

## Biography

Keithian L. Starling is a native of Albany, Georgia; and grew up in a single parent home in a poor neighborhood of drugs, gangs, and violence. Keithian was so far behind in grades to past to the eighth grade due to consistent incarceration that he dropped out of school. He went to a life of drug dealing, parting, and crime. He spent most of his young adult life incarcerated.

In 2000, while incarcerated in Albany, Georgia, He prayed and ask God to reveal His ways to Him and a few days later he had the privilege of receiving books by R.B. Theime Jr. from Ernest Smith of Lost & Found Ministries. Mr. Smith is a member of Albany Bible Church. These books opened his eyes to salvation—by grace, through faith—and how to live the unique spiritual life through the power of the spirit and the word of God. When he understood the doctrine of “Faith alone in Christ Faith alone, confession of sins & keep moving, Faith-rest, the filling of the Holy Spirit, and other doctrines taught by R.B. Theime Jr., He became a lover of truth and burdened for those suffering for lack of truth. Keithian Started teaching the doctrine he was learning with the inmates, and guards. When he was released from prison in 2003, he continued his pursuit of doctrine at Albany Bible Church where Pete Daughtry is the Pastor-teacher.

From 2003-2006, while attending Albany Bible Church, God opened doors for Keithian to visit schools, prisons, jails, youth detention centers presenting the gospel and basic procedures to leaving the Christian life.

In 2004 Keithian went to a community college and got His G.E.D and started pursuing getting a diploma as a Radiology Technician. After the first two courses he dropped out and enrolled in seminary through extension at Tyndale Theological Seminary, to be a better trained minister of the Word.

July 2004 to August 2006, He worked for a Nanze Spings Water Company as a salesman. While working at this company his daily route brought him in contact with many who needed the gospel. This kindled his desire to do full time mission work. He begin to see what the Lord meant by **“the harvest is plentiful but the labors are few”**.

In May, 2006, Keithian put his notice in to move to Nashville Tennessee. He moved to Nashville Tennessee to partner with Moses C. Onwubiko founder of Grace Evangelistic Ministries. After working for Grace Evangelistic Ministries and reading many letters from prisoners all over the world. Keithian sinned the call by God, to go back into the prisons, jails, and detention centers; taking them the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and sound Bible teaching. Therefore he incorporated Grace Prison Ministries.

Currently, Keithian teaches weekly at two Nashville jails and one prison. He travels to youth detention centers, jails and prisons in Georgia, Tennessee, Louisiana, and Florida. Keithian shares our Lord’s heart for the lost, and a heart for prisoners. He has already walked a mile in their shoes and knows that the only way for them to change is by becoming a new creature in Christ and renewing the mind. The grace and love of God have transformed His life and now he is reaching out sharing the truth that set him free.



*“I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who strengthen me, because he considered me faithful, putting me into service...It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all”. (1 Timothy 1:12, 15)*

# Grace Freedom News

Changing lives through the Gospel and Biblical truth

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

Dear Partners,

God has graciously provided through your prayers and financial support for Grace Prison Ministries. Please accept my appreciation for your partnership in the advancement of the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and sound Bible teaching. When G.P.M first began in May 2008, I shared my desire to take the simple gospel message of our Lord Jesus Christ and doctrinal teaching to those incarcerated. You responded with kindness and joy; becoming a part of the dissemination of the Word of God. It is so encouraging to see other believers with the same love for the Lord Jesus Christ and heart for the lost and those who are forsaken by society.

This ministry’s motto is **“For God’s glory and the benefit of others”**. We want God to be glorified in all that we do and for others to benefit from our service to our Lord; so they may reap divine blessings in time and eternity. Thank you for your selfless sacrifices in giving your time, prayers, and financial support; joining in the great commission.

**“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all that I command you...”** (Matthew 28:19a, 20a)

Indeed the harvest is plentiful, but the labors are so very few. Pray for more labors to aid in taking the truth to those behind bars. If you feel the call to make visits and teach those incarcerated, please contact me, and we can make arrangements.

I’m happy to report that recent trips have resulted in much fruit to the glory of God. Many doors are opening for Bible teachings that focus on the simple truth of salvation by grace through faith and spiritual freedom. It gives me joy to see men, women, and young

people behind bars express their gratitude for G.P.M. visiting their facility. Through the Word of God, they find hope, when they were anticipating the lake of fire because of their sins.

