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**PRISON MINISTRY LEADER UNDERGOES HEART BYPASS SURGERY**  
Known To Many As One of 'God's Prison Gang' And Through The Book  
"Holes in Time"

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**ORLANDO, FLORIDA (ANS)** -- Bishop Frank Constantino, known to many prison inmates as one of 'God's Prison Gang' and through his book, "Holes in Time," put out by Chaplain Ray, has just undergone double bypass heart surgery.

Many inmates in the US and abroad know Frank Costantino as an ex-offender, whose life was changed by Christ. The book about his life, "Holes in Time," is in each prison library of the English-speaking world.

After being released from the prison he had a calling "to build an army of prison evangelists to go to prisons to bring the Light of truth to inmates." As a fulfillment of his dream "The Coalition of Prison Evangelists" was born.

An e-mail news report obtained by ANS says: "Frank has just had the complicated medical procedure of double bypass heart surgery. Bunny Costantino, his wife (you know her from 'Lady in the Shadow' book) reports that Frank's condition is stable, but he still is in an intensive care unit in Orlando, Florida."

A web-search for information on Bishop Costantino reveals he has had a distinguished career in prison ministry and has written books detailing the ministry of aftercare. Costantino is the President of Christian Prison Ministries -- Bridges of America, which he began in 1975.

According to the website [www.dc.state.fl.us/orginfo/dso/Brdbios.html](http://www.dc.state.fl.us/orginfo/dso/Brdbios.html), in 1989 Costantino was the recipient of the Prison Minister of the Year award,

presented by the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College. He has opened and operated residential drug and alcohol treatment facilities around the state, including The Turning Point Bridge, The Sanford Bridge, The Dade County Bridge, the Auburndale Bridge, the Gainesville Bridge, and the St. Petersburg Bridge.

The website says Costantino has also developed in-prison drug and alcohol treatment programs, which include 27 institutions from Ocala to Key West. During 1996-1998, Costantino developed the first statewide Aftercare Treatment Program in Florida.

The site adds that in 2001, he received a Doctorate in Divinity from St. Michael's Seminary in San Clemente, CA. Bishop Costantino was appointed by Secretary Crosby to the Corrections Foundation Board in 2003. Bishop Costantino and his wife Cheryl have six children and 12 wonderful grandchildren and have been married for more than 40 years.

More information: [www.prisonministry.com](http://www.prisonministry.com)

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