Prison Ministries is a Christian non-denominational, mission minded, and Bible teaching non-profit tax-exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code 501 (c) (3). All contributions to this grace ministry are tax deductible. G.P.M. offers its services free of charge. We trust God to meet the needs of this ministry. We do not solicit funds but operate entirely on voluntary contributions. When understanding the need to reach lost souls with the good news and sound Bible teaching motivate you to contribute, you have the privilege of giving and sharing in the dissemination of the Word of God. This is a grace ministry.

# Statement of Our Faith

This doctrinal statement reflects the broad, mainstream, conservative evangelical tradition which is consistent with the teachings of the Bible and which has stood the test of history and experience. We specifically affirm the following doctrinal truths:

## 1. The Scriptures

We believe that the entire Bible is the inspired Word of God and that men of God “were moved by the Holy Spirit” to write the very words of Scripture. The Bible is therefore without error (inerrant) in its original manuscripts. God has supernaturally preserved the Bible and it is the sole and final authority for faith and life providing encouragement, guidance, comfort and instruction for training in righteousness (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21).

## 2. The Godhead (Trinity)

We believe in one true God eternally existing in three distinct persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) each of Whom is fully and equally God; possesses all of the divine nature and attributes, and is totally worthy of our worship and service (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19; John 1:14, 10:30; 2 Cor. 13:14).

## 3. God the Father

We believe that God the Father is the first person of the Trinity and is the eternal, unchanging, all-powerful, all-knowing, all-wise, all-loving, completely just and perfectly holy, sovereign Ruler and Sustainer of the universe. He is the Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the Father of all true believers (Gen. 1:1; Eph. 4:6; John 1:12-13, 5:19-21, 17:1-5; Is. 40:21-28, 43:10-13, 46:8-11; Rom. 8:14-16).

## 4. God the Son

We believe that Jesus Christ is the second person of the Trinity and is the only begotten eternal Son of God Who became flesh to reveal God to man, to fulfill prophecy, and to become the Savior of the lost world. In becoming man Jesus did not cease in any way to be God so that He is fully God and fully man inseparably united in one person forever.

Jesus was miraculously conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the Virgin Mary; lived a sinless life; died on the cross as the substitutionary, all-sufficient atoning sacrifice for all of the sins of all men of all time; was buried; bodily rose from the dead; physically ascended into heaven in His glorified, resurrected body; is seated at the right hand of the Father performing His ministry of intercession; will return in the air to claim His bride the church; and will come again to earth in bodily form, personally and visibly, to conclude human history and consummate God's eternal plan by executing judgment and ushering in His Millennial Kingdom reign to be followed by the eternal state John 1:1,14,18, 3:16; Luke 1:30-35; Phil 2:5-8; Col. 2:3,9; Mark 10:45; Acts 2:22-24; John 1:29; Rom. 3:25-26; Heb. 10:5-14; 1 Pet. 2:24, 3:18; John 20:20; Phil. 3:20-21; Heb. 1:3; Rom. 8:34; 1 John 2:1; Acts 1:11; Heb. 9:28; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 2 Thess 2:7; Matt. 24:44; Rev. 19:11-21; Rev. 21-22).

## 5. God the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity Who specially came into the world on the day of Pentecost to glorify Christ and to enable men to appropriate the salvation wrought by Christ. He is the primary agent for the conviction of sin and for regeneration. Simultaneously with salvation, the Holy Spirit imparts new life, baptizes the believer into the body of Christ (His church), permanently indwells the believer, and securely seals (stamp for security) the believer unto the day of redemption. The Holy Spirit fills (directs and controls) those believers who are yielded to Him in obedience, enables believers to bear fruit, and empowers believers to live a life free from sin's dominion. We also believe that the Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to believers for the purpose of edifying the church in accordance with the teachings of scripture. (1 Cor. 13:8, 14:22; John 16:7-15; 1 Cor. 6:19, 12:13; Eph. 1:13-14, 4:30; Gal. 5:16-17, 22-23; Rom. 8:5-13; 1 Pet. 4:10-11; Rom. 12:3-8).

