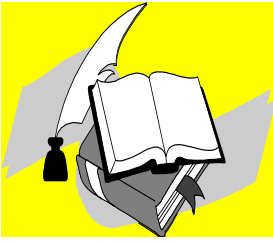


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BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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From the expert...

A new report from Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, an advocacy group between TDCJ and the Texas legislature, highlights issues facing incarcerated women.

Their findings: a) Women are unsupported by the current system; they are continually being re-victimized by policies and practices that fail to account for their needs. b) Of the more than 12,000 women incarcerated, 64% are for a nonviolent offense; c) 81% are mothers. d) The majority of women suffer from a substance abuse disorder.

Their recommendations: a) emphasize gender-specific programming; b) improve conditions of confinement; c) present strategies to increase family unity; d) and provide better preparation for the release from incarceration.

You can read the report at www.texascjc.org. This month's testimonies are from women who have become redeemed and are unique creations in Christ.

Rodger Turley, Director



Show-class three foot irises

"Thank you, I enjoyed this course so much! (*Walkin' the Walk*)

I look forward to the next one!

God bless!"
Jenna



In our "Arboretum" - Night bloom dainty yellows

I have learned much...

"I started these courses when I first came to TDCJ and they have helped me these last eight years. I have learned much and was able to teach others what I learned. They were never easy for me, so I actually learned from them, and was the richer in Christ for it.

"I am almost sad that according to the curriculum, I have the last course with your ministry. But I do believe it is time for me to move on. I am starting a Bible college correspondence course, going for a bachelor's in teaching. Pray for me and the officers that work here. Many are tired. With warm endings," **Jennifer**

Great wisdom and Scriptural insight...

"Somebody left the course, *Doing Time with Jesus*, laying around. Honestly, I read it hoping to gain some insight into the minds of those I'm locked up with. I just wanted to try to understand a lot of the behavior I witness, and gain knowledge of what to pray for the new believers trying to walk this walk behind bars.

"It was great! Great wisdom and Scriptural insight. I would like to take this. With all Thanksgiving,"

Fela

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.

I love them...

“Thank you so much for my studies (*New Testament Survey*). I love them. I learn so much! I am now at a fabulous trusty camp! (Able to work, maybe outside the prison. Last stop before release)

“It is great here. I am still fighting my case. I pray for the knowledge to file the motion needed. I also pray for God’s Grace and favor. I love ya’ll!”

Elizabeth

Helping me to know God...

“Well, I pray for all the Bible study ‘missionaries’. I feel they are helping me to know God and grow in Christ so I can spread the message. So I pray for their ability to stay strong and grow to help keep reaching out to those incarcerated – just like you’ve helped me.”

Tamara

Your book was in that cell...

“Please send me your bible study. A book, *Romans Part I*, was left in the Goree unit on my assigned bed. So I read it.

“I’m on the max security unit, first time. I’m white, 62, and scared to death. I have 15 years on DWI. Thanks to God, I was not in an accident. My only hope I can get sober and stay sober. I’m turning this over to God. I know that is why your book was in that cell.”

Carol

Please pray for eight of us attending the Emmaus International Prison Conference in Dubuque, IA on May 29 – June 3



A corner with primrose, milkweed and a large rose bush!

WPM Statement of Faith is available upon request.

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BY THE NUMBERS

	<u>APR 2018</u>	<u>APR 2017</u>
Ministry Statistics		
Enrolled Students	7,776	8,194
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	797	785
Professions of Faith	48	78
Course Books Mailed	4,972	4,478
Course Exams Completed	3,405	3,212
Students Graduated (72 units)	17	13
Operation Finances		
Expenses:	\$17,437.65	\$16,332.89
Postage:	\$6,795.23	\$8,340.13
Courses:	\$8,049.90	\$5,402.79
Staff support:	\$875.00	\$1,200.00
Other:	\$1,717.52	\$1,389.97
Donations:	\$15,298.92	\$23,546.48
NET:	(\$2,138.73)	\$7,213.59

In training...

“Greeting from my captivity here in Eagle Pass, in training for my expected end – to sow Jesus seeds in this captivity. I pray on a daily basis for my future revelation to do the will of my God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

“Thank you for helping me with my walk in Christ. I feel very encouraged. May the love and peace of my Savior be with you all.” **Mary**

Waiting on a parole answer...

“Thank you for the lessons. They encourage my walk and help bring me closer to God! I am waiting on a parole answer, so I am asking for as many prayers as possible to deliver me from this prison.

“I’ve given it to God and know He will do what’s best for me. Please pray for His will in my life! Also, to keep a watchful eye on my family and kids.” **Wendy**

Can’t wait to get another lesson...

“I really enjoyed *Walkin the Walk*. It really spoke to me and several of my fellow inmates. I read the whole pamphlet in two days flat, which is a record for me, because I’m usually distracted. It really means a lot that you all take time out to help me and others understand Christ and all that entails. Can’t wait to get another lesson!” **Robin**

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