

Dear Beloved in Christ,

It has been great watching as God works to bring men to Himself through the Gospel of Christ and sound bible teaching. Grace Prison Ministries considers it a privilege to be a part in what God is doing in the lives of those incarcerated and their families.

We are so thankful to God for your faithful support, your prayers, and gifts to further His work. May God continue to meet your needs as they arise. The other day, after a teaching session at a jail here in Nashville, I was talking with an inmate who has led his family to Christ through the teaching of the word of God. This individual is in jail for a capital crime. God has a way of encouraging us to continue in the work He has called us to do. This young man told me that he has been coming to my Bible class for two years now. He would send the information he was learning in letters to his mom who never read the Bible. She is now saved and reads his letters about 10 times upon receiving them. This is what making Disciples of Christ is all about. It is learning, believing, and applying the word of God to our lives and sharing it with others. Thank you for your kind contribution to this ministry.

Yours in His Service,

Keithian L. Starling

G.P.M.



Metro Detention Center

### Mission Report

The inside of a prison can be a scary thought for many people who have never been imprisoned or visited a prison. Hollywood has done a good job of getting our society to believe that the inside of a prison is a dangerous place that we should be scared of going into. Perhaps that is true in certain prisons, but I can tell you from my experience in the Metro-Davidson Detention Center that I saw something that Hollywood would never want our society to see. I witnessed nine inmates listen intently to a Bible Study lesson taught by a talented pastor-teacher who has been where they were sitting. Keithian Starling spent ninety minutes (not to mention the hours of preparation) teaching the inmates about grace salvation, the forgiveness of sins, the filling of the spirit, and discipleship. The inmates respectfully listened and asked questions. Most of them brought their own Bible, and I came to find out that many of them were regular attendees to Keithian’s Bible Studies. After the presentation was closed with prayer, many of the inmates came forward to receive bible study lessons that they could complete on their own time and send to Keithian for review and correction. I was amazed, to say the least, to see the hunger for the word of God that these inmates were experiencing. Yet, I am thankful that God is faithful to send a dedicated servant like Keithian to our brothers in Christ in prison to minister to their need to hear truth.

G.P.M. Mission Partner

### Giving in Loving Service

J. R. Miller once said:

“Mary’s ointment was wasted when she broke the vase and poured it upon her Lord. Yes; but suppose she had left the ointment in the unbroken vase? What remembrances would it then have had? Would there have been any mention of it on the Gospel pages? Would her deed of careful keeping have been told over the world? She broke the vase and poured it out, lost it, sacrificed it, and now the perfume fills all the earth. We may keep our life if we will, carefully preserving it from waste; but we shall have no reward, no honor from it, at the last. But if we empty it out in loving service, we shall make it a lasting blessing to the world, and we shall be remembered forever.

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## Letters from The Inside

My beloved brother in Christ Keithian Starling,

I have not enough words to express my gratitude for the great gift given to me by our Lord Jesus Christ. I will forever treasure The RYRIE STUDY BIBLE. I am extremely grateful to God for giving me the opportunity to meet a real and true servant of our Lord Jesus Christ who teaches the truth of solid bible doctrine. I do not doubt for a moment that my circumstances were planned by God so I can meet His servant to guide me to His will and the plan that our Lord Jesus Christ has set for me—the Plan that God has set for every believer. God's plan is that we allow Christ to live His life through us and take the gospel to all nations including the most remote places of the world. By the grace, mercy, and blessings of God I foresee finishing this journey to do His will. I live every second of my existence now with the sole purpose of pleasing God our Lord. I know it is not His time for me to be released from jail. I am on His time and must take advantage of this time and continue growing spiritually for the glory and honor of our Lord Jesus Christ. These are faithful words of your loyal student who wishes with all my heart to do God's will. Keithian, may God continue blessing your ministry abundantly as well as your family and friends. A "thank you" is not enough to express my gratitude to God. I will forever remember you and look forward to seeing you in the kingdom of God.

