

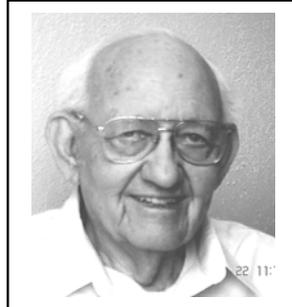
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Dear Friends,

January, 2008: Vol. 26, No. 01

To all who receive this newsletter, thank you for participating with us to reach lonely hearts. As you read several of this month's testimonies, you will sense the emotional vacuum as inmates anticipate "good news from a far country." (Proverbs 25:25) Our courses reach them; our counselors' comments reach them; and your prayers reach them.



In looking at the monthly financial report, I was overjoyed to see the amount of funds provided to cover the increased expenses for January. Thanks! Any time our active students exceed 8,000, our book and postage costs rise accordingly. Your support has relieved a lot of stress involved in meeting WPM's challenging daily needs. As good stewards, we do everything we can to operate as inexpensively as possible. Your response this month was really encouraging to me.

In His Service,

Ralph M Nichols
Correspondence School Director

2008 NEW BEGINNINGS

"Delivering Mail"

"My job includes delivering mail inside a maximum-security prison. During my daily rounds to the individual housing units, I invariably hear similar questions and remarks from inmates: 'Do you have anything for me?' 'Did you bring me some love?' 'I could use some good news!' 'I think everybody's forgotten me.'

"No doubt, many such scenes are played out every day in other prisons, youth facilities, hospitals, military installations, nursing homes, and other places where people may feel lonely or abandoned.

"What can we do? God's Word exhorts us to reach out to those with anxious hearts and let them know that we support and love them. A timely word spoken or a thoughtful note written can cheer up a lonely person and make a difference in their life. I know, for I not only deliver mail in the prison; I am an inmate here, too." Charles

"Writing to you to thank WPM"

"I'm writing to you to thank WPM for the study course, BORN TO WIN. I was excited to receive it in the mail. I don't get much mail, so when they called my bunk number to get mail, my heart jumped for joy! I was beside myself; someone had taken the time to write to me.

"However, the real treat came when I started the lessons. In lesson one, 'The Lost Sheep,' you taught me that no matter how lost I am, how far gone, the Master Jesus Christ is eternally 'the Good Shepherd' and comes to look for his lost sheep: ME!" Steve

Ed: WPM courses and counselors' encouraging remarks on returned exams are welcome mail in prisons. If you would like to volunteer to "make a difference" in a life, please write us at the address above.

"Looking forward to the next lesson"

"Thank you all so much for the love and support all of you have shown me this last three years! I can feel the love, the concern, the caring in each of your comments on every lesson. I'm overwhelmed by them! I enjoy doing these lessons! I learn so very much from all of them! I want to complete every one that you have." Terry

"Explaining the Word of the Lord"

"To whom it may concern: I am a 21 year old male that has never had faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. I need advice on how to let Jesus into my heart and to help me be released from my sins. It would be kind of you if you could personally write back to me explaining the Word of the Lord. Thank you for your time." Shane

MEMORIALS

Gifts in memory of Dorothy Nichols (see Loving Memory article in the September newsletter, Vol. 25, No. 09) have been received. Many thanks to Mary and David Lawson and Lawrence and Lawana Wagenhauser for their kindness. Thank you for extending the Good News to inmates.

"Trying to live better"

"I want to thank you for taking the time to send the workbooks. I really enjoy doing them. It really inspires me to want to learn more about Jesus Christ. I know I am locked up, but when I am studying these workbooks, God takes me away from this awful place. I am trying to live better and change my life. God bless you forever." Robert

“Having a lot of trouble with believing”

“I’m not sure who I’m writing to, but I came across BORN TO WIN, William MacDonald’s book, here in prison. I have been in prison for three years and am having a lot of trouble with believing. I have never been to church and was brought up only with violence and pain.

“I would love to be able to change my way of believing and living. But it is hard to believe anything about the Lord when it is coming from lying, cheating convicts! But when I read this little book of yours, it answered so many questions and gave me a great new hope. Could I please sign up for your correspondence courses and any more information you have on the subject of the Lord.” Coty

“Helping me study God’s Word”

“A short letter to show my gratitude in your helping me study God’s Word. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I have learned so much from these studies and have also changed my life in the way I think and act. I couldn’t of done it without these studies and you in finding the time to help me and continuing to send me these courses. You are a blessing to me so I can continue my spiritual growth. May our Lord Jesus Christ continue blessing this ministry and staff.” Erasmo

“Hope to be receiving more”

“I praise God for this study. I have learned a lot about praying and reading the Word. Thank God for your help. God is using WPM to touch my heart. This course has helped put me back on track. God bless WPM. I hope to be receiving more of your study courses.” Ray

WHEN EVIL RIOTS

As demons prowl and devils dance
 To an evil tune in a violent heart;
As madness works its wicked arts
 And darkness tries to cloak men’s hearts.

As the fallen flail and flounder wildly
 At the righteous who stand meek and mildly;
As corruption seeks to take its toll
 In both the flesh and the eternal soul.

But evil does not win this battle,
 For salvation ceases Satan’s rattle.
And evil men and evil deeds
 Are buried beneath salvation’s seeds.

And grace grounds down death’s mighty sickle
 With an encompassing hand that is never fickle;
For Christ carried our each and every sin,
 So that Christians could stand against wicked men.

(Poem written by prison student, Mark)

REPORT FOR JANUARY 2008

Institutions Served	340
Active Students	8,387
New Enrollees	1,635
Professions of Faith	45
Course Booklets Mailed	8,149
Course Exams Completed	5,230

Student Achievements Reached This Month:

36 Course Units Completed:	18 Students
48 Course Units Completed:	16 Students

Operational Financial Summary:

Beginning Bank Balance:	\$37,565.71
Funds Provided – January	<u>22,046.14</u>
Sub-total:	59,611.85
Program Expense – January	<u>30,241.26</u>
Sub-total:	29,370.59
Current or past due expenses:	.00
2007 Loan Balance Remaining:	.00
To Investment Reserve:	<u>25,000.00</u>
Ending Bank Balance:	\$ 4,370.59

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One in 100: Behind Bars in America 2008

According to a new report released by the Pew Center on the States' Public Safety Performance Project, more than one in every 100 adults in the U.S. are in jail or prison, "a fact that significantly impacts state budgets without delivering a clear return on public safety." This surge in incarceration costs is due to "policy changes" and not to an increase in the recidivism rate, or an increase in crime, or even a surge in the nation's population. Five states spent more on corrections than on higher education. Texas surpassed California as the nation's prison leader. The U.S. leads the world in inmate populations. 16.9% of Texas employees are in the corrections workforce. See www.pewtrusts.org for more details in the 35-page report.

Some other statistics from the Federal Bureau of Prisons include: 28% of Federal inmates are non-U.S. citizens, 54% of Federal inmates are drug offenders, 7% of Federal inmates are women, and the average age of a Federal inmate is 37.

Prison is a place where Satan can further his intention to deceive, enslave, and kill. Write-Way is an instrument of God to shine light and hope into our prisons where the bodies and souls of men and women are being merchandized, bartered for and bought. Compare this with the picture in Revelation 18:13. May the Lord redeem them!

FROM A WPM VOLUNTEER:

"I cannot let an opportunity pass by without telling all of you who serve there, what a blessing it is to serve as a grader and to see how these courses are used of God to bring men and women to a fuller understanding of their position before our Most High and Holy God. Once there, He does the rest of the work and we are privileged to see His hand upon the clay of their lives as He shapes them upon His potter's wheel; we see the changed vessel through their studies." Patrick

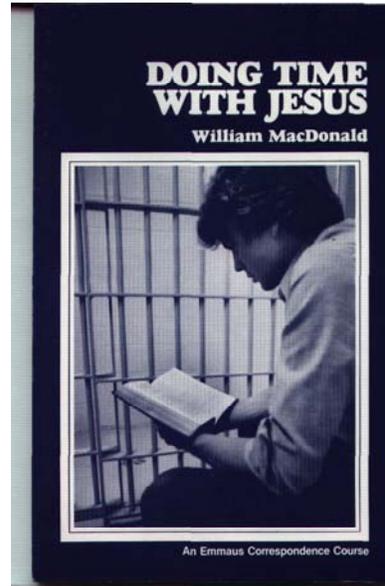
FROM AN OBSERVANT FRIEND:

"I made a new friend whose son was in Hutchins State Jail for about a year. She said the prison ministry changed his life. He was a different person when he came out of Hutchins. He became a Christian and had tremendous spiritual growth. I don't know what his name was. He still had difficulty adjusting when he came out and died this past year. But he died a Christian. His mom was very comforted by that. I think the prison ministry is one of the best ministries that we have in the U.S." Renee

DOING TIME WITH JESUS

"This is a dynamite study. It is very frank and straight forward about real issues that people in this prison face everyday. I pray that somehow this could get into the hands of every prisoner. I am going to pass it around here all I can. This study provides real answers from the Word of God. Thanks!" John H

"Thank you for providing me the correspondence courses that have been so spiritually invaluable in my discipleship training. My walk with the Lord is so much enriched by learning His love. I really enjoyed the study of chapter 12 in DTWJ, "Adjusting to Life Outside." It was so beneficial I have shared it in here." John V



*"From heaven
the Lord viewed
the earth, to hear
the groaning of
the prisoner..."
Psalm 102:19,20*

"DEAR GOD..."

