



OPERATION IMPACT LIVES CONFERENCE HELD AT TENNESSEE PRISON FOR WOMEN

Dear Friends and Partners,

Thank you for your prayers for our first annual "Operation Impact Lives" Conference. The title of this year's conference was *Hope*. Hope #1: the unbeliever has *hope* of eternal life and forgiveness through faith in Christ for salvation. Hope #2: the believer has *hope* in growing into Christ-likeness through the filling of the Holy Spirit and daily intake of God's Word; applying knowledge to experience. The believer growing in grace has *hope* knowing that God is faithful to His promises, therefore, with patience, we are to wait for its fulfillment. Blessings and rewards are promised in this life and the life to come for those who are faithful to God's plan on earth. God the Holy Spirit was at work in our lives and the lives of these ladies. We went to this conference to be used by God as a source of blessing to these ladies. In addition, we were blessed. God paved the way through your prayers. The ladies responded positively to the teaching of the Word of God. We are thankful to God for our team consisting of praise and worship leaders, prayer warriors, and Bible teachers who traveled from throughout the country to bring encouragement and hope to these ladies. Please find attached a couple of pictures of the conference. Thank you for your support.

Yours in His service,

Keithian L. Starling



Operation Impact Lives

Operation Impact Lives is a group of believers partnering to impact the lives of prisoners. O.I.L. is made up of pastors, evangelists, and biblically sound seminaries. Periodically, conferences are held in prisons, jails and youth detention centers where pastors and evangelists are invited to join the great commission. Sound bible teaching gives prisoners hope, purpose, and a new way of thinking. Once inmates respond positively to bible truth, they need to be built up in the faith. It is the desire of GPM to eventually offer a scholarship program for ex-inmates with seminaries willing to collaborate, so that they may be educated and prepared to work in ministry upon release for those who are called to do His work.



Letters From the Inside



Thank you so much for this bible study. I really enjoyed it and look forward to more. I'd really like it if I could get a copy of that poem, "The Master's Hand," that Gene Cunningham told to us, because I really loved it. If you could send me a copy, I'd greatly appreciate it.

Thank you,

Tennessee Prison for Women



I can't tell you how grateful I was to receive your bible study. When the envelope was put under my door it was as if a wonderful gift had just shown up. It was a day when I was feeling very lonely and depressed. I had been locked down for 25 days and was feeling abandoned and forgotten. Your letter gave me hope and the feeling that someone cared. It was a beacon of light in my darkness. I've never done a bible study but I'm going to try to do my best. Thank you with all of my heart for the gesture of love.

Sincerely,

Tennessee Prison for Women



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Hello, I'm really struggling with understanding the Word of God. But, with these studies, I feel much much better now. Thank you. I really enjoyed listening to the service as well here at TPFW (Tennessee Prison for Women). I think these studies will be a big help in understanding God's word.

Thanks,
Tennessee Prison for Women



I would like to thank you for coming and sharing your testimonies and for the wonderful, blessed sermons. I truly enjoyed the time spent with you and your spiritual mentors. It would be great if you could come back to visit us. I signed up for your bible study and I would also like to request a copy of your newsletter. Thank you very much for the time you spent with us again and the encouraging words.

God Bless You,
Tennessee Prison for Women



Conference Testimonies

Following the Saturday service, I was able to speak and pray with three women in the bleachers. They told me that they were struggling with trusting God in the care of some of their situations and asked me how they could have faith. I told them that I too have been struggling as of late in completely trusting God with all situations and circumstances in my own life. I told them it is a daily battle, and I have to constantly give my burdens to the Lord. I also said that it is very important to spend time reading the Bible daily, because that is where we find truth, so that when we come up against things in this world we have truth to compare our circumstances with. I told them that it is important to read and meditate on Scriptural truth, and we really need to gear up each day to face the world. I read to them Ephesians 6:10-17. These women also told me that they face a lot of persecution in the prison (from other prisoners and guards) because of their faith

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in Christ. I told them that Jesus too struggled and was persecuted--and being persecuted for your faith is something that we should expect as Christians. They commented on something Keithian said in his message to the prisoners about being involved with non-Christians in prison. I told these women that he did not mean we should avoid all interactions with non-Christians at all; otherwise, unbelievers would not hear the Gospel. I told them we do need to be careful about who we spend our time with because we do not want to be influenced by bad behavior or partake in sinful behavior because the people around us are sinning. Rather, we are to be lights in this world and to share Christ with the people God puts around us. I read John 17:14-19. I told these women that they have opportunities where they are – that there is hope for them if they know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. And that they can minister to people I would not be able to normally because of where they are right now. We then ended in prayer.



