



WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

Dear Friends,

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TRACKING THE TRANSIENT

There are multiple benefits that accrue to those who volunteer in prison ministry. But there are also many troublesome obstacles. One that we do battle with on a daily basis is the transient nature of the incarcerated. This unsettledness of our students comes with a high cost. We lose hundreds of exams each year. Many have chosen not to continue their studies. Others get "lost" in the prison system.

Inmates are frequently transferred from one unit to another unit for a variety of reasons - health, safe-keeping (lives have been endangered), segregation (often gang members), bench warrants back to the county of offense, transfers to "faith Pods," or simply released. But the prison system does not forward mail. If we mail a course by bulk rate to a student and he/she is no longer at that unit, the mailroom disposes of the mail. If we return a graded exam by 1st class and the student has moved, that item is returned to us.

Every volunteer has a special niche at WPM. But Judy Wharry, now an eleven year veteran, is very special, having taken on the tough task of locating transient inmates. She is a computer sleuth. She is on the phone with various prisons on a weekly basis, like a Scotland Yard detective. Every day she receives an average of 6 - 12 returned items or responses from those she has requested status confirmation. Judy saves WPM thousands of dollars a year and helps keep our records up to date. Thank you Judy!



LOGGING THE PRAISES

"I know this section [of the exam] suggests I ask a question, but God has put this upon my heart. I'd like to pray for you all and your families for being obedient servants of God, that He may continue to bestow blessings upon you. The Word of God says, 'the harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few.' You all have shown great faith by your works. May the grace of God continue to be upon you." **George**

"This booklet [*Managing Anger God's Way*] really helped - each chapter I do is exactly what I'm going through at the moment. But please pray for me. God... please soften my heart." **Ruth**

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"It touches my heart to know how God can change a person's character and life. I know God always has a purpose for our lives and He is working on me. I'm waiting to see Him work His power and love in my situation. I thank God for your ministry which has shown me the truth of His Word and how much He loves us! Thank you for your support." **Wendy**

"The Lord uses these correspondence courses to keep me disciplined and on track. Wow, they come right on time. The Holy Spirit speaks to me and teaches me, assures me Jesus is my Lord, and I know where I am with the Lord. I love to be in complete tune with God's will. Praise God!" **Scott**

"Each Bible study has given me spiritual growth. I am familiar with the chapter and verse but learn something new I didn't know. Thank you so much for your time to send these studies, then grade them, and then send them back with more information. The inspirational comments are very kind and a blessing!" **Tracy**

"I have learned so much, but I'm not filled up yet! Thank you for the time you give to help me." **JJ**

"I thought I knew God, but I never had a relationship with Him like now. Learning has always been hard for me... but when I read God's Word, it fills me with joy. I want to win souls. Please pray for me." **Juana**

I used to think I was good enough, but when I came to prison I saw how lost I was. Now I thank God every day for prison because this is where I saw my great sin. I received Christ while doing this study and I know I'm going to heaven. Thank you for helping me." **Jorge**

DONORBRIDGE results

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SEPTEMBER

Ministry Statistics * * * * *

Enrolled Students	6,985
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	729
Professions of Faith	37
Course Books Mailed	5,238
Course Exams Completed	3,668

Student Achievements * * * * *

Curriculum Completed	8
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Operation Finances * * * * *

Funds Budgeted:	\$14,166.67
Funds Received:	\$18,761.43
Funds Expended:	\$14,750.33
Postage:	\$6,879.29
Courses:	\$2,997.08
Printing:	\$1,794.68
Funded Salary:	\$852.32
Other:	\$2,226.96
Net MTD:	\$4,011.10
Net YTD:	(\$8,006.47)

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