"I am writing you to say 'Thank you' for being a Father to one of your lost children! And for always being there when I needed a shoulder to cry on or a Father I could count on to lift me up when I was down and was about to give up on life! God, you gave me a second chance at life. And another chance to do what I really want to do to get my life right with you and be a better father to my kids. And a better husband to my wife! Let the light you put in me shine so that everyone can see what you have done for me. I love you so much because you first loved me." Fred

CALLED TO A HIGHER PURPOSE

"I just finished with the first part of the lesson, 'Growing as a Christian.' The Spirit of God so overwhelmed me with joy as all that He has been placing in my heart for the need of myself and so many other aimlessly wandering Christians was so clearly laid open before me in this study. It is so easy to get comfortable with my position in Christ once I have been reconciled with God and I forget that I've been called to a higher purpose aside from my own salvation. I need to so engulf myself in what really matters in this life and how it relates to God's purposes for mankind's lost position in darkness instead of being distracted by the glitz and glamour of the 'deceitful lusts' that was against us." Christopher

LIFE CHANGING EFFECTS

"I enjoy your Bible studies very much and with their help, I have come a long way in Christ. Thank you so much for helping me to learn more about the love God has for me. I love you all and may God continue his good work in you until the end. I pray that your Bible studies will have the same life changing effects on others as they have had on me. God bless you." Michael

GOD IS NOW WORKING THROUGH ME

"I would like to thank all who are involved in this program. This is helping me in a way I cannot describe. I feel so much better about my life. Thank you all so much and God bless each of you and your families. I have gotten several others involved as well. God is now working through me." Thomas

TO MY INSTRUCTOR:

"A short letter to show my gratitude in helping me study God's Word. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I have learned so much from these studies and have also changed my life in the way I think and act. I could not have done it without these studies and in your finding the time to help me. You are a blessing so I can continue my spiritual growth. May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless this ministry and staff for your patience, wisdom, and love." Erasmo

"For the Lord hears the poor, and does not despise His prisoners." Psalm 69:33

MEMORIALS

We have received gifts in memory of Maurine Brantley, long time friend and counselor in Garland's Branch 036. Many thanks to Ed and Re Jackson and to The Peacemakers Class of First Baptist in Garland. Thank you for extending the Good News to inmates.

REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2008

Institutions Served	346
Active Students	8,387
New Enrollees	2,048
Professions of Faith	51
Course Booklets Mailed	8,364
Course Exams Completed	4,391

Student Achievements Reached This Month:

36 Course Units Completed:	12 Students
48 Course Units Completed:	6 Students

Operational Financial Summary:

Beginning Bank Balance:	\$ 4,370.59
Funds Provided – February	<u>9,960.50</u>
Sub-total:	14,031.09
Program Expense – February	<u>19,147.70</u>
Sub-total:	- 5,116.61
Current or past due expenses:	.00
2007 Loan Balance Remaining:	.00
From Emergency Reserve:	<u>5,600.00</u>
Ending Bank Balance:	\$ 483.39

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Dear Friends,

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Getting the “big picture” or considering an alternate idea is always healthy for an individual or an organization. Here is a brief statement from the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, (ph 512-441.8123X109 or www.criminaljusticecoalition.org), an advocacy group who lobbies for less expensive community-centered solutions rather than costly imprisonment.

“As a result of Texas’ failed criminal justice policies, Texas operates one of the largest prison systems in the world with roughly 430,000 adults on probation, 155,000 in prison, and 77,277 parolees under supervision. In spite of our high and costly incarceration rates, crime has not declined in Texas as much as in other states. In fact, our state crime rate is 24% higher than the national average.

It’s time to stop prison construction. It’s time to stop the financial and emotional damage created by Texas’ broken system. We must halt the wasteful expenditure of millions of dollars each year on the incarceration and re-incarceration of non-violent offenders.”

TCJS’s Solutions for Sentencing & Incarceration project advocates solutions that strengthen communities by increasing public safety, saving taxpayers money, and reducing Texas’ over-reliance on the incarceration of non-violent offenders.

Write-Way Prison Ministries, Inc. believes that the best way to change people is the process God uses. He changes people from the inside out using His Holy Word and His Holy Spirit. Write-Way is committed to providing the books and postage so prisoners can cooperate with God in the life changing process. We appreciate your continued support as we seek to do God’s will in this ministry. We desire to be faithful stewards and servants until the Lord returns.

NOTES FROM OUR STUDENTS

NOW I’M LEARNING!

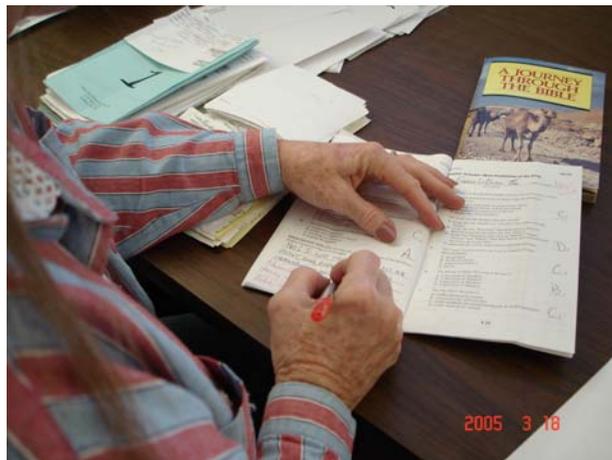
“I have to admit, I remember the lessons from 2005, but my heart wasn’t where it should have been. I simply looked up the answers without learning a thing. Forgive me. But now I’m learning. This lesson explains so much. Please allow me to start fresh with my heart in the right place. Thank you and God bless you.” Kelley

GET TO PREACH

“I pray God blesses you all. Thank you so much for all your help. Please continue sending me your free course. I get to preach here at this institution and I often use your lessons in our service. I can always find a lesson or subject to preach on in your books.” Jerry

IMPRESSED WITH THE PERSONAL TOUCH

“I am very impressed with the personal touch you give to this course! I have hand-written letters from folks in your ministry (one from Mr. Nichols- typed). I’ve had the pleasure of signing up a couple of guys.” Damon



Grading and Counseling a Student Exam

“I truly enjoy doing these Bible studies. Thanks for taking time and personally grading my test and giving me feedback. That’s awesome to hear someone say ‘Good job!’ The first certificate that I got from this course I sent home to my kids. They were so proud of my accomplishment that they’re going to frame it.” Domingo

IN PRISON...SHARING GOD’S WORD

“Thank you for your sympathy and concern with the loss of my mom. There are difficult times in life and we find being a Christian that good things come from bad situations. There’s comfort in reading and applying God’s Word. I’ve got 40 years and can truly say that I’m not where I want to be, but thank God, I’m not where I used to be. This’ll sound strange, but being here in prison, sharing God’s Word and doing His will, I’m freer than I’ve been in a long time. We pray for your success in the ministry.” Marcus

BETWEEN THE ETERNITIES

"We are all travelers in this world, from the sweet grass to the packing house, birth till death.

We travel between the eternities.

We are travelers in a world that offers no lasting peace or rest. And while there is only one eternity, we travel between eternity past and eternity future, waiting for promises of a home and a hope that will last forever, promises yet to be fulfilled.

In this time of struggle and despair, when our pilgrimage of life is difficult, it is helpful to remember that, though we are pilgrims who travel between the eternities, we have a Savior Who is the Lord and Master of Eternity. Then faith will become sight as we see Him.

That hope is what lifts us beyond life between the eternities to a joy that is eternal.

'Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.'

For time and eternity, Jesus is all we need."

Reflections on Hebrews 11:8-16 by student, Rex

THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT

"Thank you so much for my transcripts. Please send me my next lesson. Remember, they found out that I really should not have been sent to prison in the first place. So I could be released any day. But I want you to know that you made me see that I was not saved. I am now. There used to be a lady there that sent me messages on my test; please tell her thank you for the support." James

GOD PUT ME IN THIS JAIL

"Thank you for this Bible study and the grades as well. Every time I receive both a new study and a graded one, I get happy. I have 8 weeks left on my sentence and look forward to going home. My wife is 6 1/2 months pregnant. I believe God put me in this jail for 6 months so that I can learn to be the man He wants me to be, the father as well." Shane

THIS FINE AND MOST WONDERFUL STUDY

"Greetings in Jesus Name. I want to thank you for your studies. It is to my very pleasure of time to have been blessed by it. I don't have at this time other believers to come and enjoy these fine and most wonderful studies, the best I have ever taken. I do have to admit the Lord has blessed me in many ways. I pray God will give you many others to come and take this opportunity for learning more of who we are and where we stand in our Lord Jesus Christ. Please continue in this great work." Guillermo

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Active Students	8,625
New Enrollees	1,332
Professions of Faith	44
Course Booklets Mailed	7,452
Course Exams Completed	4,358

Student Achievements Reached This Month:

36 Course Units Completed:	9 Students
48 Course Units Completed:	5 Students

Operational Financial Summary:

Beginning Bank Balance:	\$ 483.39
Funds Provided – March	<u>15,069.03</u>
Sub-total:	15,552.42
Program Expense – March	<u>20,062.05</u>
Sub-total:	- 4,509.63
Current or past due expenses:	.00
2007 Loan Balance Remaining:	.00
From Emergency Reserve:	<u>5,000.00</u>
Ending Bank Balance:	\$ 490.37

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Dear Friends,

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THE INNOCENCE PROJECT

As we drove by Dallas County's Lew Sterrett jail, my friend causally commented that there were innocent people in there that should be released. And he added quickly that there were criminals in there that should never be released! In Texas, "wrongful convictions" are a big topic of discussion. You might want to visit Texas Criminal Justice Coalition's web site (www.criminaljusticecoalition.org) and review articles on The Innocence Project of Texas and "How many Innocent People are Incarcerated in Texas?"

When I hear the word innocent, I always think of the great OT Patriarch, Joseph, wrongfully bound on two occasions! What his brothers and Potipher's wife meant for evil, God turned the tables and brought forth good. That is the story that we will occasionally hear from our students. Some of them probably are truly innocent and they are suffering. Then the Word of God meets them at their worst moment of frustration and hopelessness, and the Good Shepherd turns the tables and brings light and redemption to their souls.