**“For God loved the world so much that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believe in Him will not perish but have everlasting life.”** (John 3:16)  
**“For by grace you have been saved** (rescued from coming destruction) **through faith; and that [salvation] not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.”** (Ephesians 2:8-9)

**“He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”** (John 3:36)

*“It is not those who are healthy who need a physician but those who are sick”*

Jesus Christ

The concise thrust of this ministry is to take the following simple message to others: when an individual puts his faith in Christ alone for salvation, he receives pardon from his previous sins, and that after salvation, God’s plan is for the believer to be positive toward learning, thinking, and applying the mind of Christ (Bible teaching) to every situation on a consistent basis. As a result, they will glorify God through spiritual maturity and reap blessings in time and eternity. The Psalmist writes this promise...

**“Blessed is the man who listens to me** (doctrine taught), **Watching daily at my gates** (being consistent to taking in God’s Word), **Waiting at my doorposts. For he who finds me finds life, and obtains favor from the Lord.”** (Proverb 8: 34-35)



a Nashville inmate takes notes

It is my prayer that

God will cause us as believers to crave for His Word daily which will renew our minds (Romans.12:2) and cause us to advance to spiritual maturity. Many prisoners haven't learned how to handle pressure from the world, the indwelling sin-nature (the old man), or the devil. They also don't know how to handle trails and adversity that come into their life after salvation. Many of them choose a life of crime because they don't know how to handle their problems. It is the mission of this ministry to show them how to handle their own problems through the teaching of the Word of God and doctrinal resources.

**For example:**

Picture a drug dealer getting thrown into jail without bail. While in jail he hears the simple Gospel message of Jesus Christ and trust Christ as Savior. He then starts learning doctrine, on a regular basis, as communicated by a visiting minister. One evening, the minister teaches about the faith-rest drill. The faith-rest drill is claiming promises from the Bible, mixing it with faith, and relaxing because God is in control. This helps the believer handle adversity.



Inmates wanting to change

***“For this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, as to what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor for your body, as to what shall you put on. Is not life more than food, and the body than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? ... And why are you anxious about clothing? ... Do not be anxious then, saying, “What shall we eat? Or “What shall we drink? Or “How shall we clothen ourselves? “For all these thing the Gentiles eagerly seek; for you heavenly Father knows you needs these things:”“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.”***

(Matthew 6: 25-26,28a, 31-32)

This scripture spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ tells us not to worry about how our needs are going to be

met. We are to trust God and preserve our spiritual life, and He will show His faithfulness.

After hearing doctrine taught, the ex-drug dealer goes to court, receives probation for His crime and is released. He begins to apply for work, but because he now has a felony on His record, many doors are closed. His family is low on food; he doesn't have enough clothing to carry him through the week. What will he do in the crisis? Will he panic? Will he get discouraged and give up trying to find a job? Will he go independently of God and try to make things happen the illegal way, like going back to dealing drugs? Or will this young man recall to his mind promises he had learned from the Bible and say:

“Father you know my needs because you are all knowing. Your word says I'm more valuable than the birds of the sky that get their food from you. You also said seek you first, and these things will be added. I love you for all you have done for me, and I trust that you will meet my needs. Please help me find a job to help me provide for my family.”

This individual took what he learned in Bible class and applied it to the problem. Instead of being all stressed out, he prayed a prayer of confidence to a loving God. He is counting on God for blessings not yet seen. My point is that those incarcerated are taught to take what they learn and apply it to the circumstances of life. God will be glorified, and He will show His faithfulness in meeting their needs.

Thank you again for your love for God's work and your partnership in the spreading of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to those who think there is no hope.

Yours in His Service,

Keithian L. Starling  
 Founder and President  
 Grace Prison Ministries

- e) Direct believers upon release to a doctrinally sound local Church or study group.
- f) Direct the poor but positive believer, with a teaching gift, to acquire seminary training and start their own local church.

3. To assist inmates, upon release from custody, who are homeless and jobless.

- a) Network with employers to assist with jobs so they can become self-sustaining.
- b) Direct those released from incarceration to a grace oriented transition housing where Bible doctrine is the cornerstone of a structured environment.

