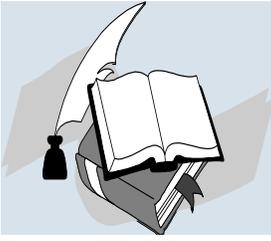


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BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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Some Good News; Some Bad News

Doesn't that phrase make your heart skip a beat? Maybe you have heard it from your doctor. Or perhaps you gasped inwardly when your spouse called with those words. To be quite candid, Good News is a common phrase around here, both in what we distribute to students and the atmosphere in which we work. We are grateful for that and how the Lord has provided over the years, now 36 in 2018.

If there is bad news, it is expressed by our students as they respond to the "What Do You Say?" questions in our exams. Or perhaps they are responding to the compassion and empathy they sense from their counselor, hoping someone will listen.

Prison is tough. It can be oppressive. But we're hearing more and more about the lawlessness and the demonic. When you read these plaintive comments, utter a prayer as Jesus did: protect them from the evil one. (Luke 11:4, John 17:15)

Rodger Turley, Director



Newsletter Day is always a cheerful time!

Warfare - Battlefield

"I have given my life to Christ. I try to stay in His Word, applying it to my life when needed. It has been very hard to do in prison. So my prayer each night is for God's protection over me.

"The prisons have become so demonic. We now have pagan classes and satanic services. So much spiritual warfare seen through the eyes of we who truly know Christ. Sharing the love of Jesus Christ in this prison is among a battlefield. Much prayer is needed in such a place. I have been the peacemaker in some conflicts. Please pray for me as I feel the Holy Spirit lead – darkness all around." **Adam**

This Negative Environment

"I really do want to thank you for sending me this lesson (*Managing Anger God's Way*). If I knew this about managing anger God's way about seven years back, I wouldn't have been sitting here in prison right now. I used to think that anger was a sin in God's eyes. Now I know all about righteous anger and how to handle it.

"I really do appreciate your honesty. I always look forward to your encouraging comments, especially in this negative environment I have been living these past seven years." **Mike**

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.

It's a Spiritual Battleground

"The Emmaus Correspondence School is very important to me; it is helping me to grow. I need doctrinal education to equip the evangelical community. There are a lot of heretical views and cults taking over the faith-based Christian prison population. I need literature on Christian doctrine, apologetics, and church history to confront the growing threat of cults. It's a spiritual battleground. This is ground zero, the Red Zone, hostile. We who are Christians in prison need all the available knowledge at our disposal so that we can always give a ready answer for the hope that is in us. 90% of my Christian doctrine education has been given to me by ECS. I love you guys! Thank you so much. I need you; we, the Christians in prison, need you!" **Chris** (repeat from May 2017 Newsletter)

Went Through so Many Trials

"I want to thank you so much for this lesson (*Believer's Battle with Temptation*). It has been something I've battled with for quite some time now. The past couple of weeks I have gone through so many trials. Now, after studying this lesson, I have a new sense of hope. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Jeremiah

What I am up Against

"I don't know if this letter will get to you or not. But I am going on a leap of faith that it will. I am an Egyptian-born woman who has sampled all kinds of life's circumstances. Muslim-born, for years I struggled with my religious preference, trying to please my father who is a devoted Muslim fanatic. In 1998 I moved to America; I am saddened to say I fell into trouble.

"When I came to jail, the day I caught my charge in 2007, I found Jesus for the first time. I have plans to return to my homeland upon release to evangelize or spread the Word of God. I need guidance and as much mentoring as I can get. I know what I am up against and I am still a baby Christian. Send me more lessons please."

Sara

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Ministry Statistics

Enrolled Students	7,637
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	740
Professions of Faith	43
Course Books Mailed	5,055
Course Exams Completed	3,459
Students Graduated (72 units)	0

Operation Finances

Expenses:	\$13,503.32
Postage:	\$6,332.57
Courses:	\$3,884.00
Staff support:	\$575.00
Other:	\$2,712.15
Donations:	<u>\$9,486.82</u>
NET:	(\$4,016.50)
<i>Balance: 12/31/17</i>	\$28,335.56

"Ephesians 6:12 'For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.'

"I've tried several attempts on writing this much needed letter, but after doing so, I feel it's senseless, like 'who cares?'. I have battled with depression and have isolated myself from everyone. It's gone beyond the point to where I think it's not me; it's someone doing this to me. There are people who practice this kind of wickedness, and I've come to ask myself, 'Have I been cursed by someone who does these kinds of things?' But you have been bringing the Word to me for almost two years now. I've turned my life over to Christ." **Domingo**

In Memoriam:

Harry Burks (former Manager, Br011)

By Son, H. Gray Burks

Patricia Blake

By William Byrne

Kyle Renfro

By Nell Wilson

Honorarium:

David Verinder (WPM Board)

By Debra Young

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