FOR THE INNOCENT AND THE GUILTY

While the DA's office and various other coalitions work out resolutions to wrongful convictions, we will continue to send free Bible courses into prisons and jails and allow God to turn what was meant for evil into good, whether innocent or guilty. And the result will be "to save many people alive." (Genesis 50:20)

OUR STUDENTS COMMENT

God's Word to us... "I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for bringing God's word to us in such a unique way... and the work you do in His name and for His Kingdom. You provide so much love and encouragement to many souls in here that feel unloved and are hurting. If you have never been incarcerated before, you could not imagine the hurt, pain, and tears that fill these cells."

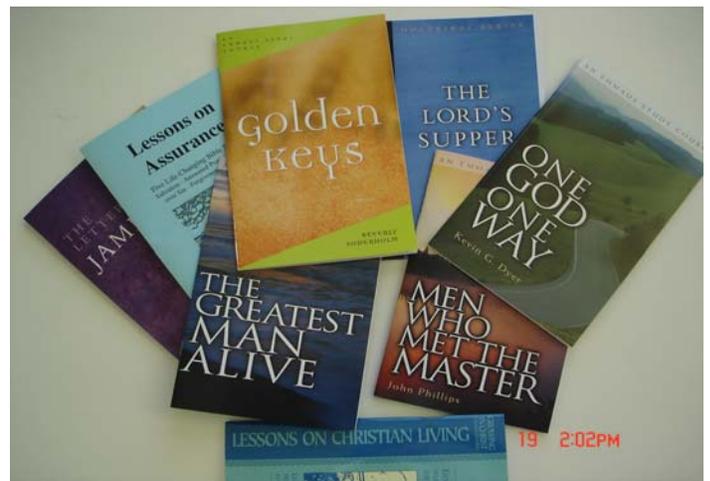
"Many in here have no one, no one to write them or love them. They depend on your love and God's word daily. Week after week you put happiness in these hearts that have never felt true happiness. You put smiles on faces that didn't know how to smile."

"But most of all, you give us love, your heart, and your time. You may not know the impact you have on those who are incarcerated, separate from the world, but let me tell you, it's

huge and eternal. Please, I beg you to never stop what you are doing, for so many desperately need what you are offering through your Lord and Savior." Richard

The importance of studying His Word... "I prayed and asked God to send me the Bible study course He wanted me to have. Two days later I received your questionnaire! I was involved in a number of different studies and I was floundering with all of the different doctrines. I just came out of the Kairos program here and God is impressing upon me the importance of studying His Word (way more important than just doing it for the certificate). Please allow me a second chance, as I feel it's God's will for me at this particular time in my walk with Him." McKinley

A catalyst to study more... "Thank you for the course on the book of Acts. It was a catalyst to study more in depth the beginnings of our Christian Church and faith. So much did I get sidetracked that I failed to complete the exam in a timely manner. It took three months and there is yet more to study in the book. I was doing independent study. Again, thank you for the course material." William



Able to follow-up and study... "This course is helping me more than I can put in words (LESSONS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING). I've been running long enough and with this book and course I've been able to follow-up and study the way the Holy Spirit is guiding me." Willie

What has helped and challenged you most in this lesson? (JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE) "Learning the truth, obedience, wisdom of God's Word. I have never known nothing like God's Word. I was living a lie. I was lost...Ah, Thanks to Jesus, I am now found! Amen." Glen

He loves me and writes... "I thank you all for the blessings in the sharing of the gospel. Some days go by without a letter from family, but when I get my name called and it's 'Write-Way' I know it's my Father God, telling me that He loves me and writes and shares His words of truth. I've come to look forward to your/God's mail. Just wish I could get more, quicker! Thanks so much." Armando

Prison ministry works... "I have read a lot of your literature and it has really helped me strengthen my relationship with Christ. I now have a son who is in Harris County Drug Rehab. Could you send him materials that may help him start and create a quiet time and spiritual help? I myself was in prison and Write-Way Prison Ministries helped me to come to love the Lord. So I'm a living witness that prison ministry works! So my plea to you is, please help my son!" Washington

MEMORIALS

Gifts have been received in memory of Fred Harader who passed into the presence of the Lord on April 16, 2008. He is the father of our Vicki Culberson, Manager of Branch #058 in Frisco. We extend our gratitude to: Agape Fellowship at Stonebriar Church, Nancy Hobbs, Dan and Gail Stephens, Calvin and Kathy Milnes, and Gene and Jo Dean Weaver.

Also a gift was received from Jo Dean Weaver celebrating her husband's birthday- Gene L. Weaver.

In addition, WPM of Texas and Louisiana sent a memorial gift to Mary Ann Bell of Life's Key in Bethel Park, PA. Her husband, John J. Bell, passed into Heaven on March 28, 2008. He was the penal coordinator for DE, E.KY, MI, NY, OH, PA, VA, and W. VA. Thank you all for extending the Good News to inmates through your kind gifts.

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REPORT FOR APRIL 2008

Institutions Served	306
Active Students	8,885
New Enrollees	1,332
Professions of Faith	44
Course Booklets Mailed	8,718
Course Exams Completed	5,140

Student Achievements Reached This Month:

36 Course Units Completed:	23 Students
48 Course Units Completed:	10 Students

Operational Financial Summary:

Beginning Bank Balance:	\$ 490.37
Funds Provided – April	18,202.43
Sub-total:	18,692.80
Program Expense – April	18,247.29
Sub-total:	445.51
Current or past due expenses:	.00
2007 Loan Balance Remaining:	.00
From Emergency Reserve:	00.00
Ending Bank Balance:	\$ 445.51

Government employees in Texas may make designated work place payroll deductions through Local Independent Charities of Texas (LIC), www.lic.org, to WPM as follows:

FEDERAL:	San Angelo Area	Midland-Odessa
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Travis County	Val Verde County	Waco
Coastal Bend Area-	STATE:	
Corpus Christi	Amarillo	CITY-COUNTY:
East Texas Area	Big Country-Abilene	City of Houston
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Greater Southwest	Corpus Christi	City of Austin
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Greater Temple Area	San Angelo	County of El Paso
Greater Texarkana Area	Dallas	City of El Paso
Lubbock Area	Denton	
McLennan-Falls	El Paso	
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Dear Friends,

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*****CORRECTION!*****

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"...both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace." Philippians 1:7b

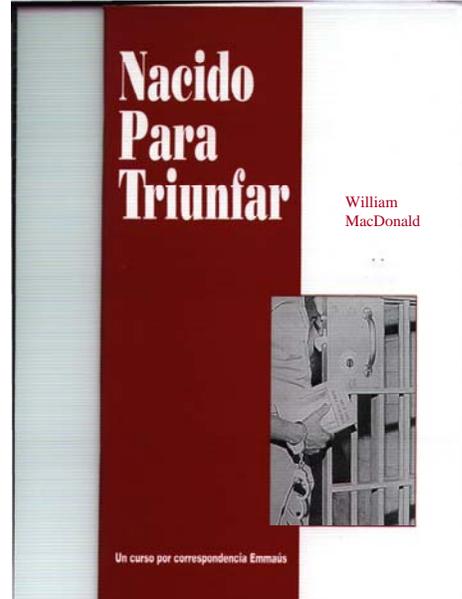
OUR STUDENTS SPEAK

We're almost there...

"Greetings and Peace be unto you my brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you so very much for all of your hard work and time. You're doing a wonderful job and God is looking down with a smile because of the excellent and tremendous work you do. I pray God will bless you all in great abundance and protect and keep you safe as we near the tribulation. I pray He will provide all things you need in order to continue your work. You are appreciated. And don't give up and don't give in. We're almost there!" Mark

This lesson really helped me...

"This has been yet by far the Bible course I felt that has really helped me. I accepted Jesus as my Savior in 1994 but had some downfalls. I recently rededicated my life to Jesus in April. I felt this lesson really helped me with what I've been struggling with. Even though I have enjoyed all the lessons, God really does know me and knows what I needed by using you all to send me this course. Keep doing the great ministry you're doing!" Lorenzo



Remember
the prisoners
as if chained
with them..."
Hebrews 13:3a

WPM's first course, BORN TO WIN, in Spanish: NACIDO PARA TRIUNFAR, by William MacDonald. In May 2008 we mailed out 145 of these books to new Spanish students.

My last grade was a 52...

"I'm very very thankful to have you all by my side to help me go the 'write' direction. Praise God! Sometime we start the day off by praying and then end up doing what we want to do. That's when Satan attacks. My last grade I made was a 52, and I asked myself, 'What are you doing?' It goes to show me that I'm not in my right state of mind, because we learn by trying. That grade opened my eyes. It's not so much the grade; it's my faith for God that is fading away from me because I was not paying attention to what I was doing. I've been doing these Bible studies since 2000. I love each and every one of you who are working so hard to help!" Tommy

Listen to the Holy Spirit...

"I found this lesson (HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK) discarded on a table. I cannot leave something as precious as a teaching tool that brings me closer to my God. So here's this study...truly meant for me to pick up. I've made a conscious decision to listen to the Holy Spirit... because He imparts those things of the Father in heaven." Lynda

Grow closer to the Lord...

"I am currently enrolled in your Bible study program. I cannot begin to tell you what a blessing it is to grow closer to the Lord as I study and meditate on the word of God. The reason I'm writing to you is in regards to my daughter... a 13-year-old wonderful little girl whom I love dearly. My hope is that you have a Bible study for those not incarcerated. If so, please send her any course you feel appropriate."

Johnny

A true blessing...

"This course is fantastic (BORN TO WIN). I am reading the Bible for the first time. Your course is a true blessing! God bless all of you there." Cory

Truly love me and care...

"I sure enjoyed this lesson. This one really was enlightening. I'm really getting a lot out of these lessons. I received my ten units of study certificates. I am so proud of these little steps I take! I truly get a blessing from the comments made. I can sure tell they (the people who grade my lessons) truly love me and care about me. And that makes it even easier to study my lessons." Jim

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me... to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;" Isaiah 61:1

Thank you for taking the time...