4. To assist the needy as God provides and direct us. These may include but are not limited to:

- a) Provision of food.
- b) Provision of clothing.
- c) Assistance to those who are associated with Grace Prison Ministries when needed.

5. Occasionally hold crusades in Prisons that we have visited inviting guest missionaries and pastors. Giving those who have the call, to serve the Lord in prisons, an opportunity to serve.

6. To write periodic reports to update our associates regarding our ministry.



Florida Ocean-Science Institute

**Financial Policy:** Grace Prison Ministries offer its services free of charge. We do not solicit funds but operate entirely on voluntary contribution. When understanding of the need to reach lost souls with the Gospel and sound Bible teaching motivate you to contribute, you have the privilege of giving and sharing in the dissemination of the Word of God. This is a grace ministry.

**Grace Prison Ministries Planed 2008 Trips & Schedule**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

Oct. 24 Tennessee Prison for women Completed

**Bossier City, Lousiana**

Nov. 10-13 Bossier City Christian Youth Ministries (YDC) Bossier City, Lousiana

**Keithian Weekly Jail Ministry (Nashville)**

Tuesday	Correctional Development Center	6:00 PM - 7:30PM	Building E
Thursday	Crimanal Justice Center (Juveniles)	6:00PM - 8:00PM	Cell C and D
Sunday	Correctional Development Center	6:00Pm - 7:00PM	Buiding D

## Please...

### Give Thanks:

1. For the love of God in providing salvation through the work of Jesus Christ on the cross
2. For the power of the Holy Spirit at salvation
3. For the Bible
4. For Pastor-teachers who study and teach the Word of God
5. For local churches as classrooms to learn God's Word
6. For evangelist who sacrifice their life to take the gospel of Christ to the lost all over the world
7. For those who support missionary activity and the dissemination of the Word of God
8. For the gift of freedom
9. For the knowledge that Jesus Christ controls human history
10. For His grace in meeting our needs in the devils world

### Prayer for others:

1. For peace for our nation
2. For the President- wisdom and divine guidance
3. For Congress- salvation of the unbeliever and divine viewpoint as they make decisions
4. For our military- protection
5. For provision for those desiring full time work in the mission field
6. For spiritual revival among believers
7. For more positive volition in the prisons
8. For the spiritual and physical needs of those released from prisons
9. For believers who are persecuted for their faith

### Prayer for Grace Prison Ministries:

1. For good health, wisdom, and guidance for Keithian
2. For more labors
3. For more partners
4. For our partners-that God will meet their needs
5. For more open doors for the Word

6. For transportation to get ex-prisoners to church
7. For property and resources to build a transition house for homeless ex-prisoners

### Grace Prison Ministries: Overview

Grace Prison Ministries is incorporated in the State of Tennessee as a Christian, non-profit organization. We are a non-denominational, ministry focusing on changing the lives of prisoners through evangelism and sound Bible teaching. We endeavor to restore individuals one by one, thereby making a positive contribution to our neighborhoods and our society.

#### Our Mission:

In obedience to the command of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

***"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...teaching them to observe all that I commanded you..."*** (Matthew 28:19a, 20a)

#### we have the following objectives:

1. Evangelize the unbeliever with the simple grace gospel: salvation by "faith alone in Christ alone." With this in mind, our primary job is to make the gospel as clear as possible, without gimmicks and without imposing our personal view on anyone. Rather, we leave the gospel matter between God the Holy Spirit and the person. Our duty is to present the gospel and leave the decision "to believe" or "to reject" solely to the individual.
2. Assist those who have responded positively to the Gospel in the following manner:
  - a) Encourage and help them form study groups.
  - b) Teach them sound Bible doctrines, provide Bibles and doctrinal materials such as Bible teaching on CD, and written literature which will enable them to fulfill the command to "grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18a); thus enabling them to re-enter society as productive citizens
  - c) and good role models.
  - d) Assist those who possess the spiritual gift of pastor -teacher to obtain study Bibles and resources to help them prepare so they may

