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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.

"But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son..." Galatians 4:4

"Behold I have come... to do Your will..." Hebrews 10:7

> Welcome to Our World (Words and music by Chris Rice)

Tears are falling, hearts are breaking; How we need to hear from God. You've been promised, we've been waiting, Welcome Holy Child; Welcome Holy Child.

Fragile finger sent to heal us. Tender brow prepared for thorn. Tiny heart whose blood will save us, Unto us is born; Unto us is born.

So wrap our injured flesh around you, Breathe our air and walk our sod. Rob our sin and make us holy, Perfect Son of God; Perfect Son of God. Welcome to our world.

FISHING FOR SOULS

"Thank you for helping me be a faithful minister for Christ. God knows how much help you have been with what I have learned and still am learning from your studies. Now I am trying my very best to be an example to those around me. I am fishing for souls – a fisherman of men. Amen! I have a couple of new brothers in Christ who are interested in your studies. I have shared some basic subjects that I have learned and they are really interested. Please, if you could, bless these brothers. God will do a big thing in their lives and we will have been a great help to them. Thank you, my brothers/sisters!" Augustin





Food, fellowship, and music: the WPM staff gathered at the lovely home of Dee and Byron Stuckey in Garland.

CONSISTENT, CLARIFY, STRONGER

"Correspondence courses have encouraged me to be consistent, which gives me strength and discipline. They help clarify doubts and make my faith stronger as I see exactly what God says (and doesn't leave me guessing). This course has helped me greatly [Walkin'the Walk]. **Gary**

HERE IS A DONATION

"Thank you for your studies while I was in prison. Here is a donation of \$80." **Fred** (now free world)

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THIS WINDOW TO HEAVEN

"It took 36 years for me to finally realize who Jesus really is and to receive His offer of salvation. I have done that now and what a difference it has made. I am doing all I know to bring my life into conformity to His word. I first saw the Bible as a big book with little letters. But I have fallen in love with what I'm reading and learning. The greatest thing in my life is the opening of this Window to Heaven." Vidal (Spanish)

GAVE ME CONFIDENCE

From Spanish Branch 80 Manager, Gaye Johns: Every student gives us opportunity to share the Word of God, to offer words of encouragement and gentle correction. But some students give us a real white-water ride with their comments over the course of their confinement. Maria is such a student. She is free with her opinions. Out little team has laughed and cried and we have come together to pray for this woman.

Early on she shared that her jail time had something to do with trying to pass herself off as a man in order to marry. Her DUI was next, though it's not plain what the chronology was. Maria was furious that the police could not understand that she "had no choice but to drive" as several family members were on the way to another city for a funeral. She was oldest of several children, but her parents wanted a male. So they treated her as a male. Later, when her brother was born, they favored him. She hated her brother and "murdered" him with words.

Several months ago Maria's anger overflowed in a letter. She was denied parole. She was so angry she rushed back to her cell and broke her rosary into pieces. But Maria was so thankful for *Como Vivir en Libertad* (How to Succeed on the Street). Though she had been angry with God, He was always with her:

"I was far from Him, but I don't want to live that way any longer. Give me a hand and help me to walk correctly. I'm afraid of falling again. I want to learn to be responsible and hear His voice. I want to pray and give thanks in all my circumstances. This book gave me confidence that the Spirit will guide and direct me in being faithful, firm, and strong." **Maria**

It takes some people a long time to begin to "walk toward Jesus," but I'm so thankful so many do.

BY THE NUMBERS				
	NOV.			
	'15	YTD '15		
Ministry Statistics				
Enrolled Students	7,916	7,916		
New Enrollees (Born To Win)	843	10,779		
Professions of Faith	48	649		
Course Books Mailed	5,231	68,474		
Course Exams Completed	3,477	49,726		
Student Achievements				
Students Graduated (72 units)	17	161		
Operation Finances				
Expenses:	\$22,368.66	\$245,435.86		
Postage: \$10,128.59				
Courses: \$ 3,394.63				
Other: \$ 3,893.54				
Donations:	<u>\$21,706.82</u>	<u>\$232,780.91</u>		
NET:	(\$661.84)	(\$12,654.95)		

LOVING ME

"The comments you all add to my answers have been such an inspiration to me. As nice as it would be to be able to individually show my appreciation, I understand totally the reasons behind it. So I simply want to say to all my instructors and the other men and women of your ministry: Thank you for loving me!" **Arnel**

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