"Thank you for taking the time and having the faith to make this study available to me. Thanks to all the volunteers who care with the love of Jesus enough to help those of us in prison. I came to prison because I had a drinking problem, and I was in an accident with my vehicle. I can only thank my loving Savior that nobody was killed, and that because of this I am saved. God was merciful to me and let me see the love of Jesus Christ. Because of His love, I am sober, and most of all, truly free. The freedom of heaven shines in my soul and the love of Jesus Christ is my joy! Praise God for His love and all those like you who love Him too!" Don

Wearing the full armor of Christ...

"Thank you for the 20 unit certificate and the short note that came with it. I appreciate this Bible study and the changes it is working in me and my life. I am not the same man I was when I started taking the courses. Through the courses, and prayer, and reading, then obeying the Word, I have gotten back in touch with the Holy Spirit on a daily basis. Your courses have also made me feel as if I am now wearing the full armor of Christ. The new man who will come out of TDCJ and re-enter society is a more fruitful man." Norman

MEMORIALS

On May 22, James Alfred Nichols passed away at the age of 94 and a half years. He is the brother of WPM President, Ralph Nichols (age 90 on May 30th), and had moved here from the east coast to receive care at the Nichols family home. He is also survived by his sister, Lucile Nichols (age 98), still a loyal worker for WPM. In May we received a memorial gift for Alfred from Don and Annette Johnson. The family and WPM appreciate this kindness so very much.

REPORT FOR MAY 2008

Institutions Served	389
Active Students	8,032
New Enrollees	1,282
Professions of Faith	53
Course Booklets Mailed	8,456
Course Exams Completed	5,413

Student Achievements Reached This Month:

36 Course Units Completed: 18 Students
48 Course Units Completed: 15 Students

Operational Financial Summary:

Beginning Bank Balance:	\$ 445.51
Funds Provided – May	<u>10,826.87</u>
Sub-total:	11,272.38
Program Expense – May	<u>12,671.79</u>
Sub-total:	-1,399.41
Current or past due expenses:	.00
From Emergency Reserve:	<u>5,000.00</u>
Ending Bank Balance:	\$ 3,600.59

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A REPORT ON THE 2008 ECS PRISON CONFERENCE

On Tuesday, June 10, three office staff, Grace Hill, Pat Huber, and Rodger Turley left to drive to Dubuque, Iowa for the Emmaus Correspondence School's 2008 National Prison Conference for state coordinators and workers. Board member, Don Johnson, and his wife, Annette, flew in on Wednesday from Houston.

Held every other year on the campus of Emmaus Bible College, this year's sessions on June 12 and 13 covered: using the ECS web site, reviewing ECS publications status, hearing from ECS office staff, touring the ECS warehouse, dealing with problem students, and considering the possibilities of a national database.

Special guest, Larry Price, an ex-felon, gave his personal testimony and, at a later session, challenged everyone with comments from II Cor. 5:14, "For the love of Christ compels us..." Jim Fleming, International ECS Director, gave an energetic report on the distribution of ECS correspondence courses worldwide. Dick Hopkins, author of the popular ECS course, **HOW TO SUCCEED ON THE STREETS**, presented great success stories from his Northern California Set Free Aftercare ministry.

Our own Grace Hill stirred the 66 attendees with her insightful, "The Joy of Prison Ministry." After lunch the

first day we toured the Dubuque Mississippi River Museum. As is always the case with the ECS conferences, we were all shown great hospitality, served delicious meals, given comfortable rooms in the campus dorms, and surrounded with encouraging fellow workers.

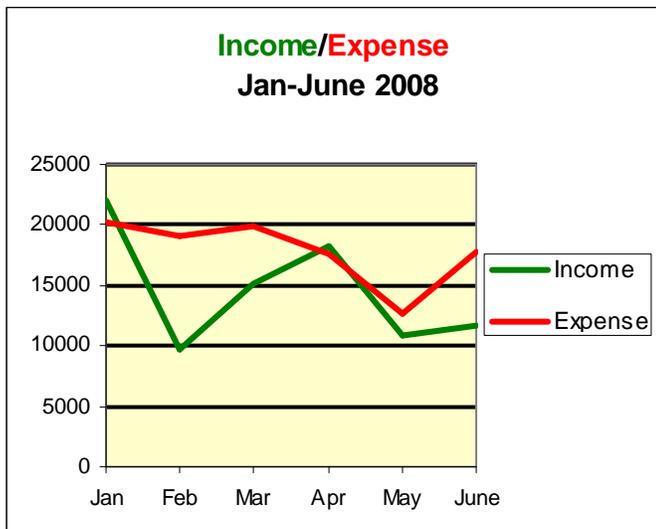
Our sincerest thanks to Rob Tyler, ECS Director, Rick Volgarino, Operations Manager, Joyce Young, Admin Assistant, Darlene Fizer and Linda Jeske, Student Services, Steve Olson, Shipping Coordinator, Mark Wainwright, Publications/Editor, and especially, Al Stoltz, U.S. Prison Coordinator, for a wonderful, stimulating conference!



STUDENTS GRADUATE!

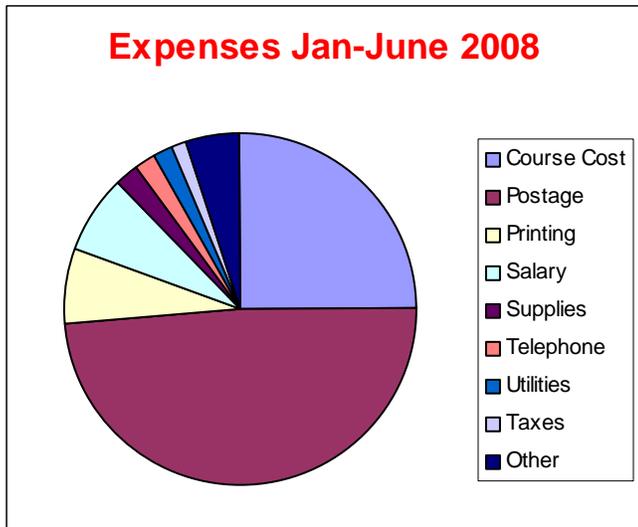
Included with this newsletter is our semi-annual listing of those 202 students who have persevered in their studies and attained 36, 48, 60, 72, and 84 unit certificates. 29 of these students receive their courses from ECS headquarters in Dubuque, Iowa after completing our 53 units. In 2005 we had 185 graduates for the entire year and we now have over that many graduates in the first two quarters of 2008! Our sincerest congratulations to them! When released, they are the potential leaders in our churches for this next generation.

THE 1st 6 MONTHS OF 2008



Write-Way has a policy of not broadcasting pleas for finances. We simply state the facts and ask the Lord of the Harvest to supply all the needs for His work.

As you can easily see on the above graph, the early months of each year usually find us with income below our operating needs. This year our average income per month is \$14,567, but our average expense per month is \$17,900.



This pie chart is very graphic. Nearly half of our expenses goes for postage and about 25% for courses. 7.25% represents the full time worker. The other slice of 7% is printing.

GOD IS GOOD

MEMORIALS

On May 22, James Alfred Nichols passed away at the age of 94 and a half years. He is the brother of WPM President, Ralph Nichols, who was 90 on May 30th. His sister, Lucile Nichols, age 98, and still a loyal WPM worker, also survives him. In June we received a memorial gift for Alfred from Rodger Turley. In addition, we received a gift from Cecile Gieger in memory of Mrs. Estelle Kerr, mother of Ben Kerr of Branch 044. WPM appreciates these gifts so very much.

REPORT FOR JUNE 2008

Institutions Served	389
Active Students	7,939
New Enrollees	1,282
Professions of Faith	53
Course Booklets Mailed	7,269
Course Exams Completed	4,672

Student Achievements Reached This Month:

36 Course Units Completed:	18 Students
48 Course Units Completed:	15 Students

Operational Financial Summary:

Beginning Bank Balance:	\$ 3,600.59
Funds Provided – June	11,597.93
Sub-total:	15,198.52
Program Expense – June	17,754.56
Sub-total:	-2,556.04
Current or past due expenses:	.00
From Emergency Reserve:	5,000.00
Ending Bank Balance:	\$ 2,443.96

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Dear Friends,

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OUR STUDENTS SPEAK OUT

Best decision I ever made

“I found this Bible study in my dorm today and I believe it was meant for me. It took me a few hours to complete this first step, and I am excited about how much I am learning and understanding. I can’t wait for the next few steps. Also I am excited about a certificate of achievement so I can show my friends and family how much I am learning and changing. Turning my life over to Jesus Christ was the best decision I have ever made.” Jessica

Thumbs up from me

“Look, whoever put this course together gets a thumbs up from me! It’s great! God has so touched me. I cried tears of joy and thanksgiving for His mercy and love! I couldn’t put it down!

God bless you always (entire staff) for your work, your labors of love which God will not forget! And for you who are not in the limelight, who are hardly recognized for your great service to the Lord, I honor you now, by thanking you for the hope you’ve helped bring to myself and others who are incarcerated. God bless you and all your descendants.” Paula

Trying to strengthen my walk

“I’m trying to strengthen my walk with Christ any way possible and I would love to start your Bible studies please. I’ve been praying with the ladies in my tank and I’m very blessed to have Christ put me where I’m at. I’m the oldest lady in the tank here and the young ladies have let me share my testimony with them.

“This is the first time in my life that I’ve felt so moved by the Holy Spirit to share my life in Christ with others, and not caring what they think of me. Because I’m just going to keep on talking about my Father to whomever will listen to me.” Toni

This ministry can be trusted

“I’m writing in hopes that you can send me a correspondence Bible study. I have currently been doing a Bible study, but I’m starting to feel that something’s wrong with the doctrines. I was informed by a fellow believer here at the prison that your ministry can be trusted.” Ruben



Garland Office: Blessed by rains in August.

