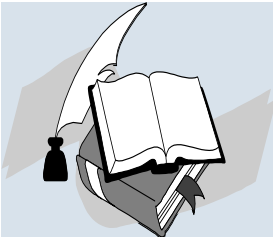


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BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018!

The Lord has given Write-Way a very fruitful 2017! He has blessed this outreach to prisoners with faithful workers and financial supporters. How can we count all the ways He has moved with a strong hand and outstretched arm? Here are some encouraging numbers. And of course, it is always a delight to share our student testimonies.

8,004 Average active students per month, 2017
9,301 New enrollees (avg 775 per month)
758 Professions of faith (avg 63 per month)
58,922 Courses mailed out (avg 4,910 per month)
41,666 Exams graded and counseled (3,472 mth)
77 Graduates completing the curriculum
\$5.38 Cost to serve one student one course

\$269,975 2017 Donations
\$224,027 2017 Expenses
\$ 45,948 2017 Net

\$ 90,812 2017 Postage costs – 41% of Exp
\$ 78,759 2017 Course costs - 35% of Exp

Thank you for your prayers, your grading, your counseling, your time expended, and your gifts.

Other states are reporting an increasingly difficult time getting materials into prisons because of various restrictions. Texas remains reasonably open to volunteers and mail coming to prisoners. So we must work while it is still day. Continue praying!

Rodger Turley, Director

First, Believe

“I just want to say how wonderful it has been reading and studying the *Born to Win* course. The content was amazing! I feel closer to God than I ever have! I now know that I have to first believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and then start doing good works. I thought that I was saved through works alone. I want to let you know that I deeply appreciate what your ministry is doing. I love you guys and just wanted to let all the men and women of your ministry know you brought this sinner to repentance.” **Cortney**

Catch Some of these Young Men

“Thanks for taking the time to read my letter and enrolling me in the Bible studies. God has put me in the position to catch some of these young men on their way out the door. I’m extremely grateful for this opportunity.

“At first I did not really understand why the Lord positioned me in a dorm where everyone was going home in six to eight weeks. Everything was brought to light during the first night. God used me to get a nightly prayer call started. I’ve recently written the warden about starting a Wednesday and Friday night Bible study.

“These young men really start to circle me when they reach the two week mark. God has granted me a gift when it comes to talking, so I use that to an advantage when they come.” **Anthony**

Labor Faithfully out of Love

“I thank God for all of those who labor faithfully out of love for those who are behind bars. So many times I have been lifted, encouraged, and strengthened by your ministry.” **Charles**

“The LORD releases the imprisoned.” Psalm 146:7

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.

Wonderful Bible Study

“Glory to the Almighty God! Thank you for this wonderful Bible study (*What the Bible Teaches*). It is such a true blessing in my heart and life. Thanks!” **Larry**

The Time You Give

“I really appreciate the time you give when you grade my exams, giving me your feedback on my answers. It really means a lot to me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and may the Lord bless each and every staff member.” **Hector**

I Was Beyond Lost

“I was beyond lost. I was more than a non-believer. I was an atheist. I believed you lived, you died, and the worms ate you. I was an alcoholic who spent 17 years in the U.S. Army with five tours of combat – 3 to Iraq and two to Afghanistan. I was reprogrammed not to fear death, and I suppose I didn’t. I looked death in the face every day. Never thought twice about what happens after you die until...

“I had been brought to Dallas CJ. After 40 years of never being in trouble, I was now facing a lot of time. As a retired veteran and successful business owner, I was now at ‘rock bottom.’ I had never been ‘not in control’ of my life.

“My first cellie in jail was a murderer who was on his way home. He had been locked up 25 years on a life sentence. While he was in prison, he became an ordained minister. It was this man who took me through the Bible and answered all of my questions. He led me to Jesus Christ in a jail cell.

“I went on to another unit and continued studying the Word of God. I later began a daily Bible study with some other inmates and actually taught every day for an hour for over eight months. I am in a Faith-based Dorm and am teaching and preaching. I am also going to college for my bachelor’s degree in pastoral ministry. God is so good. His love endures forever!”

Richard

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	<u>Dec 2017</u>	<u>YTD 2017</u>
Ministry Statistics		
Enrolled Students	7,694	8,004 avg
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	671	9,301
Professions of Faith	49	758
Course Books Mailed	4,947	58,922
Course Exams Completed	3,433	41,666
Students Graduated (72 units)	25	175
Operation Finances		
Expenses:	\$21,739.25	\$224,027.45
Postage:	\$9,127.76	\$90,811.67
Courses:	\$8,592.72	\$78,759.33
Staff support:	\$1,550.00	\$15,317.56
Other:	\$2,468.77	\$39,138.89
Donations:	<u>\$50,074.81</u>	<u>\$269,975.70</u>
NET:	\$28,335.56	\$45,948.25

Wow!

“Wow! Incredible course. (*Jonah*) I loved it! Will I be receiving more courses by O.S. Hawkins? I would love to read all of them, please.” **Richard**

Let God

“I need to get over myself and let go and let God from here on out! Awesome Bible study! (*Jonah*) I love this. It helped me a lot!” **Elesha**

My Life for Him

“He has allowed me to be put in this place to save my life and put on my heart to live the rest of my life for Him.” **David**

***“Abraham named that place Yahweh Yireh.”
(The LORD Provides) Genesis 22:14***

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