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BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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Dear Friends,

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 graded.*

Nonprofits and Finances

In a series of stories in Matthew 24 and 25, Jesus presses the point of being ready and being faithful. "You were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things." (Mt 25:21) For 32 years Write-Way has been faithful and grown from a kitchen table to its own building. We have ten computer stations, a separate inventory/shipment room, and 8,000 students. There are days when I suddenly realize we need at least \$15,000 a month to do this ministry! And I gasp. Then I remember: this is the Lord's work. He will provide.

Nonprofits can't expand sales or increase prices to meet their budget. We rely totally on the Lord to move on the heart of those with compassion for the incarcerated. Those gifts come from many sources and in various sizes. And so the Lord provides.

On our side, we desire to be open and honest in our handling of your gifts. We have a Board that reviews financial reports several times a year. We have an Investment Committee that oversees our annuity fund, endowment, and reserves. We have three who sign on our bank account. One volunteer makes deposits and another produces checks.

Each month we report our financials in this newsletter (see backside). Last year our book and postage costs greatly increased as the result of shipping two books out at a time. Then that overwhelmed our graders with a multitude of exams. As you can see, it continues this year. So we have dropped back to one book. Only with your help, He will find us faithful to serve many more students.

Rodger Turley, Director



Bouquets of roses and irises on the grounds

The Value of a Changed Life

"I have recently left Gurney to go to the Gist unit. It was a long ride on a bus handcuffed together for five hours. But God also allowed two of my Christian brothers to come along. I told one about the great people at Write-Way and he filled out a green card to be enrolled. His faith is genuine! Please continue to put the enrollment forms in with my new lessons and as the Lord leads me I will be His 'light bearer.'" **Scott**

"This is a great study booklet (*Walkin' The Walk*). It has really helped me understand how I can grow as a Christian, even in here. Thank you!" **Bryan**

"My response is not really a question but sort of a statement of a feeling of excitement and joy. It seems as if these lessons were specially made for talking to me. As I study they seem to either tell me something before hand or convict me of something in afterthought. I rejoice in the Words of God being made clearer to me. Lessons 10, 11, and 12 were amazing." (*Ephesians*) **Jimmie**

"Your ministry has been one of the biggest blessings in my life. God is working wondrously through you all." **Javier**

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Grace Hill's Show Stock*

The Value of a Changed Life

"I have enjoyed several Bible study courses over the years. However, this ECS study (*Plant My Feet On Higher Ground*) by far has opened my eyes, and more importantly, my heart to God's Word." **Mark**

"I have completed the first three courses with flying colors! I'm going through a divorce as I write and I'm having a hard time. But the courses deflect my thoughts. Turning to the Bible is rewarding and truthful. To read the Bible is comforting and serene. I tend to be relaxed and take what I read to heart. It soothes the beast in me!" **Jeffery**

"Praise God and thank you for all that you do. I am a faithful and dedicated Christian who is yearning to learn more about our Awesome God. Last week I returned two exams and learned so much more than I ever imagined. I am very eager to learn and build a stronger relationship with the Lord." **Lawrence**

"I am a prisoner here in Texas and came across one of your study books that someone had discarded. I am interested in enrolling. Is there a cost? May God bless you abundantly for doing this good work in places where it is sorely needed." **Paul**

"I always expected to go to hell, but I thought my suffering would end when the fire annihilated me. During this study I realized that I will exist somewhere—forever, either in joy or torment. Thank you for sending me these studies. The Bible is a wonderful book." **Maria**

"To all the instructors who take their time to grade all the tests that come before them: you display God's love in the grading and in the Scripture you share. I lift you up in prayer." **Gene**

BY THE NUMBERS

	MAR 2015	MAR 2014
Ministry Statistics		
Enrolled Students	7,991	6,651
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	1086	821
Professions of Faith	56	27
Course Books Mailed Out	7,482	5,194
Course Exams Returned	5,531	3,434
Student Achievements		
Students Graduated (72 units)	17	5
Operation Finances		
Expenses this month:	\$30,724.76	\$19,509.41
Postage: \$11,349.19		
Courses: \$14,560.57		
Other: \$ 4,815.00		
Donations this month:	<u>\$11,281.26</u>	<u>\$10,133.14</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$19,443.50)	

"I was receiving correspondence at Jefferson CJ; now I'm at Liberty CJ. In a few months I will be transferred to my Federal unit in VA. I am sending a list of inmates who are also interested. It's truly a pleasure and blessing to help others who are hungry for the Word of God. I am so thankful for this opportunity and for this wonderful course and ministry" **Felix**

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