## 6. Man

We believe that man was created in the image of God by direct act of God and did not come into being as the result of evolution. Man was created to glorify God, worship and serve Him, and have fellowship with Him. Man fell through sin by disobeying God, thus incurring both physical and spiritual death, which alienated him from God. Man's nature was thus corrupted and he is utterly lost, “dead in trespasses and sins,” and totally incapable of saving himself and coming back into right relationship with God by his own merit or effort (Gen. 1:26, 2:6,17, 3:17-24; Is. 59:1-2; Rom. 3:9-19,23, 5:6-8; Luke 18:26-27; Eph. 2:1-3).

## 7. Satan

We believe that Satan is the instigator of evil and a real spirit being, not simply the personification of evil. He is a fallen angel who, under the sovereign permission of God, has been given temporary rulership of the earth. He was utterly defeated at the cross, but the execution of his judgment has been postponed by God until after the Millennial Kingdom when he will be cast into the eternal lake of fire. In the meantime, he deceives the world and seeks to establish his counterfeit kingdom on earth

to discredit and blaspheme God and to tempt, accuse, attack and destroy believers. He can be resisted by the believer through faith and reliance on the power of the Holy Spirit (Gen. 3:1-5; Is. 14:12-17; Ezek. 28:11-19; Job 1-2; 1 John 5:19; 2 Cor. 11:14; 1 Tim. 3:6; 1 Pet. 5:8-9; James 4:7; Rev. 12:9, 20:1-3, 7-10).

## 8. Salvation

We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross provides the sole basis for forgiveness of sins and salvation, which is the free gift of God's grace. Salvation is effected by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit and cannot be secured by man's works or personal merit. Salvation is only appropriated by a person placing his faith in the finished work of Christ. “The Gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes” and those who receive Jesus Christ by faith are born again, have their sins forgiven, become children of God, are a new creation in Christ, and “are sealed by the Holy Spirit unto the day of redemption”, being kept by the power of God (Eph. 1:7;13-14; John 1:12-13, 3:1-7, 14-16; 2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 1:16, 10:9-10; Eph. 2:8-10; Rom. 8:14-17, 31-39; John 10:27-29, 14:6; Acts 26:20; 1 Pet. 1:3-5; Gal. 3:26).

## 9. The Christian Life

We believe that every Christian should live for Christ and not for himself and should, by the power of the indwelling Spirit, allow Christ to manifest His life through him to God's glory. By ever increasing obedience to the Word of God, each believer should mature and progressively become more like Jesus. In the power of the Spirit, each believer should live a holy life; not fulfill the lusts of the flesh; exercise his spiritual gifts to build up the body of Christ; witness for Christ; be personally involved in making disciples to fulfill the great commission; perform good works and bear fruit to the glory of God (Gal. 2:20; 1 Pet. 1:15-16, 2:11; 2 Cor. 5:14-15; Rom. 6:11-13; Eph. 2:10, 4:11-12, 4:22-24; 1 Pet. 4:10-11; Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:18-20; Col. 1:10; John 15:8, 16).

## 10. The Church

We believe that the church is the body of Christ of which Jesus is the Head and whose members are those who have truly received Christ by faith. The local church is a tangible expression of the body of Christ in a particular location. Since all members of the body of Christ are united in Christ by the same Spirit, they should live in love, harmony and unity, being intent on the same purpose and accepting those denominational practices which are based on a correct interpretation of the Bible, which do not relate to substantive doctrinal matters, and which do not in practice cause disunity or hinder the ministry. The purpose of the church is to make Christ known to lost men, to make disciples, and glorify God on earth (Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 12:12-27; Eph. 1:20-23, 4:1-6, 4:12-16; Matt. 28:18-20; John 17; Col. 1:24-29).

## 11. The Ordinances

We believe that the only two ordinances of the church recognized by Scripture are water baptism and the Lord's Supper. Water baptism by immersion is an act of obedience following salvation which symbolically pictures the believer's death to sin, burial of the old life, and resurrection to new life. Baptism with water doesn't save an individual. The Lord's Supper celebrates fellowship and communion with Christ, symbolically commemorates His death, and anticipates His second coming (Matt. 28:19; Acts 10:47-48; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-28; Rom. 6:3-4).

## 12. Eternal Destiny of Men

We believe that at death every believer consciously and immediately enters into the presence and fellowship of the Lord to wait for the physical resurrection and glorification of his body at Christ's return. The believer will thus enjoy life eternal with God—fellowshipping, serving and worshipping Him forever (2 Cor. 5:6; 1 Cor. 15:12-58; Luke 23:39-43; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; John 3:16; Rev. 21–22).

