



Greg & Rhonda Von Tobel

In 1982, the Lord began dealing with Greg Von Tobel about prison ministry, except Greg wasn't aware of it yet. An individual from church asked Greg to join him at a Bible study. To Greg's surprise, it was to be held inside the Monroe Correctional Complex. So Greg politely declined. Later that same year, someone else invited Greg to a Bible study. When Greg asked jokingly if it was in a prison, the man said, "no, but it is at the local county jail".

In 1988, Greg and his wife, Rhonda, were listening to a visiting pastor at their church talk about missions – prison ministry came up. The Lord was impressing on Greg's heart to talk to the man. Rhonda was impressing on Greg's ribs with her elbow to talk to the man.

In 1989, Greg took a huge leap of faith by leaving a promising career as a stockbroker for Shearson Lehman Brothers and entering a faith

walk that was quite unknown to him. Taking this leap of faith with him were his wife and their daughter, Ashley. Because 80% of businesses fail within their first 5 years of existence, Greg felt that if the ministry made it for just 5 years, he might believe it could survive even longer.

Survive it did! Yet starting a faith ministry from the ground level was no easy task. The beginning years were very lean and tough. Nevertheless, as PFC remained steadfast and persevered, the ministry continued to inch forward year after year.

In 2013, a vision of Greg's was fulfilled when over 1 MILLION men, women, and children were in attendance at PFC church services around the world in that year alone. Thousands upon thousands heard the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ for the very first time.

In 2014, PFC celebrated 25 years in ministry.

"As I look back on how God has led Rhonda and me on this journey for over 25 years, I get teary-eyed just thinking of the miracles upon miracles that we have experienced. I remember back in those early days how there was much fear and trepidation. In the beginning, PFC was just a handful of sold-out volunteers. The Lord has brought us a long way, to heights we never dreamed. Each year brings new challenges along with new and incredible victories. I often think to myself, 'Wow! I would have never imagined all that God has done through PFC.'

"PFC is truly a living, breathing miracle for everyone associated with it. This ministry is also a gift from God, handpicked for everyone involved. To that end, I will shout it from the mountain tops.....To God be the Glory! Amen and Amen."

Greg served on the Governor's Panel of the Department of Corrections Religious Services Advisory Council, assisting the DOC in setting religious policies and practices for inmates. Greg has served as Past President of the Washington Chaplains Association and as a City of Duvall Councilman. Greg is also an ordained Pastor.