



BRINGING HOPE

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Changing Lives Behind Bars by Bringing Hope in Jesus Christ for over 43 years!

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Christ is The Answer to Rehabilitation and Reentry

SPREADING SEEDS OF HOPE. LUKE 8:11 THROUGH INTENSIVE BIBLE STUDY

This year, hundreds of inmates have successfully participated in UPMI's transformative Bible study courses, including *Spiritual Rehabilitation*, *The Sanctuary*, *The Fruit of the Spirit*, *End Day Events*, *Salvation*, *What the Bible Says*, and **PEREP* (*Prison Economic Reform Educational Program).

One inmate shares their experience after completing a UPMI course: "I've struggled with tobacco, drinking, and sin. However, I have found that I do not crave this sinful life now that I've found Jesus." **Casey, prisoner in Indiana.**



SHARE THE GOSPEL MESSAGE!



INMATES SHARE WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED THROUGH UPMI BIBLE STUDIES WITH FELLOW INMATES

The UPMI team, alongside Judge Cobb (center), founder of Redemption Earned, is dedicated to changing lives behind bars. Pictured seated is Wallace, an inmate who has been sharing the message of Christ with fellow inmates for over 40 years. **UPMI provides training for inmates to share what they've learned with others.**

Please read: 2 Corinthians 9:10 & Mark 4:26



Many inmates are unsure of how to study their Bible. UPMI provides instruction on studying the Bible independently in their cells.



The UPMI Team, alongside Warden Felisha Blanding (center), distributes life-changing literature, hygiene products, and snacks to **more than 1,100 inmates.**

UNITED IN PRAYER

We come together united in prayer daily at 12:00 p.m. (CST) for everyone on our prayer list. **We invite you to join us.** "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20 KJV **Yes! I will pray.**

Kindly keep the following chaplains in your prayers this month as they distribute hundreds of UPMI's life-changing literature and Bibles within their prisons: Chaplain Sergio Salazar, Texas, Chaplain Rickabaugh, Arizona, Chaplain O. Grant, Virginia, Chaplain Devore, Jr., Washington, Chaplain Rapheal Johnston, Tennessee, Chaplain Cedric Royal and Chaplain Bradford, Alabama, Chaplain F. Aldaoud, California. Please pray for the UPMI *PEREP* program at the Davidson Correctional Center in North Carolina.

"Thank you for your prayers and the wonderful literature. I now believe in the power of prayer, and I believe you all are prayer warriors." **Andre, prisoner in Arizona.**

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HOPE IN SALVATION

UPMI's literature, chapel services, and biblically based programs offer a profound understanding of the Bible while nurturing a closer relationship with Jesus. As inmates and their families learn to live **"By His Spirit,"** many share what they've learned with fellow inmates, officers, wardens, and others.

"Thank you for bringing Christ into my life. When your ministry came to visit, I was very much impressed. I'm 64 years old, and I've been in prison 35 years. With all this new guidance I'm receiving, I feel the Holy Spirit guiding my life." **Charlie, prisoner in Alabama.**



"THERE IS HOPE..." Jeremiah 31:17

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Members of the UPMI Team are pictured here at UPMI's youth **enrichment programs for underserved youth and children of ex-prisoners and the incarcerated.** We express our heartfelt appreciation to Pastor Fulford for his involvement in this transformative program.

YOUR DONATIONS SAVES SOULS

Each prisoner in the USA has a network of family and friends, estimated at a minimum of eight individuals in their circle. The impact of incarceration extends to entire families and communities. Please help us provide the Word of God to this mighty harvest field.

Yes, I will give today! Call (205) 755-4744, or go to our secure website: www.upmi.org, or mail your gift to UPMI, PO Box 8, Verbena, AL 36091. **Thank you!**

☐ \$10 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1000 ☐ Other

A tax-deductible receipt will be mailed for your records.

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WORDS OF HOPE FOR INDIA

Gilbert Wilks (pictured on the right) founder of Wilks Publishing has been a steadfast supporter of UPMI for more than 30 years. Mr. Wilks and the UPMI team journeyed to share the Word of God in India back in 2007.

We are happy to announce once again we will partner with Mr. Wilks and Pr. M. Wilson, General Manager, Oriental Watchman Publishing House (OWPH-India) to translate the booklets, *"Bible Questions Answered"* and *"What the Bible Says"* into several Indian languages, with plans to **distribute over seventy thousand (70,000) copies of each booklet throughout India!**

THE ANSWER TO CRIME IS

CHRIST

See Pr. M. Wilson's letter below:

"What a wonderful thing to receive mail to connect with UPMI. When UPMI visited us, we had prison ministries training for all the field workers. They are very good people who committed to the cause of God. I will be very happy to get reconnected and work for the Lord. We have a burden to share Jesus with millions in India. Thank you."

Pr. M. Wilson, General Manager, OWPH-India.

"I have been on Death Row for 10 years. During my time here, I have been very grateful for your Bible Lessons and study material. I am writing with a request to please add me to your prayers. Thank you." **Ivan, prisoner in Virginia.**

"My Word... Shall Not Return to Me Void..." Isaiah 55:11

OUR HISTORY

UPMI was established in 1981 by Richard and Carolyn Bland while they worked with more than 100 churches in Alabama's prison system. What began as a labor of love has blossomed into the distribution of over 78 million Bibles, Bible lessons, and life-changing literature across the United States and around the globe! **"Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoner." Hebrews 13:3**