## Reports

July 2

### Correctional Corporation of America (CCA)

Grace Prison Ministries reports fellowship with CCA, a Nashville prison that houses inmates serving one to six years. Keithian was invited to teach a group of inmates in a program called the Jericho Project sponsored by Men of Valor Ministries. He met some of the staff members at a prison resource conference. After sharing with them what he does, they offered him an opportunity to come share principles that will show the inmates in their program how to live the Christian life. They were very attentive through the whole section of the class taught by Keithian. He taught a lot about choices, the power of the sin-nature, and the power of God to overcome the sin-nature. He also taught on divine discipline and the loss of reward, if believers fail to maintain fellowship with God through confession of known sins and learning and applying the Word of God. Many desire to know more and are now doing ***"The Basics"*** by Gene Cunningham. ***"The Basics"*** is a categorical Bible study that teaches the new believer basic principles such as the love of God, the destructiveness of sin, salvation by faith, the authority of the Word, and the sufficiency of grace. The believers begin to practice the basic exercises: confession of sin when they fail, prayer, studying the Word of God, and service. Then, they learn the spiritual skills for living the Christian life.

July 6-10

### South Florida Christian Youth Camp



Thank you all for you prayers as Keithian went to his first youth camp to counsel and teach the Word of God to a group of teenagers. Thanks also to Marilyn and Steve Pomeroy of Light House Christian Youth Ministries for allowing G.P.M the opportunity to serve at the camp. Keithian was reminded of himself, when he was a teenager while at camp. The trip to south Florida opened a door for Him to share his experience of getting snatched into the hip-hop culture of sex, fame, partying, drugs, and entertainment; making bad decisions that were detrimental to his physical and spiritual life. While at camp he didn't have the luxury of sleeping in a hotel and travelling to camp everyday. He slept in a cabin with a group of 12 teenagers from the age 13-17. The beds looked like jailhouse beds. No matter what they looked like or felt like nothing was more important to Keithian than directing these kids attention from the world seeking happiness to our savior Jesus Christ and His Word.

One of his duties was to do devotions with them every morning and evening for the four days of camp. Keithian reports that he started devotions by asking the question ***"What is the reason for your existence?"*** Many of the kids didn't know how to respond. They even said "that is a good question and I have never thought about it". He then explained to them why God created them, the condition of mankind after the fall of Adam, which brought condemnation on all of mankind because of one man decision. He shared with them the need for salvation, and taught them how to pray, study, and apply God's Word to strengthen their relationship with God. One of the kids said he never read the Bible.

Keithian was asked to also teach at the main venue to the general population every night of camp along with other teachers of scriptures. Keithian was so encouraging to see these kids hang on every word that was spoken. It is so easy for kids to lose concentration, but the Holy Spirit grasps their minds.

Keithian shared his life as a teenager on the first night to pave the way for his lesson ***"Choices Determine Destiny"***. When we make decisions not compatible to the will of God suffering will come and life will become very complicated. The kids received many examples of individuals including Keithian himself who made the choice to pursue happiness in

drugs, partying, sex, and reputation and the consequences of such a pursuit. The kids responded very positive to the message. They learned that God has a wonderful life in store for them, if they will make the sacrifice to learn His Word and apply it to their lives. The kids really came to attention when he asked them "Who is ready to die early?"

**"But he who sins against me injures himself; all who hate me love death."** (Proverb 8:36)

The kid were taught that we hate God when we don't like listening to His Word, and when we don't care to make it part of how we live our lives, and when we're only concerned about the details of this life (friends, education, entertainment, video games, family, etc.) and the pleasures of this world that gratify our sinful nature.

**James writes:**  
**"...Friendship with the world is hostility towards God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."**  
(James 4:4)

Satan is the God of this world and when we are negative to God's Word, which reveals His plan for our lives, we are then under control of evil in our thought, and will be dealt with by justice of God if we don't change our attitude. He loves us and gives us many chances every day to heed His message from the Bible. When we ignore Him and continue to make bad decisions, he will discipline us.  
**(Hebrews. 12: 5-11)**

Keithian then shared the story of Noah who made the choice to believe God concerning the flood of judgment, even when it wasn't the popular thing to do in the culture in his day and time. Noah didn't run with the crowd that rejected the gospel and chose worldly pleasure and the details of life instead of God. He believed the gospel and got saved (**rescued from coming danger**). Keithian closed the first night challenging the kids to leave the road to ruin that is so popular in the culture, trust Christ as Savior from sin, and live in the Word of God.