Not a Christian yet

“I would like to refer an inmate to WPM. He’s not a Christian yet, but I believe he will come around as soon as he learns God’s Truth!” Bobby

On a fantastic journey

“Just a short note to let you know how much I have really enjoyed this study (O.T. LAW & HISTORY). I didn’t just read the commentary book and answer the questions. I have truly applied myself to this study and have completely read the first 17 books of the Old Testament.

“I have been taken on a fantastic journey through all the Bible stories we heard as kids and they have truly come alive for me! I found myself actually looking forward to my Bible reading time each night. I have found new zeal for studying the Word!” Joseph

Please pray for me

“I would like to take a few minutes to tell you and your co-workers ‘Thank You’ for taking the time to grade these exams. Since I’ve started doing the course I have come closer to the Lord, I have learned a lot through these courses. Thank you for your time and patience for what you are doing for me and others. I don’t know if you are allowed to pray for us, or what your rules are, but if you can please pray for me and my family. I’m praying to go home.” Eric

Hungry for God’s Word

“Maybe I’m just too hungry for God’s Word. I really, really enjoyed this curriculum and want to continue.” Miguel

The Lord tends His sheep

In last month's expanded newsletter which listed our graduates, we shared an inmate's concern (Shaun) for his cellie (Alejandro). Both were struggling with drugs and gang backgrounds. Shaun had asked for studies for them both and prayer for his young cellie, only 17. Here is that cellie's response:

"I appreciate you sending me that Bible study. This is the first Bible study I did in 17 years. I am young and have big charges. My cellie helps me with the Bible studies. I have also accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I believe God is going to make a miracle in my life. I see a difference in my life since I got here.

"My court date is October 6, so I am still going to be here for a while. I would like to get as much Bible studies in my life as possible. I also have a brother who is locked up and wanted to know if you can send him Bible studies. He is only 16 years of age. Please pray for him. God bless you." Alejandro

Friends,

Do these testimonies encourage you? Do they help you see how valuable these studies are in penetrating difficult places? Can you perceive the radical, life-altering changes that the Holy Spirit is making? The prisons are a volatile and uncertain environment, and yet the peace of God resides in many there. God is not without a voice there.

God could certainly do the work alone. But He has invited us to work with Him, using our talents and resources. And the outcome is another redeemed son or daughter who will image the sterling character of our Savior. In Romans 8, Paul says we are being "conformed." In chapter 12, he says we are being "transformed." Who can do that kind of work? Our prison system can only contain and restrain! And they do that poorly with no regard for the value of a human soul.

But we thank you for your prayers for, participation in, and gifts to WPM. It is absolutely humbling and yet exhilarating to watch and hear what our God is doing in the jails and prisons. And He changes us too while we work with Him!

If you or your church would like to enter this fruitful arena of prison ministry, please call us or email us. Grading and counseling on these exams will touch your heart. And your love for the Scriptures will grow. And you will be grateful for every free-world freedom you possess in Christ. In these last days we need your talents and fellowship.

In His Service,



Ralph M Nichols
Correspondence School Director

REPORT FOR JULY 2008

Institutions Served	407
Active Students	8,292
New Enrollees	1,423
Professions of Faith	44
Course Booklets Mailed	9,021
Course Exams Completed	5,267

Student Achievements Reached This Month:

36 Course Units Completed:	34 Students
48 Course Units Completed:	25 Students

Operational Financial Summary:

Beginning Bank Balance-July 31:	\$ 2,443.96
Funds Provided – July	<u>9,729.17</u>
Sub-total:	12,173.13
Program Expense – July	<u>19,010.11</u>
Sub-total:	-6,836.98
Current or past due expenses:	.00
From Emergency Reserve:	7,000.00
Ending Bank Balance-July 31:	\$ 163.02

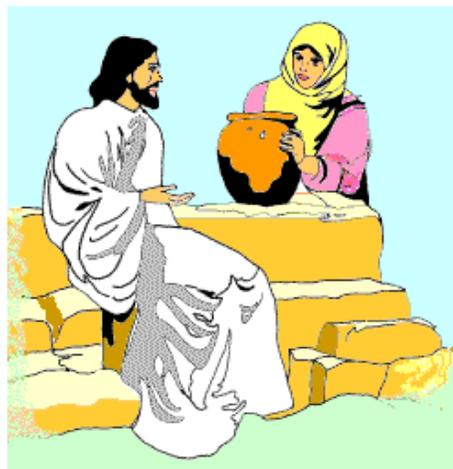
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Dear Friends,

August 2008: Vol. 26, No. 08

“Being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.” Phil. 1:11

Based on that Scripture, the following was penned in the ECS devotional, Blessings All Mine With 10,000 Besides, by Frederick L. Kosin:



“The prison where Paul was housed became the sanctuary for all sorts of spiritual exercises. Here he preached to the soldiers that came to guard him. Here he encouraged the hearts of his visitors. In this place he preached to Onesimus and guided his thinking into salvation by Jesus Christ. Chained in this house of worship, he praised God for the expanding of the gospel into the court of the Emperor. In this prison, he wrote this lovely letter to the church at Philippi. In these cramped quarters, he manifested the fruits of righteousness that overflowed from his life and affected so many people.

“It was a sanctuary without stained glass windows, carpeted floors, electric lights, robed choir, and many other things that we commonly associate with a sanctuary.”

Like Paul, our students are also in prison. In our service area, Texas and Louisiana, there are more than 400,000 prisoners. Our prayer for our students is that they will engage in spiritual commerce, “being filled with the fruits of righteousness.” Our students become evangelists, pastors, and teachers. Wherever one goes, the name Write-Way Prison Ministries is well known in the state prison and county jails. We have between 40 and 55 professions a month. May the result of that widespread “notoriety” be that our Savior is exalted, His kingdom expanded, and our God honored and praised.

Won’t you join us in this marvelous transition of the sinner into saint? Thank you to each and every one who is already involved in caring. “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few.” Luke 10:2

In His Service,

Ralph M. Nichols

Ralph M Nichols
Correspondence School Director

OUR STUDENTS SPEAK

FROM HOPELESS TO RESTORED

“When I was first incarcerated (two years ago), I was a hopeless alcoholic. Thanks to the saving grace of Jesus Christ I now can proclaim he has saved me and restored me. I may be locked up but I’m free. I’m free because of the blood of the Lamb. Please consider this request to send me the first of your Bible courses.” James M.

LEARN MORE WITH A STUDY

“I really want to be able to do your Bible study. Since I’ve been saved, eight months ago, I have read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation three times and I’m starting my fourth. I read anywhere from twenty to forty chapters a day. I’m retaining so much and would like a study so I can see how well I’m doing, and I believe I could learn so much more with a study. I study all day and night as I can’t get enough of the Word of God.” Dennis H

FIRST BIBLE FOR MY OWN

“A friend that I met here introduced me to your book, BORN TO WIN. I have been reading the lessons and working the exams. I have also been looking up the Scriptures in my Bible. This is the first Bible I personally have ever had for my own (I plan on wearing it out!).

“I really enjoy reading the lessons; they are very easy to understand. I am learning more every day on my own. I have the Bible and my friend to answer my questions. I really appreciate your program. Send me the next books so that I may work on my salvation.” James H



A PROGRAM I SPENT 5 YEARS ON

"To write and express my gratitude for your efforts in my behalf, I have spent a whole weekend meditating upon how to say 'Thanks' in words that could convey how grateful I am for people like you and your program. Unfortunately there are not adequate words in my vocabulary!"

"I am both thrilled at having completed your program and saddened that it is over! In particular, I looked forward to comments by my graders. I shall miss a program that I spent five years on (2003 to 2008). My heartfelt 'Thank you' to you for everything you have done for me personally and also for my friends here that have enrolled in your course."

Bob L

THE MOST VALUABLE INVESTMENT

"Before I trusted Christ I could never find any real happiness in my life. There was always something missing and it was intangible. Then I made a mistake and lost everything.

"Well, I had plenty of time to kill and someone suggested doing a Bible study to fill that void. It didn't cost me anything for the Bible study and therefore, I didn't think it was worth anything. But as I started doing the studies, I started to realize that if people were to live the way God intended them to, they would be happy and joyous just from doing things for each other and there would be no reason to seek security in material things of this earth.

"So as it turns out, the most valuable investment I ever made never cost me a dime. Now my days are filled with a joy that can only be experienced and never fully explained. By knowing that Jesus Christ is there to guide me no matter what may arise, I am assured my needs will be met."

Leland N

HEBREWS...A LITTLE HARDER

"I really liked this lesson about the book Hebrews. It is a little harder than other lessons, but I like the way that the study book was written. I like when the study has a lot of references to look in the Bible, and Hebrews is one of them. God bless you and thank you."

Antonio B

WHAT I NEEDED TO HEAR

"You sent me a few things in the mail last month. One says, 'Jesus Loves The Prisoner.' The other says, 'Father's Love Letter.' When I received the stuff to read, I was locked up and you sent me what I needed to hear at the perfect time. I just need to thank you. God really used you to send me the message I needed to hear at that time. Know that God is using you. You sent me the message I needed to hear. You really helped me when I was going through a hard time in my life."

Angel H

YOU DO A GOOD THING

"Greetings and peace be with you! Thank you very much for your time and hard work. Don't give up or become discouraged. You do a good thing. Keep your eyes on Christ. He will get you through. May He bless you in great abun-

dance according to His will and purpose for each and every one of you." Mark

MEMORIALS

We have received two gifts from Barbara Godfrey, one in memory of her mother, Betty Godfrey, for Spanish Bible courses, and a second in memory of James Alfred Nichols, brother of Ralph Nichols. A third gift came from Mr. and Mrs. J. Weldon Smith in memory of Lula Mae Matthews. Thank you to each donor for enabling the Good News to go to inmates.

