



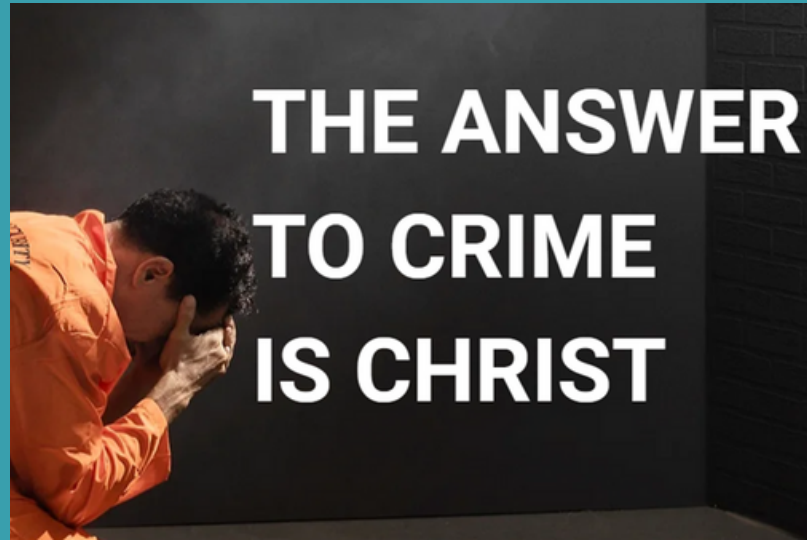
# IMPACT REPORT 2023

## UNITED PRISON MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

"Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoner  
and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." Hebrews 13:3 NIV

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*"We Go By The Book"*



**THE ANSWER  
TO CRIME  
IS CHRIST**





During group training sessions in prison, inmates are encouraged to invite fellow inmates, family and friends to enroll in the *What the Bible Says™* Bible study. This collective effort greatly contributes to bringing more souls to the Heavenly Kingdom.

## MISSION

Our mission is to be the catalyst for prison and prisoner reform; a vehicle for the reduction of recidivism amongst ex-offenders, and an agency for prison prevention among at-risk youth through biblically-based literature and programs.



## VISION

Our vision is to provide inmates the necessary tools to break free from the cycle of crime by scattering the seeds of truth. New lives emerge to break the cycle of high rates of recidivism. Training inmates to teach and share what they've learned leads to reformed **inmates who become 24-hour-a-day influencers**. They teach fellow inmates to become better citizens—not better criminals while positively effecting the environment within their dorms, cells and prisons.

## BRIEF HISTORY

The work of UPMI over the past 43 years has been a transformative agency for thousands of incarcerated individuals through the distribution of more than **78 million Bibles, Bible lessons, Spirit of Prophecy books, biblically based literature and reformative programs.**

UPMI receives thousands of letters and fulfills these requests from prisoners, their family members, chaplains, wardens and prison officials yearly. Many prisoners after completing *What the Bible Says*<sup>™</sup> study courses are sharing it with their friends and relatives. Finding Christ within prison provides HOPE as well as a moral compass to lead prisoners away from crime.

The Good News, the promise of victory over sin, and an eternity with Jesus is spreading throughout the prisons and their communities. **Praise the Lord!**



*“I was in prison, and you came to visit me.”*  
**Matthew 25:36**

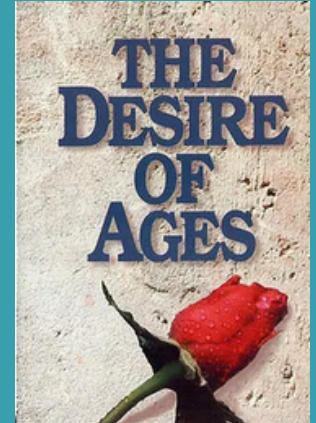
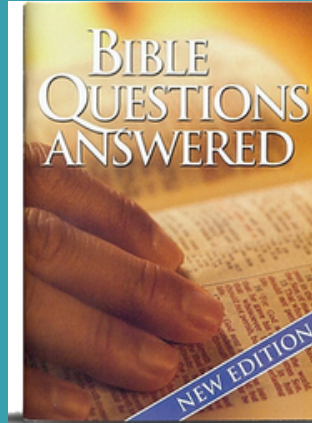
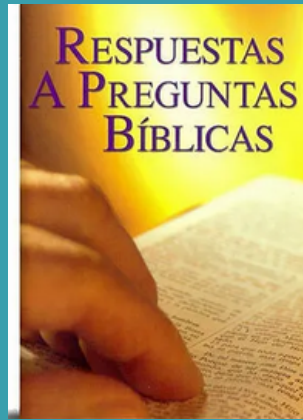
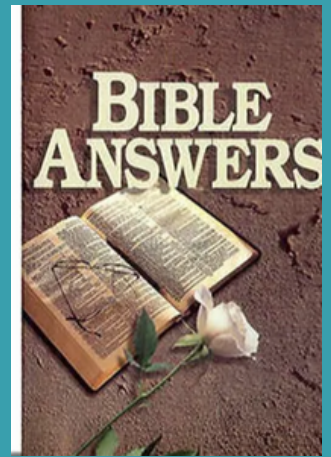
# OUTREACH 2023



An inmate discovers solace through God's Word. Incarcerated individuals receive UPMI literature at no cost.

