



BRINGING HOPE

• NEWSLETTER •

Changing Lives Behind Bars by Bringing Hope in Jesus Christ for over 44 years!



Christ-Centered Recovery Programs Work!

Over 1.9 million people are incarcerated in the U.S. Wardens and prison officials are advocating for Christ-centered rehabilitation programs to stop recidivism. Inmates who become committed Christians do not return to prison.

"I thank UPMI for sharing the gospel message with me and providing me a Christian environment during my probation period. **This has totally transformed my life. I have been free indeed in Christ for over 10 years!** I know it is because of the loving support and guidance from the UPMI team and its belief that Christ is the Answer to Crime. **Shane, ex-offender in Alabama.**

"UPMI provided me the tools to change my life. I thank God for your work. Before I met UPMI, I backslid and returned to jail. UPMI shared true Bible teachings, and now I serve God. Thank you! **Clay, ex-offender in Georgia.**

Prisoners are individuals in need of hope. UPMI brings the gospel message that will prevent them from reentering society bitter, battered, and broken. **By giving HOPE in Christ, a vast harvest of souls will be reaped.**

THE ANSWER TO CRIME IS
CHRIST

We Go by the Book!

UPMI focuses on sharing God's Holy Word. Inmates are encouraged to study the Bible independently and share their insights with others.

A Heartfelt Thank You!

We sincerely appreciate your contributions and participation in God's Work in 2024!

Our mission continues, and your ongoing support is essential to spread hope to many souls behind bars. We have successfully reached our goal of distributing over **240,000 Bibles, Bible lessons and transformative literature!** Hallelujah! Let's keep this important work going!

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

UNITED IN PRAYER

We come together united in prayer daily at 12:00 p.m. CST for those on our prayer list. **We invite you to join us to embrace the power of faith and unity.** Yes! I will pray.

Kindly keep the following in your prayers this month:

- **Chaplain Stephen Kovach** oversees the South-Central Correctional Facility, a Tennessee prison library serving over 1,600 inmates. UPMI has provided literature for these inmates, and our goal is to send an additional 1,600 life-changing books to this prison in 2025!
- **UPMI Pen Pal Program** along with our dedicated **Pen Pal Team** read and write hundreds of letters that serve as a source of inspiration and connect prisoners to the greatest change agent of all times, Jesus Christ. When prisoners meet Christ and accept Him as their personal Lord and Savior through God's Holy Word, miraculous transformation happens.

May we pray for you? (Matthew 18:20)



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FAMILIES FIND CHRIST

Did you know?

The incarceration of loved ones has a profound impact on families. Many inmates write to UPMI requesting literature for their spouses, children, and family members. For over 44 years, this initiative has aimed to support prisoners, ex-prisoners, and their families, sowing seeds of hope, and fostering community transformation. Additionally, UPMI's programs prepare inmates for reentry into society—physically, mentally and spiritually.



"**My husband received your book, *Bible Answers*, when he was in prison. He is now out and was wanting to know if people no longer in prison can receive material. We are interested in finding out what other books and literature you have to offer. Any information you can offer will be greatly appreciated! Thank you.**" **Suzanne, wife of ex-prisoner in Mississippi.**

Every year, hundreds of letters pour into UPMI's office, sharing stories of lives transformed behind bars! Prison ministry was one of the last personal outreach efforts performed by Jesus before his death – highlighting the profound importance of prison ministry.

(Matthew 25:36, Isaiah 61:1, Psalm 69:33)

"...God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV

HERE IS MY GIFT! I AM INVESTING IN SOULS.

Yes! I want to contribute to reduce recidivism and add souls to the kingdom of God. I'm enclosing my tax-deductible gift for:

- **PRISON LITERATURE** (BIBLES, BIBLE LESSONS, AND LIFE-CHANGING LITERATURE)
- **PEREP** (Prison Economic Reform Educational Program)
- **WHERE NEEDED** to continue prison ministry.

Please 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!**



Transformative Literature for Cuba! Hope in the Gospel Message.

In 2022, UPMI successfully delivered over 180,000 books (as shown above) to Cuba, collaborating with the Unión Cubana de los Adventistas del Séptimo Día (Cuban Union Conference of SDA) to ensure these books reached various locations across Cuba.

Looking ahead to 2025, UPMI is thrilled to share that it will once again provide the book, *Respuestas A Preguntas Bíblicas (Bible Questions Answered)*, aiming to distributing **over 70,000 transformative volumes to our brothers and sisters in Cuba. UPMI will collaborate once more with the Cuban Union Conference of SDA and Henry Stubbs from the World Youth Group to facilitate distribution of these books. Praise the Lord!**

UPMI sends literature free of charge to prisoners both in the USA and Internationally.

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 transformative literature across the U.S. and around the globe!

"Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoner." Hebrews 13:3