

Free Bible studies to prisoners since 1982

WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.



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.

We have a variety of wonderful supporters, the majority being interested individuals. However, as our Branches have grown, so has the support from the home church of the Branch. In addition, we have several longstanding grants: Interstate Battery (Thank you, Chaplain Rogers!), The Dallas Foundation (Thank you to the Michael G Matetich Family Charitable Fund), and occasionally, the Chevron Corp (Thank you, Chevron retiree, Gwen Ewan). In the past we often received gifts from Exxon through their retiree volunteer program.

Currently we also receive gifts from United Way and Local Independent Charities. More recently we have enrolled as a nonprofit agency with Kroger, Tom Thumb, and AmazonSmile. A percent of your purchases through one of these outlets will gain us a monthly or quarterly donation. So please give prayerful consideration to these donor resources.

Last year 14% of our donations came through churches; 5% from grants; and about 3% from LIC/UW. We desire to increase the number of grants from those organizations who would consider funding to Christian ministries. But we are continually grateful to all of our individual donors (78%), who month after month have faithfully gifted us to labor in this special prison arena (91 professions of faith in July!!) So we thank you and ask the Lord to richly bless you for your kindness and your special vision for these neglected ones. May He be magnified in this fruit!

Rodger Turley, Director



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 Your Name Address City State Zip

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Amazing Word, Amazing God

“As always, I enjoyed this study [*Mark*] and cannot wait until I receive the next one! I very much appreciate your ministry and I learn so much through each lesson. The inspired Word of God is amazing and everyday my hunger for knowledge grows as my relationship with Jesus becomes stronger! What an amazing God we serve! Keep up the good work!”

Sandra

God Answered My Prayer

“I don’t have the words to describe how much these lessons have helped me because I’ve had questions concerning some of these lessons. God answered my prayer by having you send this book to me [*Lessons for Christian Living*]. Thank you so much. I truly thank God for your lessons. They have helped me tremendously in my walk with Jesus Christ here in prison.

“So many women, who don’t know Jesus for themselves, look at the person who does have a relationship with Jesus Christ. They talk to you, come to you for prayer, or just need some encouragement to keep trusting in Jesus. I couldn’t have made it without the Bible studies.” **Penny**

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

“Father, thank you for Godly sorrow [2 Cor. 7:10]. Lord, I’m so thankful you gave me the faith to reach out to you. Thank you that you convicted me of my sin through Godly sorrow. Thank you for leading me to repentance and salvation. Amen.” **Dwight**

Thank You for Being There

“I don’t know who it was that graded my last test, but I wanted you to know what it meant to me to open the returned test and see that someone had actually written responses to my written answers. It brought tears to my eyes. While I have been incarcerated, I have written several churches, but never received any kind of reply. I just can’t express how awfully bad about myself that made me feel inside. Now I believe that there truly is a light somewhere for me at the end of all this. Thank you for being there for me.” **Jeffery**

BY THE NUMBERS

	July '16	July '15
Ministry Statistics		
Enrolled Students	8,154	8,100
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	1,007	1,003
Professions of Faith	91	59
Course Books Mailed	7,106	6,680
Course Exams Completed	5,363	4,454
Student Achievements		
Students Graduated (72 units)	25	14
Operation Finances		
Expenses:	\$18,712.62	\$21,749.96
Postage: \$ 9,312.71		
Courses: \$ 4,144.33		
Salary: \$ 1,095.00		
Printing: \$ 963.00		
Other: \$ 3,197.58		
Donations:	\$11,669.31	\$13,218.29
NET:	(\$7,043.31)	(\$8,531.67)

Set My Feet on the Rock

“I had profaned God’s name by professing to be a Christian for 43 years while living in immorality. Yet in His sovereign grace he had mercy on me, even to the point of locking me up to get my attention. I know full well that the delay of God’s judgment does not mean approval. I deeply regret not heeding His warnings.

“God said, ‘Enough!’ I am thankful that His kindness and patience did not end with my conviction, but rather delivered me from a pit, caused my sincerest repentance, and set my feet on solid ground, on the Rock, Jesus Christ.” **Wayne**

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