Andre Wallace (on the right) has spent over 50 years in prison. Since becoming part of the UPMI program 40 years ago, he has shared UPMI's literature and initiatives in the prison, leading numerous individuals to Christ!

- PEN PAL PROGRAM.....223
- PRISON CHAPEL SERVICES.....142
- PRISON CERTIFICATES/GRADUATES.....168
- PRISON ECONOMIC REPORT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM™ (PEREP).....1,064
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- JUVENILE OFFENDERS, CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED, AND AT-RISK YOUTH.....480
- FAMILY AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION.....702
- LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION.....189,380



# GLOBAL LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION

## 7.5K

5,000 Spanish *Bible Questions Answered*  
2,500 Bible lessons distributed to Belize.

## 75K

75,000 Spanish *Bible Questions Answered* distributed to Mexico.

## 76.8K

76,880 Bibles, Bible lessons and life-changing books distributed in the USA.



UPMI team member prepares shipments.

## 30K

30,000 Bible lessons distributed to Mexico.

# LIFE-CHANGING LITERATURE RESOURCE

All literature is FREE of charge to prisoners, newly released individuals and their family members. Inmates may request two items at a time.

1. Holy Bibles – King James Version, Spanish, English and large print
2. Bible Answers - a study reference to accompany the Bible
3. Bible Questions Answered – a study reference to accompany the Bible, Spanish and English
4. Keys to Happiness (Steps to Christ)
5. The Marked Bible (God Still Answers Prayers)
6. Patriarchs and Prophets – The beginning story of the conflict between good and evil
7. The Acts of the Apostles – The Christian church begins to grow
8. The Desire of Ages – Story of the life of Jesus Christ
9. The Great Controversy (American in Prophecy) The story of the Christian church
10. American in Prophecy – (The Great Controversy) Spanish and English
11. What the Bible Says™ 10/25/32 Bible lesson sets, Spanish and English
12. Sharing God's Love™ 9 booklets set
13. Prison Economic Reform Educational Program™ Textbooks #1-6
14. Prison Economic Reform Educational Program™ Workbook #7



UPMI team members present graduation certificate to a prisoner.



Bible lessons well received in Mexico

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# PEREP™

PRISON ECONOMIC REFORM EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Moving prisoners from Salvation to Self-reliance through the  
Prison Economic Reform Educational Program (PEREP).

330KP Project will train 330,000 prisoners over the next 5 years.



## RECIDIVISM



**“My Word... Shall Not Return to Me Void...” Isaiah 55:11**

### (PEREP is Available for the General Public)

UPMI has created a transformational curriculum that not only introduces prisoners to Christ, but moves them to Self-Reliance through Entrepreneurship. This 90-Day Curriculum prepares prisoners for re-entry into the free world by encouraging mastery of SEATS: Spiritual Mastery; Emotional Mastery; Arts Mastery; Trade Mastery; and Specific Knowledge Mastery. PEREP teaches Prisoners that they are the JOB.

### (Certificate Granted After Each Course)

SET COMES WITH 6 TEXTBOOKS AND 1 WORKBOOK = 7 BOOKS

The PEREP program is a proactive initiative aimed at lowering recidivism rates. Economic hardships often contribute to many inmates' incarceration. UPMI addresses this issue directly by providing education to inmates and ex-offenders.

The program imparts biblical teachings to guide inmates towards success through following God's Word. As a result, there have been baptisms and requests for baptism stemming from this course.

**UPMI organized two successful 8-week PEREP courses, resulting in 51 graduates, 3 baptisms, and 11 requests for baptism!**

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# NOTEWORTHY



1. The Official United Prison Ministries International Day, awarded by Mayor Arrington, Jr., City of Birmingham, October 21, 1986.
2. *Changing Lives on the Inside* video series launched in 1998.
3. New Start Program (Christian lifestyle and work release) successfully launched at for Maranatha Prison and Work Release Facility, Adelanto, California, 2003-2010.
4. APMOA Board selected UPMI as the recipient for The Outstanding Missionary Award in 2012.
5. North American Division of the SDA awarded UPMI The Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019.
6. UPMI has ministered in 72 countries. Recently sending 186,000 Spanish *Bible Questions Answered* books to the Cuba Union SDA Conference in 2021.
7. UPMI is a Christian literature, pen pal and program resource in approximately 4,000 state and federal correctional institutions in the USA.
8. UPMI's literature has been approved by the American Correctional Association (ACA) as positive life-changing materials for inmates.
9. Prison Economic Reform Educational Program™ curriculum series launched in 2022.
10. UPMI is a non-profit 501(c)(3) in service for 43 years. UPMI is a member of Adventist Laymen Services (ASI), American Correctional Association (ACA) and registered with SAM.gov/UEI.