We believe that at death every unbeliever consciously and immediately enters into separation from the Lord to wait for the physical resurrection of his body to everlasting condemnation, judgment and punishment (Luke 16:19-31; John 3:18,36; Rev. 20:5,11-15; 2 Thess. 1:5-10).

## 13. Future Things

We believe the next prophetic event will be the rapture of the Church when the Lord Jesus Christ will return in the air to receive unto Himself all Church Age believers (John 14:1-3; Titus 2:11-14; 1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Phil. 3:20-21). The rapture of the Church will be followed by the seven-year Great Tribulation period in fulfillment of Dan. 9:24-27 and as described in Rev. 6:1–19:21 during which Israel will be purified, the whole world tested, and the wrath of God poured out against sin and the Christ rejecting world (Jer. 30:7; Matt. 24; Rev. 3:10; 1 Thess. 5:9-11).

We believe that at the end of the Great Tribulation the Lord Jesus Christ in His second coming will personally and physically return to the earth just as He ascended with great power and glory to execute judgment and usher in the Millennial Kingdom, during which He will reign on earth for 1000 years with righteousness, justice and peace to fulfill God's covenant promise to Israel (Acts 1:8-11; Rev. 19:11-21; Ezek. 37:21-28; Is. 11:9; Rev. 20:1-6).

We believe that the 1000-year reign of Christ on earth will be followed by the final judgment of Satan when he is cast into the lake of fire forever; the Great White Throne Judgment and bodily resurrection for unbelievers; the creation of a new heaven and new earth; and the eternal state (Rev. 20–22; 2 Pet. 3:1-14).

# Grace Prison Ministries At-A-Glance

Grace Prison Ministries Inc. is a Christian, grace-oriented, nonprofit organization incorporated in Tennessee which focuses on changing the lives of prisoners and their families through evangelism and sound Bible teaching.

GPM travels to jails, prisons, and youth detention centers throughout the United States; evangelizing individuals with the message of Jesus Christ at four to five institutions per month. This activity is important because the message of Jesus Christ brings hope, forgiveness, and change to those incarcerated. This way, those incarcerated can become law-abiding citizens and good role models in our society. Upon our visits we provide Bibles for those in need of Bibles. In conjunction with the above activities GPM has the following ministries which are designed to bring glory to Jesus Christ and edification to believers:

## Discipleship through Mail

The Discipleship through Mail outreach is designed to equip new believers in the basic fundamental doctrines for living the normal Christian life. Bible lessons and resources are mailed to individual students in various prisons, jails, and youth detention centers, providing them an opportunity to learn and grow at their own pace. These lessons are reviewed and then mailed back to the students with comments that will provide a greater understanding of Bible truths. There are nearly 500 students enlisted in this program nationwide. D.T.M. is also designed to help develop the serious students who have already completed the basics, by creating personalized studies and providing more biblical resources to help them continue their growth to maturity. Upon completion of the basics, students are rewarded with a study Bible, which is hard for some to get in prison.

## Operation Impact Lives

Operation Impact Lives is a group of believers partnering to impact the lives of prisoners. O.I.L. is comprised of pastors, evangelists, and biblically sound seminaries. Periodically, conferences are held in prisons, jails and youth detention centers where pastors, evangelists and passionate believers join together to fulfill the great commission (presenting the Gospel and equipping the saints). We take the gospel, sound Bible teaching, and resources to them which gives prisoners hope, purpose, and a new way of thinking.

Once inmates respond positively to Bible truth, they need to be built up in the faith. We partner with seminaries willing to give free tuition to those serious students that are incarcerated. GPM, as God provides, will help with the textbooks for their studies. Upon the release of those incarcerated, it is the desire of GPM

to offer a scholarship program for ex-inmates with seminaries willing to collaborate, so that they may be educated and prepared to work in ministry upon release for those who are called to do His work. We also accept theological books and Bible dictionaries that can be used by these students. The great commission is about teaching the faithful so they may be equipped to teach others.

## Grace Refuge Transition Facility

In an effort to assist recently released inmates, GPM offers temporary housing, food, clothing, and limited transportation. By God's grace, GPM has a 2400 square ft. house on 1 acre of land in Madison, TN. This facility is temporal housing for those recently released inmates that have been proved and are positive towards learning and applying the word of God to life. Most of those housed are individuals who have expressed interest in getting trained so they can find a job and become self-sustaining. They are allowed to stay three to six to twelve months. Those who want to get a job and become involved in the work of the ministry are allowed to stay longer.