Your brother in Christ,  
Inmate

Dear Keithian,

I've been out here at CDC (Correctional Development Center) for about 3 months now. I just wanted to write and say that I really love and appreciate what you're doing for the prisons & detention centers. God really has been working through you and using your ministry as a motivational tool to a lot of young brothers including me. I know what I did was wrong. This is the consequence of my action because you reap what you sow (thank you Jesus). Please pray for me as I go to court Wednesday. If I am not released I pray and look forward to your Bible studies.

Sincerely,  
Inmate



Pastor Starling,

I would like to begin your Bible studies. A few of the men I am incarcerated with receive them and I became instantly drawn in the Spirit to be involved. I know God has a calling and purpose for my life. I know He can only strengthen me in a more awesome way through learning His word. I have walked away from God many times in my life. I've been extremely blessed that when I walked back to Him, broken and in a mess, He has always welcomed me back with open arms. I'm tired of walking away from God. It's better for me to walk with Him. Thank you for your time and ministry.

Praise the Lord,  
Inmate

Mr. Keithian,

Hi, I hope and pray you are well in the Lord. The reason I'm writing is to let you know I lost my lesson 1-2. It was in my back pack that was stolen here at the Nashville Rescue Mission along with all my clothes and new Bible. Praise God He has blessed me with another Bible. Please send me another Bible lesson 1-2. I know it can be expensive with postage so I will get a stamp to send it back in. Please pray that the Lord blesses me with a Job and keeps me focused on Him and sharing His word. Thank you so much for the Bible lessons. It is so wonderful how the Lord is using you.

God loves you,  
Released Inmate

### Reaching the Summit by Way of the Valley

The Christian is to find exaltation by humility. Christ advised His hearers, when they went to a great dinner, not to go early and get into the best places, but to go in modestly and take a humble seat; and then if it was proper for them to have the higher place, the host would honor them by public invitation to the better seat. It is by being, and not by seeming to be, that one really comes to be exalted. Christ emptied Himself of all reputation, laid aside His glory and His riches, and came to the earth to be born among the lowly in the manger of an inn stable; but it was the way toward exaltation, for Paul says: "God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil 2:9-11). We, too, shall come to our highest through sacrificing ourselves in humility for the blessing of others.

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## Metro Detention Center Report

God has opened the door for Grace Prison Ministries to provide a worship service in the Chapel of the Metro-Davidson Detention Center on Wednesday evenings. Keithian lead the worship service this week with a great introductory testimony of the abundant grace that God has lavished upon his life since he surrendered to the will of God a decade ago.

Keithian then provided the foundations to living the Christian life, a spiritual life before God. Approximately 25 inmates were able to learn about the confession of sins for the maintenance of fellowship with God. Additionally, Keithian made sure to present the Gospel clearly so that all of them would understand that in order to be saved they must rely on faith in the work of Jesus Christ on the cross. Many of the inmates were surprised that salvation was as easy as simply believing in Jesus Christ.

Keithian covered the important topic of works after salvation. He denied the common Christian attitude that a Christian can be judged by their actions to see if they are indeed saved. He explained that works of faith will follow after salvation if a believer continues to live in God's plan for their life. God's plan is that believers maintain the filling of the Holy Spirit and daily learn, be influenced by, and apply the word of God to life. However, Keithian used the parable of the prodigal son to show that even believers can become worldly and fall away from God, the source of their blessings. Therefore, He disciplines us to motivate us to come back to Him and execute His plan. The inmates could see for themselves in the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-24) that God is always willing and waiting for His believing children to return to Him after they have fallen away. He has a great plan for our lives. God deals with us in grace at salvation and continues to deal with us in grace after salvation. We are so undeserving of His matchless grace.

