

Grace Freedom News

Changing lives through the Gospel and Biblical truth

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"If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36)

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Dear Grace Prison Ministries Partners,

We send our greetings and heartfelt thanks to all of you partners and friends. Your prayers, time, spiritual gifts, and financial gifts are always received with thanksgiving to God. You are a vital part of our ministries. Please know that when those who are incarcerated give thanks to God for our ministries, that brings reward to you in this life and the one to come (2 Cor.9:8-9). God is able to make all grace abound to you so that you will always have what you need for every good deed. Thank you for serving with us!



Yours in His service,
Keithian L. Starling
President & Founder - Grace Prison Ministries

I have had the privilege of serving with Keithian Starling in support of GPM for over six years. After having served with him consistently on Wednesday nights in a prison chapel, I could see that many prison inmates have a great need and hunger for biblical truth. GPM seeks to meet those needs through weekly prison visits with face to face teaching, discipleship through mail, and yearly Operation Impact Lives conferences. GPM is a grace ministry dependent upon donations and without the support of believers, it could not exist. Thank you for your support of GPM through prayer, service and financial gifts. Please ask the Lord if there is anything else He would have you do to support this Christ-centered Biblical teaching ministry to prison inmates.

Stefan Gerville

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“God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile.”

– Max Lucado

UPCOMING 2018 EVENTS

- Jan 5, 2018** Ware State Prison Annex
Waycross, GA
- Jan 6, 2018** Ware State Prison Main Building
Waycross, GA
- Apr 6 -7, 2018** Tennessee Prison For Women(Operation Impact Lives Conference) Nashville, TN

Grace Prison Ministries Weekly Schedule, Nashville, TN:

Monday	1:00pm - 2:30pm	Correctional Development Center
Tuesday	7:30pm - 9:30pm	Maximum Correctional Center
Wednesday	8:00am - 9:30am	Correctional Development Center
Friday	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Riverbend Maximum Security Prison
Sunday	6:30pm - 8:00pm	Lois DeBerry Special Needs Facility

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Letters from the Inside

The impact that the Lord has made through Grace Prison Ministries is evident by these letters from the inmates:

I think that in the last 15 years that I've been locked up, this Bible study is the best thing I have ever been a part of. I can't think of any church service that I've ever been to that can top this study. And that is not only my opinion. Keep being you and keep the faith.

Marcus

Grace Prison Ministries has impacted my life in a very special way. I got incarcerated in January 2011. I was an unbeliever. I came to know Christ through Pastor Keithian Starling and immediately came up under the leadership of Pastor Starling. Two months later I gained my GED and continued to learn the Bible through Grace Prison Ministries. Because of GPM, I am currently a student at Tyndale Theological Seminary School and am helping others learn the Word of God and growing up in the Lord. Thanks, GPM.

Luis

Brother Keithian teaches the Word in simplicity and clarity. This allows the supremacy and the power of God's Word to come to light! He reminds me that the Word is sufficient, to walk in obedience to the Word. Man's wisdom, ability, or gimmicks can't bring about God's salvation on earth. I've also been encouraged to take my vocation more seriously. We looked at the spiritual gifts and were encouraged to identify our God-given abilities. I am keenly aware I have been neglecting the gifts I have been given, not really taking them as seriously as I ought to. Now I have a desire to utilize them in service to God.

Bobby

Mr. Keithian, I hope this letter finds you as blessed as you can be in the name of Jesus. I extend a prayer for your family as well. As you spoke I paid attention as much as my mind allowed. And to my delight, I learned something as you promised I would. Out of all you said, you mentioned that you studied the Bible. I think that is my problem. I really wish to walk this walk with God. I really would love to know how to study. I don't have a dictionary to show me what I'm seeing and what I'm supposed to be seeing. Do you understand? I accept Jesus, I am saved. I'm ready to let go and let God. I'm

waiting to be led by a tug in my spirit. I just can't seem to realize how to hear God speak to me. It worries me if God is calling me and I'm ignorant of it. So I guess I need information on how to get some kind of schooling.

Inmate

Belief is the only thing you need for everlasting life. God's grace means "giving to the undeserving". God wants you to come to Him as you are. Your life doesn't change without turning to God first. I asked God to show me what He wants me to see. I believe Jesus died for my sins. The lady, Jai, had a very inspiring story that gave me hope. God can fix anything. I'm waiting for compassion. Ask God to help you love him more and to help you live for Him. God will never leave us! I've always believed these things but I just got lost.

Marina

I learned that you can be saved by belief in Jesus Christ. Nothing can keep me from God's love. I feel secure with Jesus. God has grace for us. He is a forgiving God. We are labeled by the names we used to be called. He wants you to come to him by faith. With God's grace, I am able to shut out those things. God performs the ultimate power of salvation in you. You are forgiven and are loved and accepted.