## Charis Bible Institute

It has been the vision of Grace Prison Ministries to start a scholarship program to extend non-formal theological training to the world's untrained pastors, deacons, missionaries, evangelists, and church leaders. Our target group includes, but is not limited to, those released from prison and jail. By the grace of God, GPM has started the Charis Bible Institute.

## Spreading the Word

GPM welcomes any invitation to come spread God's word and to share what God is doing through GPM. Keithian and the GPM team are willing to travel to any state to disseminate His message to those who are lost and without hope and those interested in learning about this ministry. Every day that is given to us is an opportunity to share His word and make an impact in the lives of the others. Preaching and teaching opportunities are not limited to youth detention centers, jails and prisons. Keithian has also taught at churches, conferences, youth camps, schools, retirement homes and hospitals. We need your continued support both in prayers and financial contributions.

Thank you to all who have shared with this ministry in the dissemination of the word of God. This is a grace ministry. We trust God to meet our needs as they arise. Please learn more about our ministry on our website [www.graceprisons.org](http://www.graceprisons.org).

## Biography

Keithian L. Starling is a native of Albany, Georgia; and grew up in a single parent home in a poor neighborhood of drugs, gangs, and violence. Keithian came to know and trust Jesus Christ personally as his savior while incarcerated as a youth. Keithian was too far behind in his school work to pass to the eighth grade. Due to constant incarceration, he dropped out of school. He went to a life of drug dealing, partying, and crime. He spent most of his young adult life incarcerated.

In 2000, while incarcerated on drug charges in Albany, Georgia, Keithian began to examine his life. He saw that bad decisions had ruined his life.

The only hope he thought was to turn to God. He confessed his sins and prayed and asked God to reveal His ways to him and a few days later he had the privilege of receiving books by R.B. Theime Jr. from Ernest Smith of Lost & Found Ministries. These books opened his eyes to salvation—by grace, through faith—and how to live the unique spiritual life through the power of the Spirit and the word of God. When he understood the doctrine of “Faith alone in Christ alone to be saved, confession of sins & keep moving, Faith-rest, How to be controlled by the Holy Spirit for life change, and other doctrines taught by R.B. Theime Jr., he became a lover of truth and burdened for those suffering for lack of truth. Keithian started teaching the doctrine he was learning with the inmates, and guards. When he was released from prison in 2003, he continued his pursuit of doctrine at Albany Bible Church where Pete Daughtry is the Pastor-teacher.

From 2003-2006, while attending Albany Bible Church, God opened doors for Keithian to visit schools, prisons, jails, youth detention centers presenting the gospel and basic procedures to living the Christian life.

In 2004 Keithian attended a community college and got his G.E.D and started pursuing a diploma as a radiology technician. After the first two courses he dropped out and enrolled in seminary through extension at Tyndale Theological seminary in order to be a better trained minister of the Word.

From July 2004 to August 2006, Keithian worked for Nanze Springs Water Company as a salesman. While working at this company his daily route brought him in contact with many who needed the gospel. This kindled his desire to do full time mission work. He began to see what the Lord meant by “the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few”.

In May, 2006, Keithian moved to Nashville Tennessee to partner with Moses C. Onwubiko, founder of Grace Evangelistic Ministries. While working for Grace Evangelistic Ministries and reading many letters from prisoners all over the world, Keithian sensed the call by God to go back into the prisons, jails, and detention centers, taking them the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and sound Bible teaching that changes the way they think. Therefore he incorporated Grace Prison Ministries.

Currently, Keithian lives in Nashville TN with his wife and three kids and teaches weekly at two Nashville jails and two prisons. He travels to youth detention centers, youth camps, jails and prisons in Georgia, Tennessee, Louisiana, Florida and wherever God opens the door. He also conducts conferences in prisons and jails around the country. In 2011 Keithian started a Bible Institute in Tennessee to train men released from prison for the ministry. Keithian shares our Lord’s heart for the lost, and a heart for prisoners. He has already walked a mile in their shoes and knows that the only way for them to change is by becoming a new creature in Christ and renewing their minds. The grace and love of God have transformed his life and now he is reaching out sharing the truth that set him free.



*“I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who strengthened me, because he considered me faithful, putting me into service...It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all”. (1 Timothy 1:12, 15)*