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BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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KUDOS, HIGH FIVES, AND THANKS

BROUGHT HOPE TO MANY

"I just wanted to take a minute to thank you all for what you do for us inmates. Through your efforts, you have brought hope to many. Or perhaps I should say you have shown us the answer.

"Many of us have been forsaken; forsaken by our family and friends; forsaken by society for the sins of our past. But you all have not forsaken us. Rather you have taken us into your arms and have given us guidance. As a result we are working to be one with the Lord.

"I personally look forward to each lesson and once finished, I can't wait until the next to arrive. But the best thing of all is the encouraging remarks made upon our exams. For some of us, this is the only communication we have with the outside world – and it is positive and uplifting. Thank you for your love and your gift to us – your time and your teachings." **Thomas**

SO MANY TIMES I CRIED

"Oh, Wow! This was an absolutely fantastic lesson! (*Joseph: A Life of Virtue*) I read the story in my Bible while doing this study. So many times I cried. I love Joseph. The Old Testament has so much of a different meaning to me now. I understand it a lot more clearly. Thank you so much! I think I may have made 100%! I want a 100!" **Tammy**

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.

AFTER 41 YEARS

"I am not a very good writer, but I wanted you to know I am in a four month program and will be going home afterward. Praise be to God! After 41 years God has opened the door. All these years of studying His Word has truly helped me to be a better person, friend, son, brother, and most of all, a child of God.

"With all of your help I have become a great encourager of Jesus Christ. I thank you, and will always thank God, for your dedication and your love for Him. I will continue to pray for you and will always cherish our studies together." **Richard**

[To be released in Feb 2018; within seven courses of graduation from WPM]

ANY DAY ABOVE GROUND IS A GOOD DAY

"Correspondence courses have gotten me to talk more about our Lord Jesus Christ, not just with other Christians, but with anyone. Also, everything that happens in my life has a meaning, if not in my life, then for someone else. I also pick up my Bible way more these days. I want to go over all my courses with my four kids when I get out. We never used to read the Bible or talk about God or His Son.

"My family is still alive and most of all, are now reading the Good News. My ex-wife came back into my life and we've been doing good. She even picks up my kids from school and spends time with them. What more could I ask from our Lord Jesus Christ. I have done so much wrong and He still shows me how much He loves me every day. Any day above ground is a good day, no matter where you find yourself. He is always by your side no matter what you do. May the power and glory be to the most high God and our Lord Jesus Christ forever and ever, AMEN! **Felix**







Memoriam:

To celebrate the memory of *Patricia Blake* Gift from Frances Gormley (sister) Gift from Patricia Barbour

Honorarium:

To celebrate the marriage of Carolyn and Dave Ramsey Gift from Don and Valerie Mullins

* * * * * PRAYER CORNER * * * * *

Thank you for praying for Write-Way. Pray for our students that their eyes may be opened to behold the glory of Jesus. Pray for our volunteers, their families and their health, so they may serve. Pray for our supporters, that we may expand and press forward in this white Harvest field. It is indeed the Lord's work!

TRANSLATED FROM A SPANISH EXAM

"Beloved and significant instructor, I want you to know that all of these lessons which I have studied from your ministry have been a great help to me. I give thanks to the Lord because I have learned many truths which I did not know before. While I am here in prison I will continue studying and becoming more acquainted with the will of God. It is my great desire and longing to become a minister of God and be able to help, guide, and win the lost for Christ. Please pray for me that I will be a stronger and more transparent Christian." **Marlon**

GREATLY INDEBTED TO ALL

"Everyone's time and consideration is deeply appreciated and needed. I am now to be released, Nov 10^{th} , 2017. I feel more prepared then I ever have. I'm ready to confront life on its terms with God on my side. I've completed 20 units of the studies and see and feel the sense of maturity I've undergone in all areas of self – mentally, spiritually, and emotionally. I am greatly indebted to all who have given guidance and instruction concerning my journey with Christ Jesus." **Richard**

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| BY THE NUMBERS | | |
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| | <u>SEP 2017</u> | <u>YTD 2017</u> |
| Ministry Statistics | | |
| Active Students | 7,706 | 8,080 avg |
| Enrollees (Born To Win) | 805 | 7,236 |
| Professions of Faith | 51 | 619 |
| Course Books Mailed | 5,339 | 44,043 |
| Course Exams Completed | 3,650 | 31,266 |
| Graduates (72 units) | 10 | 124 |
| Operation Finances | | |
| Expenses: | \$17,088.60 | \$168,848.42 |
| Postage: | \$3,299.26 | \$70,008.57 |
| Courses: | \$8,805.06 | \$58,121.11 |
| Staff support: | \$1,025.00 | \$10,782.56 |
| Other: * | \$3,836.94 | \$29,936.18 |
| Donations: | <u>\$19,890.06</u> | <u>\$186,583.75</u> |
| NET: | \$2,801.46 | \$17,735.33 |
| *Special sale of envelopes - \$2,602 | 2 | |

NOT JUST ARRESTED, I WAS RESCUED

"I was a mess, an alcoholic, and my 'dial' was set on 'self destruct.' I grew up with 'religion' but never had a real relationship with Jesus. Now I do. I became 'born again' in Nov 2013 in prison at a Bill Glass crusade.

"I soon delved into God's Word and couldn't get enough. I attended every Christian service I could and during this time I cried out to God during the anguish of all that I had gone through. God swooped in and surrounded me with peace, comfort, joy, and strength – SUPERNATURALLY! It was so sudden and so complete it could have only come from God. His Holy Spirit has been working in me, changing my heart and the way I think and act. It's been an amazing journey. I am so grateful and so in love with the Lord." **Christine**



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