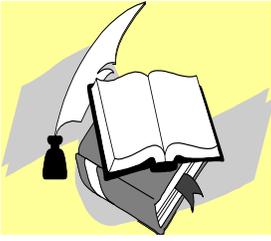


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BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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September is our Anniversary month! For 36 years the Lord of the Harvest has given us open access to Federal and State prisons and county/parish jails. On occasion one of our state coordinators will ask for prayer because a warden is resisting and blocking religious materials from coming into the prison.

Last month three of our students in Houma, Louisiana told us they will be unable to continue the studies because the new sheriff and warden have stopped all religious materials from being mailed in. Instead they have “religious materials” for sale to inmates at commissary. My reaction:

- Most inmates have no money to purchase anything;
- Who decides what religious materials are to be sold?
- Isn't this a violation of postal codes?
- Isn't this a violation of religious rights?

I have written Jay Sekulow of the American Center for Law and Justice and I spoke to a voluntary chaplain from First Baptist in Houma. If you have contacts who might help keep this door open, please let me know. This is a spiritual battle and your prayers are kindly solicited.

Rodger Turley, Director

THE ATTITUDE AND CHIP ARE GONE

“I want to start off by thanking you for such a blessed Bible study. Since I have enrolled in Write-Way, I have grown so much in my walk with God. My own mother used to tell me as a child and young adult that I had a chip on my shoulder and an attitude about authority. She finally told me at a recent visit that she was proud of me and that the chip and attitude are finally gone. I thank you and your Bible study for that.”

Richard

GRADED BY SCANTRON

“Please note my change of address. Over the past 30 years I’ve taken many Bible study courses, but this one is by far my favorite. Because of what I’ve learned during these studies, my Bible is full of margin notes and underlined text! The counselors are awesome in the way they take their time to add wisdom and comments on our answer. What a blessing these counselors are. *Hebrews* is the first of my studies to be graded by scantron. I sure do miss my instructor’s feedback. But I understand that is very time consuming.” **Randy**

STUDENT NOTE

“Clearly the ‘new’ publisher had other ideas for neatness of accessing exams. Can they be printed with tear out sheets? Thanks for your consideration.” **Peter**

SUCH A MAJOR ROLE

“I’ve been doing these studies close to 3 ½ years now and I love them and all who put the work and effort behind the correspondence that goes with them. All of you are so greatly appreciated by me and I will continue to bless you in the name of Jesus and ask God according to His will to reward you all for blessing me. Your comments play such a major role in the changes in my life and they inspired me to continue on this journey, staying faithful to walk down the roads of God’s Word.” **Chris**

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.

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for the Pennsylvania prison wardens, staff, chaplains, and volunteers who became ill as a result of an unknown substance in the mail. All mail has been stopped at all prisons, including the Bible courses from LifesKey.

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BY THE NUMBERS

	<u>AUG 2018</u>	<u>YTD 2018</u>
Ministry Statistics		
Enrolled Students	7,509	7,773
New Enrollees	559	5,820
Professions of Faith	57	415
Course Books Mailed	5,110	41,076
Course Exams Completed	3,693	29,091
Students Graduated	20	81
Operation Finances		
Expenses:	\$23,740.13	\$163,398.64
Postage:	\$6,423.25	\$63,436.17
Courses:	\$10,989.77	\$66,465.40
Staff support:	\$1,080.00	\$7,260.37
Other:	\$5,247.11	\$26,236.70
Donations:	\$23,629.65	\$142,659.37
NET:	(\$110.48)	(\$20,739.27)

IN MY TOP THREE

“Many greetings and thanks for you all who provide us inmates with studies to learn about the Word of God. I am a Christian and am completing several different Bible studies simultaneously. I have come to hold in high regard Write-Way in my top three for personal favorites.” **Zachary**

TAKE ME OUT OF THIS WORLD

“I felt I lost everything and had no hope. I was so high on drugs, I was stupid high. I wanted to die and I told God, ‘If you are real, take me out of this world, cause I don’t want to live in it anymore!’ Well, He answered my prayer, but instead of letting me die like I wanted, He rescued me and sent me to prison – and took me out of that world like I asked. Thank you, Jesus!”
Juan

FOR THE TIME AND LOVE

“Thank you for the time and love you share in Christ through this Bible study. May our God bless you abundantly” **Jesse**

FOR YOUR TIME AND DEDICATION

“Thank you for your time and dedication! May God bless you abundantly!” **Aimee**

WPM Statement of Faith is available upon request.

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IT IS AMAZING

I am 20 years old and have been in trouble through my teenage years mostly. I never had a father figure; he is in and out of jail and prison, and me and my mom don’t talk. I barely even know who she is.

“I do however know who God is; He is my Savior and I gave my life to him not too long ago. I feel astonished that he died for our sins. It is so amazing what our Father does for us every day and the fact that the Holy Spirit lives within us.

“I am ready to take the next step to getting closer to our Father. Another inmate suggested I write you guys, and without a doubt I wrote you as soon as I got the information. **It is very amazing** what you do and I can’t wait to hear back from you.”
Matt

DON’T LOOK BACK

“Without the Lord there is no reason to live. God has called us many times throughout our lives, but we’ve ignored Him, focused on the world’s things. Until we are against the wall, trapped, and realize there is no escape, we don’t stop long enough to evaluate our lives, wasted lives, and give our lives to Jesus.

“I look ahead to Christ’s return. I follow the angels’ command to Lot, ‘Don’t look back.’ I look to Jesus, my Lord, who loves me. How I love my Lord!” **Jose** (from the Spanish)