



# WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

## BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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Dear Friends,

### Prisoners you may know:

Joseph	Genesis 39:20
Jacob's sons	Genesis 42:16-17
Samson	Judges 16:21
Jeremiah	Jeremiah 37:15
John the Baptist	Matthew 14:3
Peter	Acts 12:5, Luke 22:33
Paul	Acts 16:23-25
	II Corinthians 11:23
You?	Revelation 2:10
Satan	Revelation 20:1-3, 7

### Descriptions:

Groans	Psalms 79:11, Psalm 102:20
Blind, darkness	Isaiah 42:7
Captives set free	Isaiah 61:1
Freedom	Psalm 146:7
Hope	Zechariah 9:12
Visited	Matthew 25:36
Remembered	Hebrews 13:3

Thank you for your empathy shown, petitions prayed, and mentoring given. This work is a worthy investment, dear to the heart of our Savior.

**Rodger Turley, Director**

### GENEROUS GIFTS OF DEVOTION

Throughout the Spring months we have been the recipient of generous gifts from the James D. and Barbara V. Henry Trust (Jim was a former counselor with BR074 at Lake Pointe Whiterock).

In June we received a generous gift from the Black Family Trust. John is a WPM Board Director.

Throughout the year we are the recipient of the kindness of The Matetich Family Trust and Interstate Batteries. Also, many gifts have been made through Believers Stewardship of Dubuque, Iowa.

### MY PRISON GANG

“I want to thank you all for all the time and effort you give to us incarcerated. Now I want to share with you something that has happened in my life. All praise and glory go to our Lord and Savior! I believe that God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for my sins. So, I lay my life at the foot of the cross and place my life, trust, and faith in Him. For a while, even though I would stay in the Word, do my Bible studies, and pray, I was falling short spiritually. My relationship with God was being hindered. It was frustrating.

“I started to fast, praying to God for guidance, strength, and courage to overcome. In Matthew 6:24 it says, ‘No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other.’

“That’s where my problem was coming from. Even though I had given my life to Christ, I was still a part of my prison gang. I wasn’t giving Him my all. Our God is a jealous God! I knew what I had to do, but my heart was still loyal to my gang. I didn’t want to turn my back on my ‘homeboys.’ I didn’t want anyone to condemn or judge me. [Leaving a gang often means torture and death.]

“But when Jesus went on trial, men were spitting on Him, hitting Him in the face, mocking and beating Him. They drove nails through his hands and feet and crucified Him on the cross. (see next page)

### 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

Therefore, I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. **1 Timothy 2:1-2**

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. **Romans 13:1** **Pray for our country.**

### **IN MEMORY OF:** *Gwen Spaugh* -

wife of BR050 Manager, Ralph Spaugh. A gift from Vesta Kay Smith and family, Greg and Kathy Smith and Becky and Gary Oostveen.

(continued) "But He loved us and died for our sins. I wanted that mercy and salvation. My mind was made up. I was fully ready to commit myself and follow Christ.

"So, I cut my gang ties. I was expecting a negative response from my old gang members. But God is in control and has a plan for everything. One of them told me, 'I'm not mad at you for the decision you made. I'm glad you found the Way. No man should want to live like this.'

"He then began to open up to me because he is broken, lost. I've been ministering and telling him about Jesus Christ. I told him I do Bible studies through the mail. I started praying. By the grace of God, he wants to do them. God is good!" **Frank**

"I really appreciate that someone cares out there in the world. Thank you. Plus, it's good to be getting to know Jesus better." **Jessie**

"Boy, I really enjoy this book about *Joseph, A Life of Virtue*. Thank you for those who are praying for us." **Steven**

"I just wanted to say thank you dearly for this Bible study, *The Life and Times of David*. Wow, this is very awesome, very deep, and meaningful." **Daniel**

### **WPM Statement of Faith is available upon request.**

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## BY THE NUMBERS

	<u>JUNE 2020</u>	<u>YTD 2020</u>	
<b><u>Ministry Statistics</u></b>			
Enrolled Students	6,503	6,669	AV
Enrollees - <i>Born To Win</i>	597	3,602	
Professions of Faith	63	268	
Course Books Mailed	5,878	31,203	
Course Exams Completed	4,344	21,202	
Graduates 72+ units	0	30	
<b><u>Program Gifts and Expenses</u></b>			
Expenses:	\$25,850.32	\$126,141.49	
Postage:	<b>\$10,463.05</b>	<b>\$53,028.30</b>	
Courses:	<b>\$10,818.10</b>	<b>\$52,301.52</b>	
Staff support:	<b>\$1,050.00</b>	<b>\$4,181.00</b>	
Qtrly Insurance	<b>\$1,170.50</b>	<b>\$2,341.00</b>	
Other:	<b>\$2,348.67</b>	<b>\$14,289.67</b>	
Donations:	<b>\$35,058.55</b>	<b>\$122,360.58</b>	
Acct DIV	<b>\$576.97</b>	<b>\$1,563.89</b>	
<b>NET:</b>	<b>\$9,785.20</b>	<b>(\$2,217.02)</b>	

## APPLY BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

"I have been incarcerated since 2004, and since 2006 to the present, I have been a serious and diligent student of God's Word. My studies were not for the purpose of gaining intellectual knowledge of the Scriptures, but to learn and apply Biblical principles as a means of transforming myself from the man I was, to the man God has made me into – a person who can abide by the land's laws and be an acceptable member of God's community and society.

"The Dept. of Corrections in Louisiana offers a number of 'self-help' classes. But every single one of them could only be considered just barely mediocre when compared to the 'self-improvement' techniques available within God's Word. The Bible is the epitome, the ultimate, self-help program. If we could only get all state agencies to recognize and implement that, this would be a seriously different country!

"The Lord bless you all and keep you." **Mark**

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