

Free Bible studies to prisoners since 1982

## WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.



# BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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**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.

### THE STORY

The letters we receive from our students sustain and drive our enthusiasm. We love to read their remarks and responses to the course material. But once in a while we are overwhelmed with a real life incident. And that is what we want to share with you in this newsletter – with pictures attached. You'll love how our Lord confirms His work through WPM and our volunteers!

Bev Smith in BR075 had her 80th birthday this year, but had celebrated the previous day. Rather than sit idle on this special day, she decided to go shopping. As she came into one of the aisles, there were several men shopping together, so she slipped around them. Shortly she came upon them again, and noticed their cart had no food in it, only utensils for the kitchen and cooking ware.

She asked them about that and they responded that they were part of a prison ministry that helped men coming out of prison by setting them up with kitchen items. It's called Charm Prison Ministries. She said, "Well, I'm part of a prison ministry too!" When they inquired which one, she replied, "Write-Way."

Without hesitating, they said, "We know Write-Way! We took those courses and were saved in prison through them! Now that we are out, we are trying to help others coming home." So after a lot of Amen's and high-fives, they decided they wanted a picture with this senior counselor and lover of their souls.

So picture #1 is Bev surrounded by her saved ex-offender big brothers. Picture #2 is the current group of men who study the Bible together. And there is Bev in the picture on the cell phone being respectfully admired!

### THE PICTURES



Petite Bev Smith with four big Brothers in Christ



Multiplication and discipleship in Bible study

"Thank you for all you do in spreading God's Word. Your correspondence course has helped me in understanding His Word and in applying His principles in my life. I especially like the lesson on Assurance of Salvation." **Shawn**

Please use the enclosed contribution as follows:

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**HE TOOK CARE OF ME**

“I am so sorry I have fallen out of studying God’s Word. I would like to start again if I can. I have had my ups and downs, but God has continued to be with me. He never let me go too far and always was there for me, calling out for me to come back. He took care of me when I was at the worst of myself in a drugged state of mind and not caring if I lived or died. I look forward in doing the Bible studies and corresponding with you about the Bible and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” **Gary**

**SOMETHING TO SHARE**

I’m so grateful to your ministry for allowing me to be a part in your teachings as well as in your hearts. Now I have something to share with God’s dear Family and with those who are without God. Please pray for me so that I may be an effective soul winner; that’s my call.” **Marlon**

**I LOVE HIM WITH ALL MY HEART**

“I just want to say thank you for your Bible study. It has helped me out in my walk with the Lord Jesus Christ. I love him with all my heart and soul and mind. I’m learning to not let anyone put me down for my Lord.” **Gilbert**

**HELPING OTHERS RECEIVE JESUS**

“I’m enjoying your Bible studies while I’m in prison. They sure have helped me in my walk of life and helping others receive Jesus as their personal Savior. I’m a new Christian myself, recently baptized in July in Prison. God has truly blessed me in ways that don’t seem real. I’ve signed up three people since I’ve started these courses.” **Ken**

**I WILL REJOIN MY WIFE**

“I just received my 25 unit certificate. Thank you for showing and teaching me these last 23 months. I wanted to also share with you the parole board’s answer. Thanks be to our Lord and Savior, it is a three month program and then I will rejoin my wife, my church, and start witnessing to the lost sheep of my community how Christ has changed me into a new creature. Keep up the work of our Lord!” **David**

**BY THE NUMBERS**

	Sept '16	Sept '15
<b>Ministry Statistics</b>		
Enrolled Students	8,095	7,991
New Enrollees ( <i>Born To Win</i> )	934	1,025
Professions of Faith	95	47
Course Books Mailed	6,969	6,408
Course Exams Completed	5,219	4,384
<b>Student Achievements</b>		
Students Graduated (72 units)	23	9
<b>Operation Finances</b>		
Expenses:	\$21,024.05	\$17,464.07
Postage: \$	9,099.96	
Courses: \$	7,424.45	
Salary: \$	1,020.00	
Other: \$	3,479.64	
Donations:	\$17,815.47	\$14,404.50
NET:	(\$3,208.58)	(\$3,059.57)

**I HAVE BEEN BLESSED**

“First, I personally want to express to you (BR083 Manager) my sincerest appreciation for giving me the opportunity to correct prisoner exams. I’m hooked! Period! Who’d have ever thought a man who suffered a traumatic brain injury almost 22 years ago would be called an ‘instructor.’ Too long a story! It is all the Lord.

“Dylan (student) thanked me, you, and the Write-Way troops and everyone else who made this possible. Even the mailman! He stated, ‘Nothing in my life has been the same since.’ Wow! I have been blessed.” **John – volunteer counselor**

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