UPCOMING EX-OFFENDER  
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING  
PROGRAM







RECIDIVISM IS REDUCED WHEN WE DEVELOP OPPORTUNITIES FOR:

- Spiritual understanding and growth
- Positive social relationships
- Healthy living skills
- Education, Academics and Vocational Skills

## TRANSFORMATIVE PROGRAMS ●●●●

### PROGRAM SERVICES

- Transformative Literature Publishing and Distribution
- Prison Chapel and Bible Study
- Prison Economic Reform Educational Program™ (PEREP)
- Chaplain, Correctional Officer and Warden Outreach
- UPMI STEAM/At-Risk Youth Program
- Pen Pal Ministry
- Upcoming Ex-Offender Restoration Training & Transitional Housing



“I am an inmate at Louisiana State Prison with a life sentence. God has come into my life and changed me. I am in need of some books and would appreciate any help. Thank you for your time and help you give.” **Dale, prisoner in Louisiana.**

“I have tried other Bible correspondence. Now, I turn to you. I heard your studies are wonderful and will guide me through the Scriptures. I don’t have any family so thank you for what you do for prisoners.” **James, prisoner in Georgia.**

“I am writing to you because your address is a resource in this prison. I’m hoping that you could send me a Bible and other literature that I’ve seen other inmates receive. Thank you!” **Michael, prisoner in California.**

**UPMI fulfills hundreds of requests monthly because of your loving support.  
Thank you!**

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# UPMI Team Members



Carolyn Bland,  
Co-founder/Director



Carolyn Bland, co-Founder/Director  
worships with inmates.

## Leadership/Governance

UPMI Board of Directors meet quarterly. UPMI files 940 quarterly reports, and 990 reports annually with the IRS. UPMI is a certified charity, SAM.gov/entity, 501(c)(3) non-profit, and a self-supporting organization that relies on the loving support of its donors. UPMI prepares quarterly and annual financial reports, demonstrating a high level of fiscal responsibility, transparency, and technical capacity that meets the needs of project beneficiaries, sponsors, and donors.

## UPMI Leadership

UPMI is directed by a Board of Directors and an Advisory Board. The UPMI Board is comprised of the following members: Executive Director, co-Founder/Director, Pastor, CFO/CPA, and former IRS Auditor, COO, Sr. Accountant, Licensed Financial Officer, Health & Wellness Director, Ex-Offender Program Director, Juvenile Offender and at-risk Youth Director, ACA member, ASI member and Board-Certified Chaplain. All UPMI staff and volunteers that minister within correctional facilities are PREA certified.

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Heb. 13:3 NJV*



# Thank You!



UPMI is committed to spreading the Gospel to marginalized individuals, including prisoners, ex-offenders, and at-risk youth. Serving as a life-changing literature and program resource for over 4,000 correctional institutions, UPMI relies on your continuous support as we follow the directive in *Hebrews 13:3*. Our experience has proven that inmates are open to receiving and studying the Word of God when provided with Bibles, Bible lessons, and life transforming literature.

Wardens and chaplains are actively seeking UPMI's literature for their inmates. Your gifts enable us to provide literature, chapel services, and transformative programs for our incarcerated community. Each prisoner in the USA has a network of family and friends, estimated at a minimum of 8 individuals in their circle. The impact of incarceration extends to entire families, and UPMI prioritizes support for this harvest of souls!

The significant task of supplying thousands of life-changing materials annually relies on the support of others. On behalf of the UPMI Board of Directors, we express our gratitude for your loving support of prison ministry.



**Prison chapel services provide indepth study of the Bible.**



***State of Alabama  
Department of Revenue***

**Certificate of Compliance**

**United Prison Ministries International** is found to be in compliance for purposes of the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance from the Alabama Department of Revenue. An examination of the Alabama Department of Revenue's records for the following accounts: Corporate Income, Excise, Pass Through Entity, Business Privilege, Business & License Tax, Withholding, International Fuel Tax Agreement, International Registration Plan, and Sales and Use Tax, reveals that the aforementioned taxpayer/entity has filed all applicable tax returns and paid the tax or taxes, interest amounts, and any penalties that were reported due for all tax returns, assessments, and/or audit liabilities that were owed, as of April 15, 2024. No representation is made as to the accuracy of the amounts reported. Like all taxpayers, this taxpayer is subject to audit and billing for additional amounts for periods within the statute of limitations.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this  
date of April 15, 2024.*

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*Disclosure Officer*

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