REPORT FOR AUGUST 2008

Institutions Served	417
Active Students	8,560
New Enrollees	1,499
Professions of Faith	55
Course Booklets Mailed	9,198
Course Exams Completed	5,814

Student Achievements Reached This Month:

36 Course Units Completed: 20 Students
48 Course Units Completed: 8 Students

Operational Financial Summary:

Beginning Bank Balance-Aug 01:	\$ 2,443.96
Funds Provided -August	20,470.05
Sub-total:	22,914.01
Program Expense - August	20,021.67
Sub-total:	2,892.34
Current or past due expenses:	.00
From Emergency Reserve:	.00
Ending Bank Balance-Aug 31:	\$ 2,892.34

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Dear Friends,

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SECOND ANNUAL WPM BANQUET

A TIME FOR *THANKSGIVING*

You are invited to share a time of corporate Thanksgiving with us here in Dallas on Saturday, November 15. Please respond to the enclosed invitation by letter, phone, or email. We would love to meet you in person.

SINNERS IN THE HANDS OF A *LOVING, RECONCILING GOD:* NOTES FROM OUR STUDENTS

In the 10th chapter of Hebrews, the author invites us to draw near to our High Priest, hold fast the confession of our Hope, consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, and to regularly assemble together and exhort, especially as “the day” approaches. Those are good words for us all, but they also apply to the brothers and sisters who are incarcerated. In this issue we want to share with you comments that evidence the growth of character and maturity. God is tutoring them to not only minister when released, but especially while they are still locked up. Their cell is God’s classroom.

HE KNOWS “He knows who I am, so I can’t lie to Him. He knows all my needs and He meets them. He fills my heart with love and understanding so that I walk around in the peace that only He can give. He protects my family from evil and shows His mercy on me. By His grace I am saved from this world and all its evil.

“We live in a world where there is an Almighty, all-knowing, ever-present God/Creator; and most of its inhabitants don’t even know who He is. Something to think about. I’m glad I know Him, His Son, and His Holy Spirit. And I want everybody to know them.”
David

INTERCEDING FOR US “Jesus is at God’s right hand interceding for us. It means to me that when no one is praying for me, not even me, I know the Lord is praying. And that really is important to me.” Tyson

A SPECIAL HELP TO ME “Our Father is a special help to me. I’m so sinful, and yet He still speaks up for me. Everything He does is for us. And I don’t understand how people, including myself, can’t realize that. We need to (I need to) pause and remember and start speaking up for Him.” Fielding

A TOTALLY NEW ME “The word ‘indictment’ is not something I ever wanted to hear, even from God. But what is great about God’s assessment of the old me is that it no longer exists. He created a totally new me that He Himself inhabits and that I choose, with great confidence and joy, to allow Him to live through! I’m His!” Shayne

A GREAT COMFORT TO ME “I have learned that you can do everything right but be treated as though you are a criminal. Jesus’ gift of salvation and His example have been a great comfort to me when things are bad for me.” Erick

WORTH MORE THAN RICHES “I have noticed that by repetition, every time I complete one lesson correctly, it has already prepared me for the next lesson. Just like God’s love does for me in life. These lessons are worth more to me than all the riches in the world. I am grateful for your patience and kindness. Thank you, everyone who has ever been involved in making these lessons available for all who need them. I know God is working through every one who has worked to serve Him.” Jimmy



Volunteers working to serve Him

CHOSEN BY GOD “What a wonderful study this was! This was surely a blessing. And just imagine, I was chosen by God, me the lowliest, chosen, saved, filled by His Holy Spirit, and given the fruit of the Spirit. Thank you and may God continue to bless you all who work so hard for us.” Charles

MIND OCCUPIED WITH CHRIST “I truly want to thank you all for helping me keep my mind occupied with Christ while I have been incarcerated. Yes, I am about to get out of here, Oct 2. This last lesson came at the right time. Truthfully, I am so scared. I do not want to fall. I am going to be released in 10 days and I am so fearful! I want to do all the right stuff. Yes, I am so afraid of failure. I have been one most of my life! But I do want to be something better than a loser! Please keep me in your prayers.” James

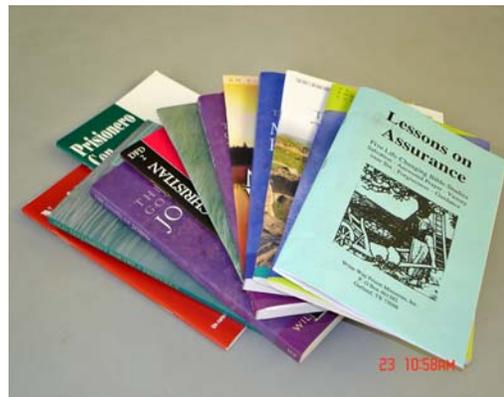
I HAD THE PRIVILEGE “I had the privilege of completing your Bible studies by correspondence many years ago while in prison. I know a new believer who has been recently incarcerated and she would like to receive your studies. Please send your first one to her. Thank you.” Judith

A VERY GOOD BIBLE STUDY “I received this booklet, BORN TO WIN, through the chaplain on this unit. He said it was a very good Bible study and it may help me in my quest for Christ. I’m writing to you to see if there is any way possible that I could be enrolled in your program.” James

I GIVE TO THE NEEDY “I am helping others grow closer to Christ by Bible studies, prayer circles, and my Christian walk, and I give to the needy when I can. It feels good to be helpful for the Lord (like you are doing). Thank you very much!” Walter

COUNTED AMONG THE LIVING “I want to first of all express my appreciation and gratitude for spending your money and time for me, having time and concern for offenders and helpless people like me. Because of the isolated life here, whenever people still express concern and love for me, joy bubbles up inside of me, meaning I am still alive or counted among the living, and still have hope to hang on.” Ingebenehi

A NEW LIFE WITH GOD “One of my friends was telling me about the Bible study. I would like to get a Bible study from the ministries. I’d like to study more about the Bible and have a new life with God and to do God’s will, like God did to my friend. There’s something different about him; God changed his heart. Send me some books about the Bible. Thank you.” Jose



REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2008

Institutions Served	369
Active Students	8,768
New Enrollees	1,465
Professions of Faith	46
Course Booklets Mailed	8,294
Course Exams Completed	4,818

Student Achievements Reached This Month:

36 Course Units Completed:	14 Students
48 Course Units Completed:	12 Students

Operational Financial Summary:

Beginning Bank Balance-Sep 01:	\$ 2,892.34
Funds Provided –September	14,601.26
Sub-total:	17,493.60
Program Expense – September	17,716.87
Sub-total:	-223.27
Current or past due expenses:	.00
From Emergency Reserve:	300.00
Ending Bank Balance-Sep 31:	\$ 76.73

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Dear Friends,

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PSALM 92:13, 14

“Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing.”

The President’s Corner

Thank you all for being a part of WPM. During this, my 90th year, I have along with you just completed 26 years of ministry to inmates on behalf of our Lord. Thanks to all who keep the “wheels” turning. The service performed by each volunteer is causing many to come to the Lord and the student body to grow. All praises to Him!

Forty copies of my book on Revelation, COVENANT ENFORCED, have been printed. We are waiting for the exams to come back so that whatever changes need to be made can be accomplished before we publish it to go to the prisoners. If you would like a copy to read as a “test” student, let me know.

Our Branches are overworked due to the mandatory lockdown by the Governor as a result of the cell phone threat. Students have nothing to do but give attention to their WPM lessons! Pray that a Branch can be started in San Antonio. Pray that we can hold Branch meetings soon in the Houston and Austin areas.

The economy and the Scriptures explaining the judgments and the promises of the Lord shows the need for a “wake-up” call. Be patient as the Lord is preparing the earth and the Church for His new Kingdom. You will be a part of it!

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Ralph M. Nichols".

Correspondence School Director

The Students’ Corner

BLESSED IN PRISON: “I am 42 years old and am currently serving a four year sentence in TDCJ. Since my incarceration I have been saved and I have come to accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

“I was given this Bible study. I can’t help but feel that this opportunity was sent to me by divine occurrence. I even feel blessed that I have been sent to prison. That in itself made

me take a look at the Godless life that I had been living. This experience has opened my eyes to Jesus Christ and what we should do as Christians so that we may walk in the light and enter into the kingdom of Heaven.” Jon Paul

GAVE ME SUCH A PEACE: “I am currently serving a four year TDCJ sentence. I have recently accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I have struggled many days with being lost, and when another inmate had an extra study of BORN TO WIN, I gladly accepted it. Reading the Bible study and the Bible gave me such a peace that is unexplainable. I would very much like to join the Bible study program you have to offer.” Melissa

CAUGHT MY ATTENTION: “I read some of the literature that you sent my cell mate and it really caught my attention. My father passed away about six years ago. He was a minister. I’m a born again Christian; however, I backslid. I know for a fact that God has a calling on me, but for some reason I’ve been neglecting and running from my calling.

“I’ve been shot, stabbed, and hit by a car twice. Upon arriving at the hospital when I was stabbed I didn’t have a heart beat. During another one of my trials, I actually heard God’s voice saying, ‘Don’t worry, I have my hands on you.’ I really, really, really want to become an ordained minister. Do you have any courses you can send me to get me qualified? I’ve finally decided to fulfill my calling.” Randolph

A SOLID FOUNDATION: “I accepted Christ as my Savior upon entering prison, and the first thing I did was enroll in this course. It has helped to build, what I call, a solid foundation. I still have struggles but they include mostly shedding my flesh. My faith, though, is not based on anything that I have or can do. It’s all about what Jesus did at Calvary – His amazing love poured out for me.” Rick

GETS YOUR ATTENTION: “My relationship with the Lord gets better every day. I have learned more and more about it. He has shown me things in my life that needed changing. I have been a born again Christian for as long as I can remember, but at the age of 47 and sitting in jail, Jesus really gets your attention. He says, ‘Stop, listen, and be a witness.’ I want my personal relationship to keep growing and growing and never stop learning what He has in store. Thank you for blessing me today with your love for our Jesus!” Lori

ENLIGHTENMENT TO FAITH: “Thank you so much! This course has been enjoyable, challenging, and an enlightenment to my faith. I can’t wait for the next course to arrive. I have handed out several enrollment cards and enjoyed discussion with others about the book and exams. There are several of us receiving them in my pod. I prayed for an end to my adversities, and His answer was to shield me behind a locked door! I am not looking back!” Robert

AWESOME BIBLE STUDY: “Thank you for another awesome Bible study. I really enjoyed it and learned a lot. Thank you for your time and patience in reading my hencratch and spelling. I am becoming a better person all around, thanks to the education I am receiving from this course. God has really blessed me with you all and this course.” Walter

GIVING GOD THE GLORY: “This course was great and I hope that I’ll get more in this series. I will continue to go through this course; it has so much information that can be applied to my Christian walk. Now that I understand that there will be struggles, it pushes me even more to want this in my life.

