



WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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Dear Friends,

Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers.” (Mt 5:9)

And He began to build His church, (Mt 16:18) known as “a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness...” (I Pet 2:9). Our task is to elevate the Son of God before the world and to flesh out in our lives the attributes of our Savior.

During crises and Divine judgments, the task of the church is enhanced. We need to be careful that we do not speak falsely – “It’s going to be okay;” “Things will return to normal.”. Our first call is to the Household of Faith, to exhort and encourage (Heb 10:25). Our task to the world is to speak clearly of the Kingdom of God and its Sovereign Authority (Mt 28:18), the Suffering Servant (Isa 53), and the One who said, “I am the Resurrection and the Life” (John 11:25). As one church leader recently said, “If I were to go to the streets, my placard would read, “Eternal Life Matters!”

To the incarcerated our united voice is “Eternal Life Matters.” In the midst of their noisy oppression, lonely isolation, and hopeless separation, let us bring a word of truth and peace. **Rodger Turley, Director**

MUST LOVE THEM

Here’s a question from *Old Testament Poetry and Prophecy*: “Could you love those around you like Hosea loved his unfaithful wife?”

“All of these words come from the heart of God, and I as His child must love them. The love of God has been poured into my heart by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5) and He gives that fruit of love. If I don’t bear that fruit of love, I am an imposter.” **Gonzalo**

HELP ME IN MY FIGHT

“I am writing you from the infamous Robertson unit where I am serving a life sentence since 2011. As of right now we are in lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic. We have been down for 50 days and it doesn’t seem that we are coming up anytime soon. This lockdown has been nothing but bad.

“Three years ago, I lost my son. Ever since I have had a difficult time trying to read the Bible. I feel angry and mad with God, and it has been extremely hard. One day I found in the trash can a book of Emmaus, *Proverbs for Life*. I learned that it was a Bible study, but it was incomplete and parts missing. I would really like to get the Bible study along with others that can help me in my fight against my anger and distance from God.” **Jesus**

WHO LOVE US

“We prisoners do not get all of our mail. We count our blessings that they do give us some of our mail. The courses that Write-Way Ministries sent to me are a blessing. I have learned a lot from them. I thank God that there are people out there who love us. As I take this course, I ask God to bless me by helping me to remember what I read, and to apply it to my life, and that I may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. And I thank Him for making me a new creation in my Lord Jesus Christ. The old things have passed away; I start anew in my Redeemer. May the Lord bless you in all you do.” **Ted**

OUR MISSION

To introduce Jesus Christ to each incarcerated person in Texas and Louisiana through a curriculum of English and Spanish Bible correspondence courses that are free, postpaid, and volunteer counseled.

PRAYER CORNER

The prison system is rife with the virus. Pray for staff and chaplains to remain healthy and able to work.

Pray for our students, to withstand the isolation of lockdown, to be encouraged by their loved ones, and to give time to spiritual reflections and outreach.

Pray that we can increase the distribution of materials that are relevant and that provide hope.

FULFILLING LESSONS

“I just needed to tell you that this lesson, *Life and Times of David, King of Israel*, by C. H. MacIntosh, has got to be one of the most inspiring, eye opening, and fulfilling lessons I have studied in a long time. I am hoping to find some more books or commentaries by Mr. MacIntosh. I truly enjoyed his insight and the way he broke the lessons down rather than trying to follow a time line.

“Also know that your ministry is on our prayer list, not just for protection from the CV-19, but for blessings of resources, encouragement, endurance, and love to continue this ministry. I am sure you are aware that this ministry has been the start for many of us to truly seek God’s wisdom and knowledge through His Word. May God’s grace, mercy, peace, and love be with you and the Church always.”

David

TRUST GOD MORE

“Thank you so much for your comments and letter. I want you to know I just got a year set-off from parole. This Bible study [*Jonah*] helped me in ways I can’t even explain! I so needed it. God has perfect timing. I was doing my 4th chapter when I got news of my parole denial. Yes, I cried because I felt sorry for my family. But I know God has a plan for me. I know God gives second chances and He has a plan. I trust in Jesus. But this book really helped me to understand God more and to trust God more and me less.”

Jason

WPM Statement of Faith is available upon request.

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BY THE NUMBERS

	<u>MAY 2020</u>	<u>YTD 2020</u>	
<u>Ministry Statistics</u>			
Enrolled Students	6,336	6,703	AV
Enrollees - <i>Born To Win</i>	552	3,005	
Professions of Faith	32	205	
Course Books Mailed	5,017	25,325	
Course Exams Completed	3,421	16,858	
Graduates 72+ units	4	30	
<u>Program Gifts and Expenses</u>			
Expenses:	\$20,433.74	\$100,291.17	
Postage:	\$10,142.66	\$42,565.25	
Courses:	\$8,042.40	\$41,483.42	
Staff support:	\$300.00	\$3,131.00	
Qtrly Insurance	\$0.00	\$1,170.50	
Other:	\$1,948.68	\$11,941.00	
Donations:	<u>\$12,171.70</u>	<u>\$87,302.03</u>	
Acct DIV, CR*	<u>\$55.84</u>	<u>\$986.92</u>	
NET:	(\$8,206.20)	(\$12,002.22)	

WARRIOR FOR JESUS

“I have a brother in Christ Jesus over here on our pod with me and he had one of your books, *Jonah: Meeting the God of the Second Chance*. As I read this book, boy, it was a true blessing to my mind, heart, soul, and strength. Glory be to Jesus! I would like to get enrolled in your Bible study class if at all possible. Thank you for sharing the truth about Jesus our Lord forever! Warrior for Jesus!”

William

MY WHOLE WORLD CHANGED

“I hope all is well with you and your family. I had come across this *Born to Win* book from my celly. I had recently given my life to God. I was tired of the stress of the lies. It’s like once I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior, my whole world changed. I spoke the word to whomever would listen. I know I’m a sinner and I got a lot to change, but I feel I took the biggest step by believing. So, I would like to continue the courses if it’s possible. I appreciate the work you do.”

Tony

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