Rosanna

The workshop is really great and I am thankful to everyone who showed up. Grace is such a little word, but it is so huge. In my journey with God, I do believe there is a God, a heaven, and a hell. So what do I do next? I've been here many times and since I don't see anything happening I turn my back, close the door, and go right back to a life of crime. So what I need to do is hold on to the good seed that is planted. What good is it to if I'm not going to let it grow.

Mark

I gave my life to Christ through John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His begotten son. Whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." The point is this God loves us so much that He didn't turn His back on us. He gave us a way to redeem ourselves through the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ gave His life for the sins we should have been punished for. He was beaten and nailed to that cross. So if you think after hearing the gospel that God doesn't have grace and love for you may He find and bless you now!!!

Jamie

The whole workshop was very informative and needed, so thank you for coming. One of you said, "A girl told God this was His last chance." First I thought that God wasn't a big enough God for that girl's anger and frustration. I also thought, "Who is she to give God an ultimatum?" I had a daughter who gave God a similar option and 48 hours later she committed suicide. I've been so angry. And in my desperation and anger that was when God met me and saved my life.

Maria

I love going to Grace Prison Ministry's Bible study on Friday nights. Keithian teaches us about the Bible—God's Word, the truth. It means a lot to me to have a great teacher teaching the truth. You can tell the love of God is with the teacher. The time in Bible study goes by so fast. He has taught me how to fellowship with God, to ask for forgiveness of my sins. I want to thank God for sending this teacher to us. God bless him and peace be with him.

Thomas

THIS IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT.....

Sunday, October 22, 2017: We had a great study tonight at Lois DeBerry Special Needs Facility in Nashville! I was so encouraged to see so many come out to hear sound Bible teaching, but even more to hear of the encouragement God's truth is bringing to these inmates.

There is a man here in the class who is sentenced to 250 years in prison. He told me tonight that he loves God's Word, and will walk with him into eternity. I was teaching tonight about the believer's future glory promised in Romans 8:18-39. We also discussed eternal security and how no matter what our suffering is now, God loves us and will bring us to perfect glory as He promised even though Satan and his host are against us. He can charge us that we are sinners, but God dismisses the charges because Jesus Christ paid the penalty at the cross. Christ will not condemn His own who are in Him! They were so encouraged tonight!

This ministry is so important. There seems to be so much more positive volition in these inmates than there is on the outside. I praise God because the inmates go back to other inmates, speaking of the good news, and bring them to the next class. They are locked up but the Word of God sustains them.

Keithian

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STEP PROCESS to doing BIBLE STUDY

1

Observation

What does the text say literally?

Examine carefully, search carefully and inspect carefully the text.

2

Interpretation

What does the text mean?

Using the rules of interpretation:

1. Interpret literally.
2. Interpret in context noting what precedes and what follows.
3. Interpret in view of the historical setting and the cultural background.
4. Interpret in view of what type of literature it is.
5. Interpret in view of other parts of scripture.
6. Interpret in view of theological consistency.

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Application

How does the text apply to the audience then and to us now?

Tyndale Partnership

Grace Prison Ministries announces a partnership with Tyndale Theological Seminary in Hurst, Texas. Now it's possible to earn a Bible School, graduate, or seminary degree at no cost while still incarcerated.



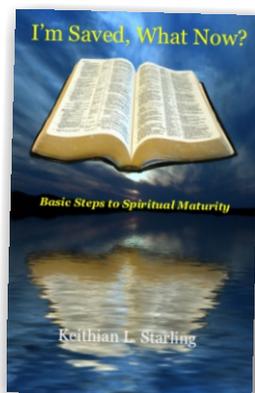
This program requires inmates to have access to audio players for lectures. They would also have to gain support in purchasing books and course materials. It is our prayer that they too would have the opportunity to know God more intimately and be able to prepare for a lifetime of Christian service. Please continue to pray for this program which can impact the World!

OPERATION IMPACT LIVES REPORT

In March of this year, I had the great privilege of being a part of the Operation Impact Lives conference at the Tennessee Prison for Women main and the annex. The handiwork of the Holy Spirit was evident! He prompted me to invite a young lady from my church. The men's conference had to be canceled. The team to serve the women's conference for 2017 was stranded at home in a blizzard. The women's conference had to borrow the team from the men's conference.

Unbeknownst to me, my young friend had a story that these women needed to hear. I loved seeing the hearts of some of these inmates as they realized how much God loves them, even in prison. Telling their tearful stories, they started to believe that they are worth His love and sacrifice. They supported my young friend as she told her story for the first time; they realized a lot of it was their story too. I didn't have to comfort her because one of the inmates got there first. She was not able to share it the night before at the main prison, but God unexpectedly transferred one woman to this annex overnight. She, the one who needed to hear the story was now present! Since I only got to visit with a few of the women, I don't know the Holy Spirit's full impact in the prison that weekend. But just seeing the miracles I was allowed to see, I trust that He was accomplishing a mighty, mighty work of transforming hearts and lives.