“I am 35 years old and am very tired with living the ways of the world. They have caused me more heartache than anything. I am going to experience fully what the Christian life has to offer. If that means turning from all I used to do, that’s fine with me. I’m ready. I try not to look at how the struggles will be, but more so on the lines of giving God the glory He deserves.” James

HE DOES LOVE ME: “I am pleased to write in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I have good news: I will be going home, and I would like to continue my studies at home. I truly believe this is a sign from our Heavenly Father to do His will. Praise God! He has blessed me with His Truth and I am so happy to finally know the Truth and how much He does love me.” Javier

SHARE WHAT I HAD LEARNED: “Just today a man was telling me of his argument with God. Also, how he was heavily burdened with guilt from a previous sin. I got to share with him what I had learned from this book so far: there’s a big difference between salvation and sanctification.

“After a 20 minute conversation, this elderly man was bouncing with God’s faithfulness to forgive. Jesus came to free those who are bound, and my new friend found a slice of freedom today. His smile was worth a million dollars!” Ricky

A FEW WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT: “I would like to get a message to whomever the individual is who graded my lesson. I’m very sure you grade numerous lessons. However, I wanted to say this: Since my incarceration I have worked several Bible studies. And the most discouraging and or disheartening thing for anyone behind bars is to

have an impersonal communication (or lack thereof) from the spiritual elder in Christ who is mentoring their lessons and spiritual growth. In other words, a few words of encouragement to the incarcerated soul who is attempting to grow beyond these walls in spiritual freedom, is sincere communication and is living water. Thank you so much for your positive sincerity in your Christ-like service. Crowns do await you.” Stephen

A special Memorial gift was received from the Don Johnson family in memory of their son, Daniel L. Johnson. Don Johnson is a WPM Board Trustee. We appreciate the gift and Don’s tireless work on behalf of this ministry.

REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2008

Institutions Served	376
Active Students	8,843
New Enrollees	1,516
Professions of Faith	56
Course Booklets Mailed	9,116
Course Exams Completed	5,598

Student Achievements Reached This Month:

36 Course Units Completed: 29 Students

48 Course Units Completed: 11 Students

Operational Financial Summary:

Beginning Bank Balance-Oct 01:	\$ 76.73
Funds Provided –October	<u>15,309.59</u>
Sub-total:	15,386.32
Program Expense – October	<u>14,972.40</u>
Sub-total:	413.92
From Emergency Reserve:	<u>00.00</u>
Ending Bank Balance-Oct 31:	\$ 413.92
Past due expenses - Oct:	3,608.95

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Dear Friends,

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Tis the Season



“That ‘God was manifest in the flesh’ is one of the most extraordinary doctrines that was ever declared in human hearing. Were it not so well attested, it would be absolutely incredible that the infinite God, Who fills all things, Who was, and is, and is to come, the Omnipotent, the Omniscient, and the Omnipresent, actually condescended to veil Himself in the garments of our inferior clay. He made us, yet He deigned to take the flesh of His creatures into union with Himself; the Eternal was blended with mortality. That manger at Bethlehem, tenanted by the express image of the Father’s glory, was a great sight indeed to those who understood it. Well might the angels troop forth in crowds from within the gates of pearl, that they might behold Him, whom Heaven could not contain, finding accommodation in a stable with a lowly wedded pair. Wonder of wonders! Marvel of marvels! Mystery of mysteries!” Charles Haddon Spurgeon

CHRIST’S INCARNATION, 1880

“Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Emmanuel, God with us.” Isaiah 7:14

The Students’ Corner



“I know you have helped a lot of people by the work that you do through God’s Word. And I just want you to know that you have helped me where no one would send a kind word. So let me share this poem with you.” *George*

HE IS ALWAYS THERE

We can’t foresee the turning of the tide,
When problems beset us and tears are cried.
Sometimes life deals from the bottom of the deck,
Filling us with worry and leaving us a wreck.

The enemy seeks to devour and destroy,
Using deceptions to eliminate our joy.
While walking through the valley our heads hang low.
The mountaintop seems so high, our footsteps slow.
How many times have we traveled this road
To battle the frustrations of troubles bestowed?
Yet when we come to our darkest hour,
God demonstrates His infinite power.
It doesn’t matter how bad things might seem,
He always comes through our faith to redeem.
God will not fail us in our time of pain.
He’ll never forsake us; by our side he’ll remain.
So when we find ourselves at a total loss,
Or when the valley seems too wide to cross,
Just remember, you’re in His love and care.
Look over your shoulder; He is always there!



“First of all, I’d like to give praise, glory, and thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ for placing your ministry in my path. And thank you for your diligence and obedience in being there. Your material has been truly uplifting to me, even to the point that I share it with whomever will sit down long enough to indulge. So therefore, I’m led to believe that you could even be a positive influence in my life after I am released. May his peace overtake you dramatically.” *James*



“I’ve been studying the Word of God on a daily basis! Learning and trusting his Word and trying to live as He wants me to. I have a lot of work to do but I trust God’s Word, that He will guide me, teach me, and watch over me. Thanks for coming and sharing the Word of God with me and giving me lessons to learn about the greatness and power God has to change my life and give me peace when the world seems to be closing in on me.” *Yolanda*

“I’m writing this to thank you for the time and effort you take for the men and women incarcerated at Collin County Jail. I continually praise the Lord for you and the others who take time out of your lives to help teach us God’s Word. The impact you have on our lives, whether it be temporary to get through this troubled time, or a lifelong commitment to God, does make a difference.” *Daniel*



“For the last 20 months I have been assigned to the Cole unit (and to your graders), but have been transferred to the Byrd unit to await reclassification. I plan to continue my studies with this ministry to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. Another group of volunteers and mentors with Write-Way lie ahead.

“I both greet you and thank you for the many hours you have shared bringing God’s Word to us here in TDCJ. Personally, I thank you for the words of encouragement given to me in the graded, returned tests. They caused me to see the meaning of Christian fellowship and concern one Christian has for the growth and livelihood of another. We shall meet again and fellowship again!” *Paul*



“Since my imprisonment, I feel the Lord Jesus has ministered to me in all ways. He has protected me from violence, assaults, and brutality. I’ve never gone hungry, physically nor spiritually. My family and friends have supported me financially. Spiritually, the Lord ministers to me through prison ministries, brothers and sisters who come to the prison to share God’s Word and to encourage me. And people like you, helping us to study God’s Word. Amen.” *Michael*



*“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion;
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, thy King cometh unto thee;
He is just, and having salvation.,
And He shall speak peace unto the heathen.”
Zechariah 9:9-10*



“I have been doing your Bible studies for almost ten years now and find them a valuable help in understanding the Bible in my daily walk with Christ.” *David*

“I see that the Lord loves me, even if I am locked up having to do 20 years. It is good to be with the Lord in here for the rest of my life than to die in the world and not know him. This is great love.” *Lonnie*

“I love this course (Proverbs For Life). I learn so much. Not only do you teach the Word, but you show me how to apply it. I am going to keep this book in particular for reference. I love this course.” *Patricia*



*“For unto us a child is born,
Unto us a son is given,
And the government shall be upon His shoulder;
And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father
The Prince of Peace.”
Isaiah 9:6*

Report For November 2008

Institutions Served	375
Active Students	9,011
New Enrollees	1,691
Professions of Faith	48
Course Booklets Mailed	8,887
Course Exams Completed	5,372



Student Achievements Reached This Month:

36 Course Units Completed:	16 Students
48 Course Units Completed:	9 Students

Operational Financial Summary:

Beginning Bank Balance-Nov 01:	\$ 76.73
Funds Provided –Nov	<u>12,952.26</u>
Sub-total:	13,028.99
Program Expense – Postage:	9,817.05
Printing:	2,802.83
Misc Ofc:	2,047.68
Books:	1,764.88
Employee:	1,109.50
Utilities:	<u>845.76</u>
	18,387.70
Sub-total:	-5,358.71
From Emergency Reserve:	6,000.00
Ending Bank Balance-Nov 30:	\$ 641.29
Past due expenses - Nov:	3,608.95



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*“Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.
Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her,
That her warfare is accomplished,
That her iniquity is pardoned.”
Isaiah 40:1-2*