This time was such a blessing to me because these women struggle with some of the same things I do even though our current circumstances are different. I appreciated these women opening up to me and sharing with me some of the things they struggle with. Before coming to the prison I had no idea what kind of persecution these women come up against daily for their Christian faith. It really encouraged me to see the strength and faith these women had and challenged me to follow my own advice and rely only on God's Word for my Truth.

G.P.M. Team member



Conference Testimonies

A few weeks ago, I was humbled to be asked to join one of the strongest Christian teams I have ever ministered with. The eleven of us were invited by a close friend and former inmate, Keithian Starling, to enter the dark world of a state penitentiary to present the eternal light of HOPE through Jesus Christ to the hopeless. Keithian had spent about half of his life incarcerated in various jails and prisons before the grace, truth, and HOPE found only in JESUS CHRIST was revealed to him through a prison ministry.

Keithian probably appreciates, more than the typical prison minister, what it is really like to hear about the love, forgiveness and hope found only in Jesus Christ.

I believe it was God , Himself, who gave Keithian this



awesome idea to put together an outreach under Operation Impact Lives which holds Bible conferences in State Prisons around the country. It is designed to bring Hope to the hopeless. I have ministered in prisons for about 25 years but never have I seen and witnessed the presence of God any more than what I experienced that weekend in Nashville at the Tennessee Prison for Women. When our team of twelve walked out of that prison, I think each of us left a little piece of our hearts inside those prison walls. And from the looks on many of the faces of the prisoners--I believe JESUS CHRIST became real to many of them HE and HE alone--is our only HOPE to make it out of this evil world into the loving arms of our Father God.

G.P.M. Team Member

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conference and were challenged to get back into the daily study of God's Word. They both signed up for the Bible studies via correspondence and one lady said that after almost 30 years in prison she had finally given up her fruitless quest of living this life apart from personal faith in Christ. She said that after the Friday conference she was scheduled to call her sister – as she did every week – but didn't do so because she had to go and study the Word of God for herself. The promises she had heard from Nancy Cunningham seemed too good to be true, but they weren't Nancy's promises, they were promises Christ has given to us, His sheep. When she finally did call her sister, she couldn't believe the change that had taken place and they both praised God for the heart-work that was done by God through the conference.

This greatly encouraged me. Usually, we don't get to readily observe the change that Christ works in peoples' hearts and only hear accounts of other people doing Kingdom work but this was not the case here. The women were changed and challenged in mighty ways. God is so good, all the time!

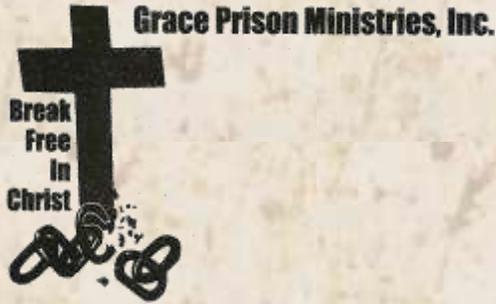
G.P.M Team Member

After the Saturday conference, during the interaction time in the gymnasium, I spoke with a few women. Apart from the blessing of having heard from one lady that she had just gotten off death row the prior week, she was going to be released from prison and would then be able to seek reconciliation with those she has wronged. She is trusting in the Lord now and I could readily observe her face glowing – like Moses' in the wilderness I imagine – with the love and peace which only Christ Jesus provides to those who trust in Him.

I was standing by the door and speaking with some of the women who had separated themselves from the main group of other inmates. They were both greatly encouraged by the



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Grace Prison Ministries 2010 Schedule

Mar 05, 2010	Smith State Prison (Glennville, Georgia)
Mar 06, 2010	Ware State Prison (Waycross, Georgia)
Mar 07, 2010	Dougherty County Jail (Albany, Georgia)
Mar 07, 2010	Albany Bible Church (Albany, Georgia)
Apr 09, 2010	Crossword Christ fellowship Church (April 9th - 11th) Phoenix, AZ
Sep 03, 2010	Albany Senior Citizens Center
Sep 07, 2010	Albany Youth Detention Center
Sep 09, 2010	Ware State Prison, Waycross, Georgia Sept. 9-12
Oct 29, 2010	Tennessee Prison for women (October 29th - 30th) Nashville, TN
Nov 15, 2010	November 15-17 :: Bossier City, LA -Juvenile Youth Detention Center