

WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

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BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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National Volunteer Week, April 15 – 21

*There are 62.6 million volunteers giving their time to nonprofit organizations.

*Volunteers spend an average of 50 hours per year donating their time.

*Volunteers are 66% more likely to donate financially to the organization they volunteer for.

And Write-Way got the best of the lot! We have more than 350 volunteers serving prisoners. 40 of them pass through the Garland office weekly.

Write-Way started with two volunteers in the Fall of 1982 – **Ralph and Dorothy Nichols**. Both labored until their deaths, Dorothy in 2007 and Ralph in 2010. Below is a list of early Branches still serving faithfully:

1983 Grace Hill and Branch 002. She went on to open two more Branches (058 and 059) and still serves in the office every Friday and teaches a class at Collin CJ every Thursday. Vicki Culberston joined her and then later took over BR058.

1984 Stan Boyer and Branch 003. He designed a grading application that is still in use in prison ministries across the country. And he still sings with *Grandmas' Boyfriends Quartet!*

1986 Jim Williams and Branch 007. Jim originally started with BR002 and later formed his own Branch. He is also a Chaplain's volunteer, visiting inmates in Grayson CJ weekly.

1986 Bill Stevens and Branch 011. Founding Director was Harry Burks who served until his death in 2014.

1986 Paco Fernandez and Branch 014. This is a Spanish Branch counseling our Spanish speaking students. Paco has recently formed a second Spanish Branch 091.

1992 Richard Murray and Branch 017. Like several other English Branches, Richard and BR017 have added Spanish students because they have Spanish speaking counselors available in their congregation or a sister church.

"Every problem that the country faces is being solved in some community by some group or some individual. The question is how to get connected so that the whole nation can solve problems. A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens – citizens in the fullest sense; partners in civilization."

*President George H.W. Bush
Founder, Points of Light*

Thank you, Write-Way volunteers, who sacrifice your time and give of your wisdom and love so that the Body of Christ might grow and mature.

GRATEFUL STUDENTS SAY...

"I wanted to write a letter to you to thank you for your faithfulness in doing this ministry for the Lord. These courses and studies have blessed me in so many ways. Your responses, comments, and notes to me are truly an encouragement and a blessing to my soul. Your love of Jesus is very evident and I just want you to know how much I appreciate you.

"This lesson on Joseph talked about a believer having the sure hope of reunion with others after our passing. I look forward to meeting you in heaven one day and fellowshiping and praising the Lord together." [Scott](#)

"Thank you for all your prayers and help through your studies and teaching of God's Word toward us inmates. Because of your ministry I have grown in wisdom and knowledge, having great faith, trust, and love for my Creator God and His Son, Jesus Christ." [Adam](#)

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.

GRATEFUL STUDENTS SAY...

“By first appearances I am nothing more than a 37 year old female currently incarcerated and down on my luck. But I am writing to tell you that since I began your awesome Bible study, I have changed. I’m leading Bible studies in my cell, I’m studying diligently, and the Holy Spirit is molding me and shaping me. I am also anxiously anticipating my next lesson and certificate. So please keep them coming! I have a group of ladies information on the following page and cards who would like to begin their own courses.” **Mattie**

“I am 30 years old and currently incarcerated. I am writing to ask about starting the school. I have heard great feedback on this course. I just recently asked God into my life and was baptized. Praise God, there were 72 people in this jail that were baptized on March 18, 2018. God is truly moving through this jail. I am so grateful to be saved. Thank you in advance for your help in giving me a deeper understanding of what it means to have Christ in me!” **Rebecka**

“Greetings and blessings to the Write-Way Prison Ministries and all brothers in Christ Jesus and to the instructor. I’m writing this letter to thank all those who work and are dedicated in love to the work of our savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you for this first course (*Nacido para Triunfar – Born to Win*) which attracted me to the subject of “the small man who wants to know Jesus,” because I too am a small man. When I read Zacchaeus went up the tree and saw Jesus, a great excitement grew in me and I felt his presence. And when he spoke to Zacchaeus, I felt he also spoke to me and I felt a great urge to ask Jesus for forgiveness, because I am a sinner and I promised to serve him the rest of my life. Now I know the Holy Spirit of which the Bible speaks.

“In this course, *El Siervo de Dios (The Servant of God)*, when reading of all the miracles made by Jesus and of his resurrection, I cannot contain my tears. Even though my tears are of sadness, I also feel a peace in me because I know it was all God did for me. This is why I now have joy because the Word is rivers of living water for my spirit.” Spanish letter from **Javier**

WPM Statement of Faith is available upon request.

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BY THE NUMBERS

	<u>MAR</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>MAR</u> <u>2017</u>
Ministry Statistics		
Enrolled Students	7,706	8,241
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	852	690
Professions of Faith	74	59
Course Books Mailed	5,433	5,402
Course Exams Completed	3,833	3,601
Students Graduated (72 units)	10	13
Operation Finances		
Expenses:	\$25,164.19	\$21,021.71
Postage:	\$12,603.14	\$9,105.36
Courses:	\$7,726.94	\$6,245.88
Staff support:	\$1,329.00	\$1,247.25
Other:	\$3,505.11	\$4,423.22
Donations:	\$30,091.09	\$14,308.65
NET:	\$4,926.90	(\$6,713.06)

“I am so pleased to receive this material for teaching me how to behave with the people around me (*Walkin’ the Walk*). It is more dedicated to us the inmates and how to go about our circumstances. It’s an excellent way to teach us now that we are in prison. Life in here is much different than the Christian world outside. Thank you, pray for us, and God bless you.” **Luis**

“I just want to say thank you for doing what you do so that we won’t falter while we are here. There are many temptations here. Yet between my Bible and your studies, I’m focused on the Lord. I wish the lessons were longer; I’m still enjoying them very much.” **Robert**

“I am so grateful for the years of instruction and encouragement you have given me. It has made a huge difference in my life. I am preparing for release on June 29th, 2018. I want to train for ministry and go to school to be a drug counselor. I’m depending entirely on God. Please pray for me.” **Raul**

“This prison term was only a stepping stone to the Cornerstone of my life.” **Jeremy**

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