Nashville, Tennessee Team member  
G.P.M

## *Grace Refuge Transition Facility*

*Fellow prayer warriors!! We want to thank you for your prayers and your generous contribution thus far toward the transition facility. God has truly graced us out and those who we work with. Grace Prison Ministries has identified and is in the process of purchasing some property for the transition facility. This facility will be temporal housing for those released from incarceration that have been proved and positive towards learning and applying the word of God to life. Some inmates that are released become homeless and have the need to be nurtured spiritually. We want to provide that spiritual structure for the positive believer.*

*It is our prayer that these individuals will have ministries of their own some day after further training. This facility is smaller than what we were hoping for, but it is a great start. We are thankful to God for this opportunity. It is a 2400 square foot house on 1 acre with 8 total rooms, five bedrooms, and a large barn which we hope to turn into a chapel so they can get nourished in the truth for continued discipleship. There are a few more details to be completed for this project to be finalized.*

*Please pray for the last details to come through and continued logistics to purchase and operate this facility effectively. We need volunteer contractors who can come to Nashville, Tennessee when everything is finalized and help us with renovating the barn so we can meet for worship there. Thank you for your support. We will keep you all updated on this process. Please continue to pray for us.*

*Your Partner in His vineyard,  
G.P.M*

## Practical Sanctification

In the Old Testament to apply oil or ointment to an individual was used as a sign of setting someone apart unto God. It also signified God's invoking the Holy Spirit upon a person to enable them for service. Oil anointment only signified their separation unto God and His service, as in the case of Aaron and his sons (Exodus 29:1-9). They were anointed in the sense that God called them to some form of service as His priests. There were other uses of oil in the bible.

Jesus Christ is said to be the anointed one (Acts 10:38; Hebrews 1:9). He was born of the Holy Spirit and set apart unto God the Father and sent into the world for the purpose of going to the cross to pay the penalty for our sins (Romans 6:23) and provide forgiveness to all mankind.

At the moment of salvation through faith in Christ we are forgiven of all sins (Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14), born again (John 1:12; 1 Peter 1:23) and placed into God's family. The Holy Spirit placed us into the Body of Christ. He separated us from sin unto God. We are now holy ones because of our position in Christ and we are given the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21). The Apostle Paul in Ephesians calls those brought into the Body of Christ "Saints". The word "Saints" is from the Greek word *hagios* meaning Holy. It speaks of those who are separated from sin and consecrated to God for His use. The sins of every believer have been separated from him and forgiven forever. Jesus Christ was judged for our sins at the cross. Through His work on the cross we are forgiven (Ephesians 1:7). While on earth we need daily cleaning from sin through confession (1 John 1:9) so that the Holy Spirit can control our lives and produce the character of Christ in our lives.

Every believer has the permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). We have been set apart unto God and called to some form of service.

At the moment of salvation, the Holy Spirit equips each of us with a spiritual gift (1 Corinthians 12:4-8, Romans 12:6 NASB). God in His grace has given us these gifts so that we may bring glory to our Lord Jesus Christ. We are the Body of Christ and are here on earth for His service and glory. God wants to use us to affect people's lives through the exercise of the gifts He has given us. People are to see Christ working in our lives. Are you using your Spiritual gift? Are you reaching out to others with the love of God? Many believers haven't found their spiritual gift because of lack of spiritual growth. The more we grow through learning and applying the Word of God we come to know what God has called us to do. When we allow the world, the flesh, and the devil to hinder our growth in the Lord through lack of confession of sin or not learning the Word of God, the Holy Spirit is not able work in our lives.

We are alive for the glorification of God. God is calling Christians to a life set apart unto Him. Who we are in Christ is to become who we are in our Christian lives. This is a process which takes time as we are influenced daily by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. God wants to make Himself, His power and love known to all mankind through us. Are we allowing Him?

In order for God to be able to use us to bring glory to Himself and blessings to others we are to be set apart unto Him from the

defilements of this world, flesh, and the devil. The world knows how to appeal to our flesh through the media, TV, music, billboards, and magazines. The flesh wants us to fail, to get us too close to the fire, deceiving us so we give in and do not resist the temptation. The devil knows how to distract us from the plan of God: he tells us, "get more money", "associate closely with carnal Christians", "associate intimately with unsaved friends", "live for the present world", "go with the culture (be popular)".