Rochelle - GPM Team Member, Tulsa, OK



I'm Saved, What Now?
by Keithian L. Starling
A basic step by step guide
for new believers.

How Can I Be Saved?
by Keithian L. Starling
A simple and clear
presentation of the
Gospel of Jesus Christ.
A tool for evangelism.



It has been my privilege since 2014 to assist Keithian with the Grace Prison Ministries Discipleship through mail Bible Study. After Salvation, it is urgent to begin

learning about Our Father, and His Word. Keithian sends me the names of inmates showing positive volition and desiring to learn more. He provides the study materials including question sheets to be sent to those interested in growing in Grace. The Answer Sheets are returned to me to be reviewed and corrected if necessary. When the first lesson is returned, the next lesson is sent with the answer sheet to the previous Class. As of today, we have had 114 inmates begin the lessons. Of those 114 many have continued to study on a consistent basis. Several have completed all twenty-five lessons and received a Bible from Keithian in order to continue their studies. Many have also been released and are involved in Keithian's Follow-up Program.

It's exciting to see these men and women mature as they learn how to live The Christian Way of Life in very difficult circumstances. They send prayer requests, and one young man amazed me when he wrote to say his parole had been denied and he was thanking God because he would be able to continue receiving the Bible Classes... (and yes, he is one of those who completed the twenty-five classes.)

Please pray for this part of Grace Prison Ministries, that these folks will be responsive to Salvation, and then have a desire to learn how to live the Christian Way of Life. Pray for Keithian as he teaches day after day, and travels many miles to fulfill his personal service. We will not know until Eternity how many lives have been changed by this ministry, and I look forward to meeting those reached by this ministry as we stand together before His Throne.



In His Great Grace,
Janice
G.P.M Team
Albany, GA

As a "GRACE MINISTRY" Grace Prison Ministries doesn't plead, beg or even ask people to donate to us. We depend upon God to move others to support the ministry as they see fit. However, unlike more visible ministries such as churches or disaster relief ministries, our efforts are often unseen except by the prisoners which are our focus. Therefore it's necessary to outline our needs which explain how donations are used.

Travel up and down the South and East Coast by car and air use a tremendous amount of funds. Mailings take a good bit of funding also. Just general maintenance of the ministry, office space, funding prison conferences (team travel and food, food for inmates, conference material), study bible purchases. Keithan's household expenses funded by his salary are also major expenditures. Printing publications take funding as well.

We must always remember God's Word: 1Ti 5:18 It is just as the Scriptures say, "Don't muzzle an ox when you are using it to grind grain." You also know the saying, "Workers are worth their pay."

Should God lead you to help in the funding of this ministry please note it is tax exempt which means you can deduct contributions given to it. Also, note there is no waste associated with maintaining Grace Prison Ministries. 100% of the donations go to getting the Word of God to those in prisons and jails, which is their only hope of leading productive lives.

G.P.M Board Member

" FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF OUR MONEY"

"**Gain all you can** but not at the expense of your life and health."

"**Gain all we can** but don't lose our souls."

"**Gain all we can** without hurting our Neighbor."

"**Save all we can** and not waste trying to satisfy the desire of the eye, the flesh, and our Pride."

"**Give all you can** for the Glory of God":

1. Food, clothes, shelter, and whatever to preserve your health.
2. Provide food, clothes, shelter for our wives and children.
3. Do good to those of the household of faith who are in need .
4. Do good to those who are disseminating God's word.
5. Do good to all men according to needs and as lead by the Holy Spirit.

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich." (2 Corinthians 8:9)



Upcoming Event:

**OPERATION
IMPACT**

LIVES
PRISON CONFERENCE
April 6-7, 2018

Tennessee Prison for Women
Nashville, TN

Budget: \$3,000

What for:

- Bibles •
- NASB Study Bibles •
- Notepads & Pens •
- Video and Audio Equipment •
- Team Travel logistics: Air, Hotel, Food, Car •
- Food for about 300 inmates for 2 days:
Breakfast, Lunch & Snacks •

Should you feel led to contribute to the upcoming conference, please specify Operation Impact Lives.

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.

Discipleship through Mail

The Discipleship through Mail is our discipleship



correspondence ministry designed to equip new believers in the basic fundamental doctrines for living the Christian life.

Operation Impact Lives

Operation Impact Lives is our annual 2 day prison conference with a team of pastors and church leaders from around the world coming together to impact the lives of those incarcerated through sound Bible teaching.



Grace Refuge Transition Facility

Our aftercare ministry assisting those released from prison with transitional housing.



Charis Bible Institute

Our equipping ministry for those incarcerated desiring theological training for prison ministry, local church ministry and missionary work.



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