

WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

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# **BLESSINGS FROM PRISON**

September is State Fair time in Dallas! September is the Greek Food Festival in Dallas!

And September, 2022, is WPM's 40th year!

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;" Isaiah 61:1

Thank you, Lord, for 40 years of distributing Christhonoring Emmaus studies and Navigator booklets.

Thank you, Lord, for 40 years of testimonies from grateful students with changed lives.

Thank you, Lord, for 40 years of enabling funds from faithful supporters.

Thank you, Lord, for 40 years of capable volunteers to counsel and encourage.

#### Rodger Turley, Director

#### **HE FOUND ME IN HERE**

"My name is Joseph and I turned 20 years old in May, sitting in the county jail. I recently came across the book, *Born to Win* by William MacDonald. I really like the book, especially the poem at the end of the book. I'm new to everything with the Bible. I didn't find God; He found me in here and changed my life forever. There's no library here, no church, no chaplain, and the county doesn't provide Bibles. If you'd like to know more about me and my story, let me know now and I'll be glad to share!" *Joseph* 

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## **GIVING THEM HOPE AND PEACE**

"Thank you for everything, and all the help you've given me to understand the 'Gospel of Jesus Christ;' and how brothers and sisters in Christ are supposed to live; and the attitude that we should have as true believers in the Faith as Christians. Your Bible studies have helped me through so many hard times since I have been incarcerated. They have built my faith up more than once. They have helped me to teach others about the love of our King and Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I don't know how I would have done my time without your Bible study courses. They have helped me grow in so many ways and I will always have love for your ministries for that. I have even given others the enrollment form for the courses. I have seen how quickly others are learning about the truth of the living Word of God, and how it is blessing their lives till this very day, giving them hope and peace in a place that is filled with no peace, no hope, sin, wickedness, and all kinds of doubt. You have helped to shine the light on all the darkness in the minds of these inmates that want to live for the Lord and not die. These Bible studies give us the knowledge to stand in these hard times and against everything the enemy throws at us. Thank you." Damien

"Thank you so much for these courses. They are filled with what I and everyone needs - God!!! I look forward to the next course and the next one, etc., etc." Vernon

#### **OUR MISSION**

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

# INVALUABLE

"I am writing this short missive as an expression of my gratitude to 'give thanks to God always... constantly mentioning you in my prayers... remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope.' The work that you all do is invaluable. Your Bible studies and letters came to me full of the Holy Spirit, love, and life during some of the most dark and difficult times. Through your Bible studies I gained so much in faith which has increased my relationship with the Lord. Moreover, I gained a true relationship with some beloved sisters and brothers that will last for eternity. Keep fighting the good fight! Thank you!" *Lorenzo* 

# **ONE OF THE BEST**

"I would like to thank you for all the studies you have sent me. I still put your name out there as 'one of the best' Bible studies I have completed. I do not covet the certificates you send, but they will be part of my testimony to others who are idle in this world. I have amassed over 500 Biblical certificates with numerous institutes, colleges, universities, seminaries, churches and organizations, along with ten diplomas and one associate's degree in Biblical studies. Twenty five complete programs! Plus 14 prison classes." *Lars* 

# GOD HAS SUSTAINED ME

"First of all, I want to say thank you for the Bible studies. It's been a blessing being able to get them and I've learned a lot from them. Also, I would like to thank all the ones that took the time to read over [my answers] and write me encouraging words on the studies. It's been a long journey for me here – an amazing journey spiritually. It hasn't been all easy, but God has sustained me these 44 months. He has really been blessing me so much. Keep me in your prayers; I have court coming up in October. I'm expecting to go home, Lord willing." *Cecola* 

## PERFECT TIMING

"Thank you for the course, *Walkin' the Walk*. The Lord definitely has a perfect timing for everything. Your lesson helped me so much. I really enjoy doing your Bible studies and look forward to the next one." *Kevin* 

<b>BY THE NUMBERS</b>			
	August 2022	YTD 2022	
Ministry Statistics			
Enrolled Students	5,180	5,225	AV
Enrollees - Born To Win	471	3,115	
Professions of Faith	11	85	
Course Books Mailed	3,317	28,820	
Course Exams Completed	2,133	19,843	
Graduates 72+ units	10	94	
Program Gifts and Ex- penses			
Expenses:	\$18,787.42	\$126,799.58	
Postage:	\$4,468.35	\$47,166.26	
Courses:	\$8,212.33	\$44,210.22	
Staff support:	\$1,217.00	\$8,264.00	
Qtrly Insurance	\$0.00	\$2,536.00	
Paper/Envelopes	\$488.15	\$9,351.75	
Other (computer)	<u>\$4,401.59</u>	<u>\$15,504.11</u>	
Donations:	<u>\$8,376.70</u>	<u>\$97,560.29</u>	
Acct Dividends	\$289.53	\$2,882.81	
NET:	(\$10,121.19)	(\$26,356.48)	

## **ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE**

"I am currently waiting on an answer from parole and I am expected to be released on December 1<sup>st</sup> or sooner. I would like to continue receiving lessons and continue doing the studies as I am now. I am very excited and very serious about taking God with me everywhere I go, keeping Him first and number one. For I can do no good thing without Him, but with Him and through Him, anything is possible. Kindly pray for me, that God will grant me the strength and courage to stand firm in His Word and always do what is right and pleasing in the eyes of the Lord." **David** 

#### **LEARNED SO MUCH**

"I would like to personally thank you for entering into my life. I have been taking my Bible studies very seriously and have been doing them daily. I have learned so much from your studies since I began. I plan on continuing my studies when I move home. Keep me in your prayers that I make my first parole." *Julius* 

"One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts." Psalm145:4