It is my prayer that believers be revived in this country, be separated unto God and be in His service whole-heartedly. It is through commitment to Him that we experience that abundant life in Christ (John 10:10). Our Lord Jesus Christ in His prayer to the Father before His crucifixion made a request that is so important for us to look at:

"Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth" (John 17:17 NASB)

The word "sanctify" here is the Greek *hagiason* from *hagiazō* meaning "to make holy". Jesus is praying that the Father will make the disciples holy (set apart from defilements of the flesh, the world, and the devil) through the truth (the written Word). experiential sanctification is an continuous process for the believer left in the devils world. Believers are already holy in their standing in Christ but are yet to be holy in their practice in the Christian life. Once believers receive the permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit at salvation (Acts 2; 1 Corinthians 6:19) and through the filling of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18) and daily learning, thinking and application of the word of God we can become like Christ (made holy as He is Holy). The more we study the bible we come to know God, and all He has done for us in grace through Christ. We come to love Him and desire to please and obey Him in our Christian lives.

The believer becoming holy in his character is the work of God just as salvation is the work of God. No believer can become holy in his character on his own. No believer can be protected from the old-sin nature, the influence of this world, and the traps of the devil without God. He needs divine help. God the Father uses His written word to conform us to the image of Christ. Every believer is indwelt with the power of the Holy Spirit at the moment of faith in Christ. The Holy Spirit takes the written word that the Spirit filled believer takes into his soul (mind) daily and transforms him to the image of Christ. The bible provides the thinking of Christ on every issue we have.

We are to stop allowing the culture and society which functions apart from God to mold us to its pattern of thinking and value systems. We are not of this world but in this world on a mission to bring others to Christ in word and deed. We are here to make Christ's mission our mission and His character our character. Christ's mission is to win the lost through His work on the cross thus glorify the Father, and He uses the church to take the gospel to the lost and build them up in Christ through the communication of the word of God. This is the only way to happiness here on earth and glorification of God.

Only when we possess Christ's thinking through the daily intake of the written Word can we change into His image. This is the goal of the Christian life: to allow God through His Spirit and word to produce His character in us.

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren. (Rom 8:29-30 NASB)

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. (2 Cor. 3:18 KJV)

### ***How do I allow God to accomplish this goal?***

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit that lives in you [through sinning] (Ephesians 4:30)

Do not quench the Spirit [fail to confess sins when you fail] (1 Thessalonians 5:19)

Be filled with the Spirit [confess sins in your life to God] (Ephesians 5:18; 1 John 1:9)

Walk by the Spirit [let the Holy Spirit continue to control your life and not the flesh] (Galatians 5:16)

Desire and learn the Word of God every day (1 Peter 2:2)

Apply the Word of God to your life ( James 1:22)

Be blessed by God in time and eternity (James 1:25)

Our decisions today set the trends of our lives tomorrow and in eternity. There will be a day in the future when we will stand before the judgment seat of Christ to be rewarded for faithful service here on earth (2 Corinthian 5:10; Romans 14:10, Galatians 6:7; Ephesians 6:8). If we are not faithful to His plan we will receive His discipline in time (Hebrew 12: 5-11) and lose reward in eternity (Luke 19:11-27; 1 Corinthians 3:9-15; 9:24-27).

Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it. (Luke 11:28b)

### ***Time for Application: Trusting and obeying***

Trust in the Lord and do good; Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord [love and obey His word]; And He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, and He will do it. (Psalm 37:3-5 NASB)

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Matthew 6:33 NASB)

Like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord [and you have]. (1 Peter. 2:3 NASB)

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans. 12:2 NASB)

This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father, to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. (James 1:27 NASB)

But godliness actually is a means of great gain, when accompanied by contentment. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. And if we

have food and covering, with these we shall be content. (1 Timothy. 6:6-8 NASB)

Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed. (1 Tim 6:17-19 NASB)

We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. (1 John 3:16-19 NASB)

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. (Phil 2:4 NIV)

And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. And beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. (Col 3:10-17 NASB)

For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality [adultery, sex outside of marriage, incest, homosexuality]. That each of you know how to possess his own vessel [body] in sanctification and honor. (1 Thess. 4:3-5) NASB

For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. Consequently, he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you. (1 Thess. 4:7-8) NASB

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself up for her. (Ephesians 5:25)

Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. (Eph 5:22 NASB)

Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not proceed in the way of evil men. Avoid it, do not pass by it; turn away from it and pass on. (Prov. 4:14-15 NASB)

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character. (1 Corinthians 15:33 NIV)

## **Please join us in Prayer!**

### **Reasons for thanksgiving :**

1. We thank God for His love in providing salvation through the work of Jesus Christ on the cross
2. We thank God for the power of the Holy Spirit which enables us to live the Christian life
3. We thank God for the Bible that we may know Him and His plan
4. We are thankful to God for those who communicate His word
5. We thank God for those who support mission work and the dissemination of the word of God
6. We thank God for opening doors for the gospel in the prisons and the lives He is changing
7. We thank God for the knowledge that Jesus Christ controls history
8. We thank God for answered prayer ; temporal housing and Grace Refuge Transition Facility

### **Please join us in praying for others: (1 Timothy 2:1-2)**

9. Peace for our country
10. Our president- wisdom and guidance
11. Salvation of those in congress and wisdom to make decisions
12. Our military- protection and courage
13. God's continued provision for those desiring to work in the ministry full time
14. For more open doors in the prisons and jails
15. Strength for new believers
16. Revival in our country
17. Persecuted Christians around the world
18. Circumstances to awaking the unbeliever to His need of Christ

### **Please Pray for Grace Prison Ministries:**

19. Good health, strength, wisdom and guidance for Keithian
20. For more laborers in the work of the ministry
21. Our supporters- that their needs be meet spiritually and physically
22. Upcoming conference in October at the Tennessee Prison for Women and logistics for our team that will be coming.
23. Provisions for the operation of Grace Refuge Transition Facility.

## **Grace Prison Ministries: Overview**

Grace Prison Ministries is incorporated in the State of Tennessee as a Christian, non-profit organization. We are a non-denominational ministry focusing on changing the lives of prisoners and their families through evangelism and sound Bible teaching. We endeavor to restore individuals one by one, thereby making a positive contribution to our neighborhoods and our society.

### **Our Mission:**

In obedience to the command of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*

– (Matthew 28:19, 20)

### **We have the following objectives:**

1. Evangelize the unbeliever with the simple grace gospel: salvation by "faith alone in Christ alone." Our duty is to present the gospel and leave the decision "to believe" or "to reject" solely to the individual.
2. Assist those who have responded positively to the Gospel in the following manner:
  - a) Visit and teach them sound Bible doctrine, provide Bibles and doctrinal materials such as Bible teaching on CD, and written literature which will enable them to fulfill the command to "grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18a); thus enabling them to re-enter society as productive citizens and good role models.
  - b) Assist those who possess the spiritual gift of pastor-teacher to obtain study Bibles and resources to help them prepare so they may minister effectively to others both during their stay in prison and upon release.
  - c) Direct believers upon release to a doctrinally sound local Church or study group.
  - d) Direct the indigent but positive believer, with a teaching gift, to acquire seminary training, so they can exercise their spiritual gift effectively.

3. To assist inmates, upon release from custody, who are homeless and jobless.

- a) Network with employers to assist with jobs so they can become self-sustaining.
- b) Provide temporary housing for the homeless yet positive believer.