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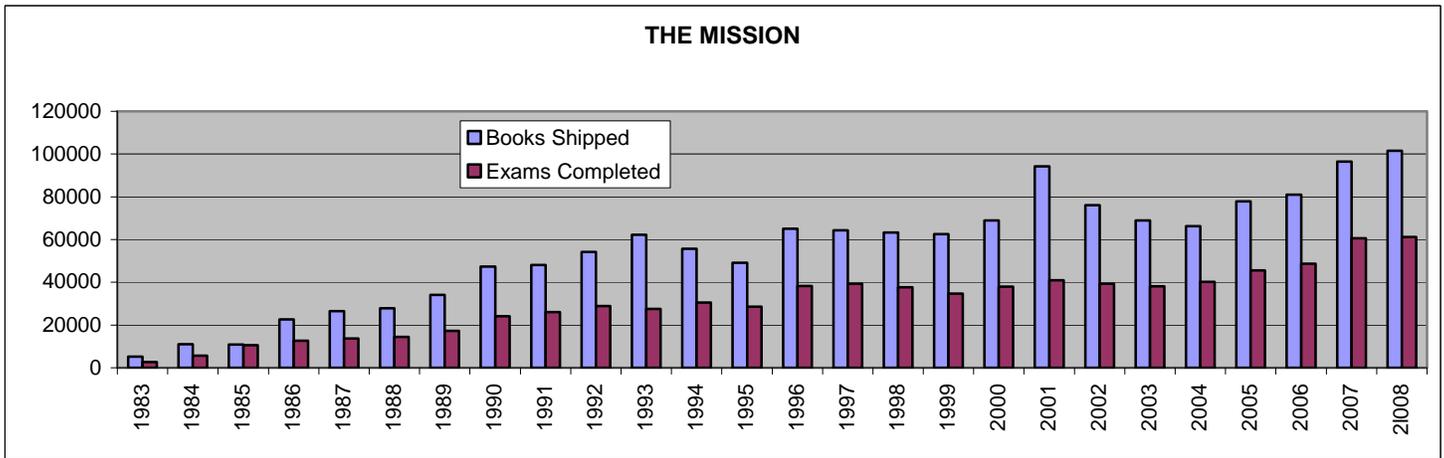
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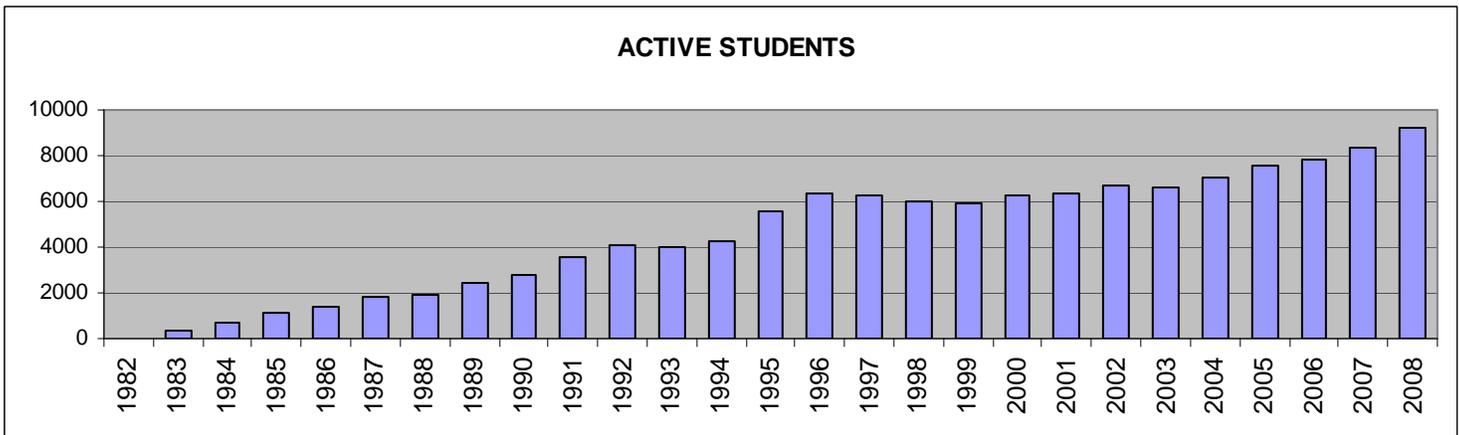


“He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.” I Thessalonians 5:24 NKJV

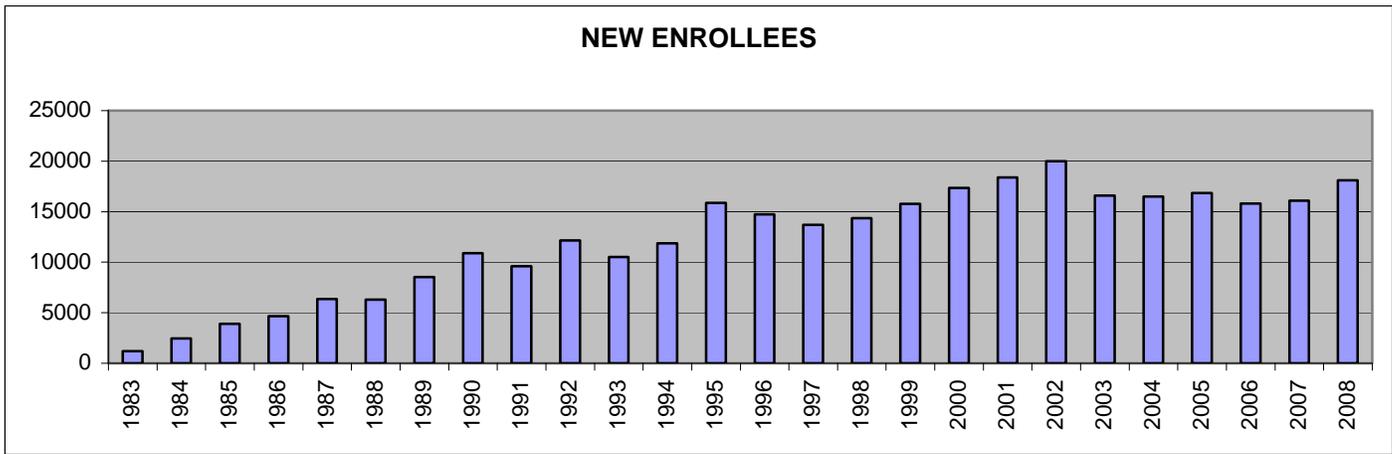
And He has indeed been faithful and brought us through another year, our 26th! This is the annual review of WPM operations as of December 31, 2008, and we are pleased to present it to you, our co-laborers and interested friends. The following graphs will give you, at a glance, our progress this last year (and previous years) in sending free Bible correspondence courses to Texas and Louisiana inmates. To each of you who partnered with us in 2008, our most grateful thanks.



Our “Mission” is to present free Bible studies to the prisoners of Texas and Louisiana in order to bring them 1) to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and 2) to help disciple them as good stewards of this treasure. To accomplish that mission in 2008, we mailed courses to prisoners in more than 370 federal prisons, state prisons, and county jails. To educate those students we mailed a record 101,586 books. As a result, our volunteers graded, counseled and shipped back 61,153 exams (60% of the mailings). Some of the exams may not get back to us because the prisoners get transferred or they get discouraged. Some may be discarded in the prison mailroom, while others are often destroyed during cell shakedowns.



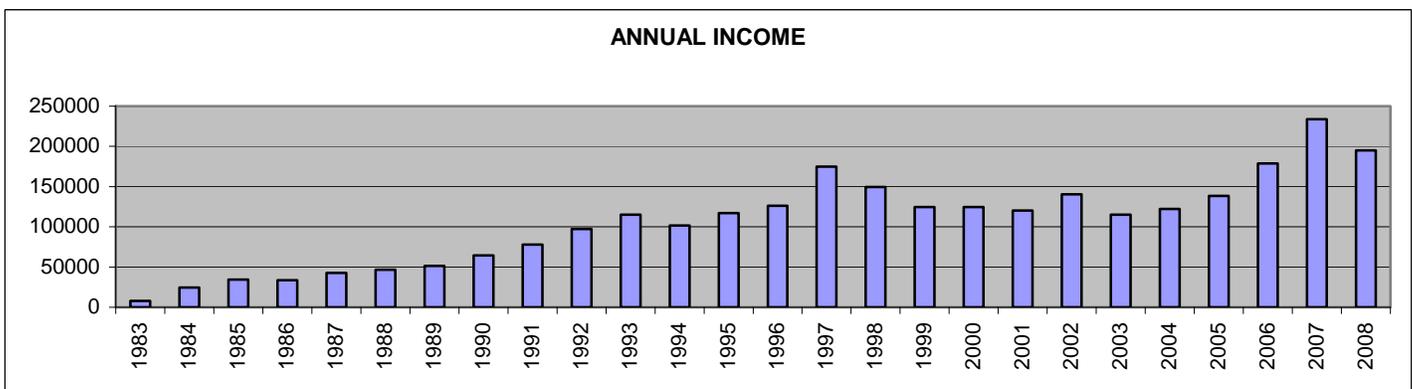
The total number of active students at 12/31/08 was a record 9,215! Our volunteers interacted with an average of 5,096 inmates per month. An active student is one who has completed the first book and continues on to complete additional courses. Each month a list is compiled of those who fail to complete their first course or any other course within 90 days. We then mail them a questionnaire as to their study habits and the effectiveness of our processing. Many get discouraged or distracted and we play the role of “comforter” in order to encourage them to continue their studies. More than in previous years we are receiving letters of gratitude for the personal attention given to each student by the commntator on each exam.



New enrollees represent the goal of our evangelistic efforts in the arena of the incarcerated. They come from student referrals, chaplain referrals, prison crusades, concerned family members, and a variety of other means including word of mouth and mail. In 2008, 18,117 new students enrolled, or an average of 1,510 per month. Our strategy is to include one enrollment card with each new book mailed, thereby giving our students an opportunity to witness within their sphere of daily life.



BORN TO WIN is our very first course sent to a new enrollee. This book is designed to assess the student's spiritual status. The "What do you say?" questions at the end of each lesson are designed to elicit a student's thoughts about the subject matter. Volunteers can then assess their spiritual condition. In 2008, 599 inmates professed Christ as Savior, or 50 per month.



WPM support comes from those individuals, churches, businesses, and grantors whose hearts are quickened for the spiritual welfare of those in our prison system. In 2008 that support amounted to \$194,494. Many of the churches represented by our 32 branches give to support the work of their members who are volunteers. Operational expenses for 2008 were \$229,741. Postage accounted for 50.76% and course materials for 23.24% of that expenditure.