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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.*

UPGRADE UPDATE

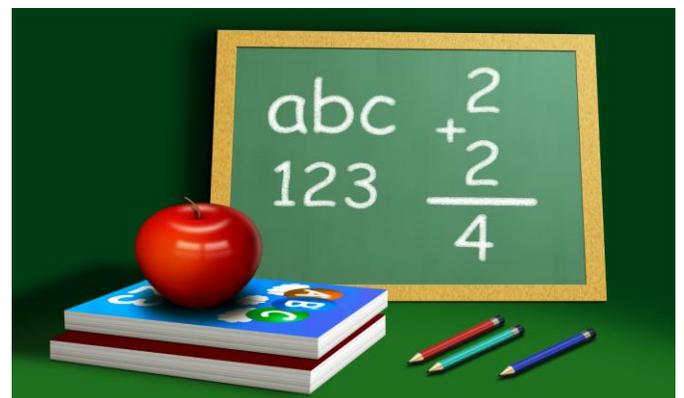
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Donations as of 7/20/15: \$28,394.69
Campaign remaining: \$ 4,105.31

Thank you for your generous responses in gifts for this important campaign! All are eager for the user-friendly, more flexible, finished product due in January, 2016.

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

After each lesson in our courses there are "What Do You Say" sections where the student can respond to the material, express opinions, give praise, or ask for prayer. But we also receive criticism and some hostility. Some have good questions; others are still dealing with anger. It is the counselor's place to respond in an appropriately calm manner and with supporting Scriptures. It's a tough job. In this issue we share with you a variety of student responses and ask you, "What would you say?"
Rodger Turley, Director

"Why are there so many denominations? What I mostly study is the sin of division of the Church. All denominations agree that this is wrong, but they just cannot seem to get the message. They insist that their understanding is the right way. They do not seek to find the way to teach doctrine and avoid division. You teach division by teaching your way is right." **Robert**



"This makes the second or third error I have found and brought to your attention. The seriousness of the consequences is why I am writing you. This course (*Ephesians*) talks about five gifts but then it was suggested that the first two were primarily concerned with the foundation of the church and then they passed on when the complete Word of God was given. That is not Scriptural; nowhere in the Bible does it say that happened. Please know how vitally important it is to teach the absolute truth because God will hold teachers more accountable. Jesus says He is the same yesterday, today, and forever and He changes not. The same church then is the same church being built today." **John**

"I anticipate the day when all will come to unity in the truth of YAH's Scriptures in Messiah Y'shua. We in Messiah are all being grafted into the Olive tree of YAH's family. But we must defeat and defend against Satan's deception and wiles. We have to do away with pagan customs and traditions of men." [Gentile words in Scripture replacing correct Hebrew names: Yehudim = Jews; Judah = Yehudah; God = Yahweh; and Jesus = Y'shua] **Oliver**

"I understand why man changed the day of worship to Sunday: to honor Christ's resurrection from the dead. But God's holy Word never said to change the day of rest and praise." **Eddie**

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WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

“The first lesson you sent me I cannot do or pass on to someone else. This is because I believe deep in my heart, mind, and spirit that it is a lie as to what God’s Word plainly teaches on salvation. Here are the steps of salvation the Word of God truly teaches: Hearing, Believe, Repent, Confess, and Baptism. Jesus shed His blood, so in baptism we are contacting His blood to cleanse our sins. A prayer standing alone does not obey the gospel. In the book of Acts not once was anyone told so say a prayer for Jesus to come into their heart and cleanse them from their sins. You are condemned making baptism a totally worthless act.” **Lance**

“Sorry, but I will not continue to study in your course. It is too human-based, self-improvement-based, and conscious-of-sin-based. My teaching that I receive from God is his Grace and to only focus on Christ and what he has finished for me at the cross. Jesus said it is finished (John 19:30); God said it is done (Revelation 16:17). And what do I say? As Jesus is, so am I. I’m complete in Christ. I am the Righteousness of God in Christ through Jesus’ blood” **Jon Paul**

“I’ve been doing your Bible studies and enjoying them since I first became incarcerated. Not until this one [*Doing Time with Jesus*] have I encountered such an obvious jaded, self-willed, one-sided, preconception, of any subject as I did the chapter on homosexuality. I’m not saying you are right or wrong about the sin. But you may want to get involved with prisoners on a more personal level and get a better sense of what we deal with as a threat. You stopped addressing the subject and started attacking the person. It’s this close-minded, pre-decided approach that keeps individuals from ever really addressing the issue. I implore you to be careful what you send into the prison system to be handled by some minds that have been damaged by this subject. Then you do what general society does and that is to associate homosexuality with pedophiles. Come on, talk about not acting and thinking like the world! I’ve reached my growth experience with you guys.” **Kerwin**

“During the time I was taking your courses it became apparent that my answers were other than what you expected. You then mistook this as poor motivation or learning skills, when in truth it is a fundamental difference of Scriptural observance. For one, I don’t believe that Torah (the law) was ever abolished or ‘nailed to the cross.’ I believe in keeping the seventh day Sabbath. I do not view the Father, Son, and Spirit as a trinity of equals. I do not observe Easter or Christmas.” **Robert**

BY THE NUMBERS

	June 2015	June 2014
Ministry Statistics		
Enrolled Students	8,187	6,928
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	975	1,053
Professions of Faith	48	38
Course Books Mailed	6,068	6,031
Course Exams Completed	4,473	3,970
Student Achievements		
Students Graduated (72 units)	9	5
Operation Finances		
Expenses:	\$19,175.98	\$14,229.76
Postage: \$ 9,710.07		
Courses: \$ 6,057.16		
Other: \$ 3,408.75		
Donations:	<u>\$51,350.88</u>	<u>\$12,618.92</u>
Sub-Total:	\$32,174.90	(\$1,610.84)
To Gradesys Upgrade:	(\$27,939.69)	
NET:	\$4,235.21	

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“Stop teaching people to disobey the least of the commandments. You will make yourself least in the Kingdom of Heaven! Keeping the commandments of God is what matters (I Cor 7:19). Not many of you should become teachers.” **Eric**