4. To assist the needy as God provides and directs us. These may include but are not limited to:

- a) Provision of food.
- b) Provision of clothing.
- c) Assistance to those who are associated with Grace Prison Ministries when needed.

5. Occasionally hold conferences in prisons that we have visited inviting guest evangelists and pastors. Giving those who have the call, to serve the Lord in prisons, an opportunity to serve.

6. To write periodic reports to update our associates regarding our ministry.

**Financial Policy:** Grace Prison Ministries is a Christian non-denominational, mission minded, and bible teaching non-profit tax-exempt organization. And under the Internal Revenue Code 501 (c) (3). All contributions to this grace ministry are tax deductible. G.P.M. offer 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.



### **Grace Prison Ministries Recent & Planned Schedule**

<b>Albany, GA</b>	May 30, 2010 – Dougherty County Jail
<b>Waycross, GA</b>	August 14, 2010 – Ware State Prison
<b>Beach Lake, PA</b>	August 20, 2010 – Grace Bible Church
<b>Waycross, GA</b>	September 9-12, 2010 – Ware State Prison
<b>Nashville, Tennessee</b>	October 29-30, 2010 – Tennessee Prison for Women (Prison Conference)

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

Monday 1:00pm – 2:00pm	Correctional Development Center (Male)
Monday 2:30pm – 3:30pm	Metro Detention Center (CCA)
Wednesday 1:00pm – 2:00pm	Metro Detention Center (CCA)
Wednesday 7:15pm – 8:30pm	Metro Detention Center (CCA)
Friday 8:00am – 9:00am	Criminal Justice Center (Adult Males)
Friday 10:00am – 11:00am	Criminal Justice Center (Juveniles)

**Please continue to pray for us!**

## 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 was so far behind in his work to pass the eighth grade. Due to constant incarceration, he dropped out of school. He turned to a life of drug dealing, partying and crime. He spent most of his young adult life incarcerated.

In 2000, while incarcerated in Albany, Georgia, he 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. Mr. Smith is a member of Albany Bible Church. These books opened Keithian's 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, the confession of sins & keep moving, faith-rest, the filling of the Holy Spirit, and other doctrines taught by the late 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 to the inmates and the jail 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.

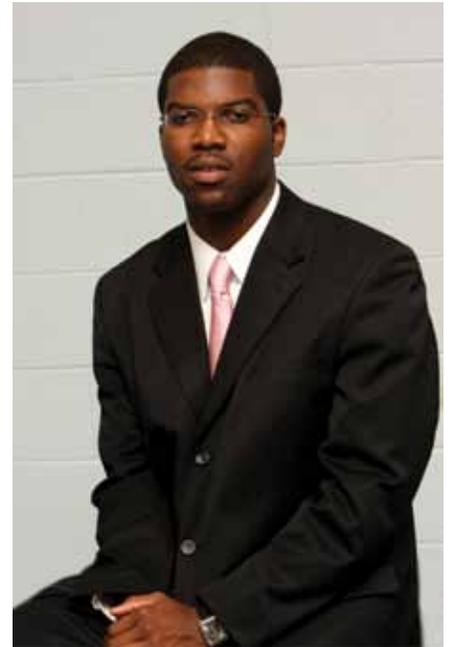
From 2003-2006, while attending Albany Bible Church, God opened doors for Keithian to visit schools, prisons, jails and youth detention centers presenting the gospel and basic procedures to living the Christian life.

In 2004, Keithian got his G.E.D and started attending a community college. He then sensed the call by God to enroll 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 August 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. Therefore he incorporated Grace Prison Ministries.

Currently, Keithian teaches weekly at two Nashville jails and one prison. He travels to youth detention centers, jails and prisons in Georgia, Tennessee, Louisiana, Florida and wherever God opens the door. Keithian shares our Lord's heart for the lost, and especially for prisoners. He has already walked a mile in their shoes and knows that the only way for them to change is by becoming new creatures in Christ and renewing their minds. The grace and love of God has transformed his life and now he is reaching out to share 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)*