Afterwards, young people came up and expressed that the teachings of the word of God had changed their thinking. It is so rewarding to a minister to hear

of someone being changed by the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The last two days Keithian taught the kids how to live the Christian life through walking in the Spirit and daily learning, thinking and application of the Word of God to life experiences. Through the Word of God, He showed them the reward of obedience and took them to real life situations that require application on their part as believers. We as believers are told to separate from bad company and resist the temptation to do things that will take us out of fellowship with God and ruin our spiritual lives (2 Corinthians 6:14, 17, Proverb 1). Please pray without ceasing for our young people. They are the future of our great nation.

### Letters to Grace Prison Ministries

Dear Keithian,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I wanted to say hello and tell you what a great pleasure and blessing it was to see you here last Sunday. I praise God for all He has done for you. It brings such joy to my heart to see you leave prison and go forth teaching and preaching the gospel of Christ. The message you preached on Sunday was a true blessing for me personally. You made mention of something that most preachers today won't mention. You spoke of the cross of Christ. We are living in a time where many preachers are tickling the peoples' ears by telling them what they want to hear. I praise God that he is raising up men like you to preach the word the way it was meant to be preached. I hope and pray that you'll be able to come back again to minister here. You bring the guys here hope. God bless you my brother and keep the faith.

Inmate  
Georgia State Prison

Dear Minister Keithian Starling,

You was truly a blessing Sunday and I enjoyed your testimony. I know God has a purpose for my life. God has called me by His grace to preach the gospel of Christ. I want to know God more than ever. God has

made you a teacher of the Word of God. Bro Starling you would be a great help to me as a spiritual mentor, because God is using you to impact the lives of men. Could we team up together? Do you have any studies on the work of Jesus Christ? My focus is to preach the gospel to the entire world. In Christ

Inmate  
Georgia State Prison

Dear Keithian,

I just wanted to say thanks for giving us the Word of God. I have been trying to get into the Word of God and do the right things. You really touched me and since you left I have felt very good about you coming here. Thanks for coming. I know I'm a sinner, but I know Jesus Christ died for me on the cross. Now through faith in Him I know I can change. I want to thank you again, and thank you for the support you give us. I close this letter but not my friendship.

Inmate  
Georgia State prison

Dear Brother Starling,

I had the joy of hearing you speak at our church. I was meant to be there that day. I just started going back to church after forty years. I felt like I was going to hell prior to coming to church. I am seventy years old and know nothing about the Bible or what to do and how to do it. I have so many unanswered questions. Your words had such a powerful effect on me that day. You can never know the great chains that was broken that were keeping me bound tightly and fearful. I want you to know that not all prisoners are in the jails, prisons, and detention centers. Some of us are prisoners of ignorance and doubt. Many are just as lost as those you are reaching out to. It is a wonderful thing you are doing bringing men, women, and children to the knowledge of our Lord. It is awesome to imagine sons, daughters, husbands, and wives coming to find the endless love and beauty

their lives can be like when they recognize Jesus Christ as Savior...I can feel the change in me. Thank you for touching my life. I would like for you to send me a Bible I can understand. I've never heard it explained in such an easy understanding way. God's blessings to you.

Georgia Church

Dear Mr. Starling,

About a week ago I attended one of your Bible studies at CDC. Since that night I have been studying Bible doctrine. Later that week I put my total trust in Jesus Christ as my Savior and confessed my sins (9-17-2008). I reach out to you in this letter because I hunger for more knowledge and want to grow spiritually. After hearing you and how you changed through Christ I was inspired. I want the same. I have made a lot of bad choices in my life but now I can say it's over. I have put my faith in Christ and ready to follow God's plan for my life. I need guidance though as I study Bible doctrine. I continue to read and do

the lessons you send me. I request more Bible publications if possible. I will like to count on you if I have questions about the lessons you send and other doctrinal books I study. Two months ago I would have never imagined being involved in writing a letter seeking spiritual growth. I look forward to your response and hope you can help me on the path to spiritual maturity. Thank you for your time and have a blessed day.

Inmate  
Tennessee State Prison



Ex-Prisoners