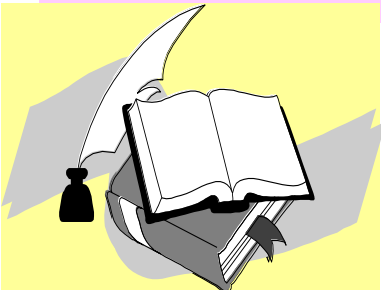


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BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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A PLEA FOR PRAYER

Prison mailrooms across the country are in aggressive protection mode. Drugs and other contraband are pouring into mailrooms and endangering the lives of staff and inmates. As a result, drastic changes are being implemented and we need your prayers to keep our studies from being blocked. Satan's footprint was all over COVID and it devastated prison procedures - no classes, no chapel, no visitors, and restricted meals. Our active student base has dropped from 8,000 to 5,000 during these last two years. Now the enemy is targeting Biblical materials from getting inside.

The first line of enemy offense is restrictions: no colored paper, no glue, tape, or labels, and in many locations, no greeting cards. A second option is having inmate mail sent to a third party who will scan the mail and then email it to the appropriate prison for delivery. The number of pages scanned is very restrictive for our purposes.

The third tactic is to give inmates a tablet or Chrome-book. These can be loaded with movies, music, Bible translations, law library materials, and classes. These also allow videos and emails with family and friends. Many county jails have already started using tablets and the state of Texas is scheduled to have them in house within a year. The issue here is negotiating with the makers to get onto the tablets with our courses and then how to respond back and forth with the student (email?).

Emmaus Worldwide (our publisher) is pursuing options with several tablet makers. Pray it is not restrictive to be on these tablets. We will keep you updated as we make changes. If you have ideas or know contacts, please call us. **Rodger Turley**, Director

DO YOU HAVE OTHER BOOKS?

"I found a book with your address on it – *The First Letter to the Corinthians*. I have been reading it each day, one chapter in the morning and one chapter at night. This study course has helped me so much to understand each chapter and verse. Do you have other books like this one that breaks down Bible verses?"

"I read the Bible, but I can't understand it. One reason is I can't read that well. The other, I don't know the meanings very well. But I love the Lord as my Savior and I have the Holy Spirit in me. Here I have a lot of time to study the Word of God. I would do everything you ask of me if I could get another book to read. Your ministry is bringing people to the Lord and making them understand what God wants us to do in life and that we all know that our sins are forgiven because of His Son, Jesus Christ." **Tony W**

GREAT JOY IN MY HEART

"Thank you, Write-Way, for all that you do for us. I pray each and every night for you to continue to flourish in your works. It puts great joy in my heart to see people truly wanting these things for other people. Thank you again for showing love." **Carlos**

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever." **Isaiah 40:8**

OUR MISSION

To introduce Jesus Christ to each incarcerated person in TX, LA, MS, and NM through a curriculum of English and Spanish Bible correspondence courses that are free, postpaid, and volunteer counseled.

A SHEPHERD FOR THE LORD

"I'm a former student and blood-bought faithful member in the Bride of Christ. From the bottom of my sanctified heart, I'd like to thank you for helping me in my spiritual walk. In all honesty, I took the course out of boredom in '92. In 2010 I returned to test myself on Biblical knowledge. Yet in 2018 I still had a hunger and thirst for the knowledge of God's Word. [Graduated 12/12/2020]

"I've been called to preach. The Lord has given me a heart for the lost – the lost that the world has given up on. Yet our Lord loves them and wants them. At any rate, I'd like to thank you. An ex-con who is becoming a shepherd for the Lord." **Ray**

YA'LL ARE MY FAVORITE

"I can't tell ya'll how much you blessed me when you went to the trouble to dig up my transcript and sent it to me and put me back in your correspondence course. I've done several other courses over the years, but ya'll are my favorite and will always be close to my heart. I have a book full of poetry and gospel music that I plan to get published in the near future. I will send ya'll a copy in gratitude for loving me in my time of need. Ya'll are the best and I love ya'll in God's love." **George**

TRYING TO DO RIGHT IS TOUGH

"You know, being a good Christian is really tough some times. Trying to do right is tough and keeping morals is hard. Loving others in times of unknown persecution and pandemic is besetting, to say the least. It seems like good people are always being tested. I'm locked up, but I'm free. I'm behind enemy line doing the Lord's work. There are innocent people locked up, good people locked up, who simply want another chance at life. All lives matter! My brother or sister in Christ, I love you with Christ's love and there's nothing you can do about it! I believe Jesus loves me the same. [as He loves you.]" **Richard**

Gifts received to Honor:

Sharon Currans, counselor in Branch 50, Houston

By Ginger Hurta

David Verinder, WPM retired Board Director

By Debra Young

BY THE NUMBERS

	MAR 2022	YTD 2022	
Ministry Statistics			
Enrolled Students	5,089	5,200	AVG
Enrollees - <i>Born to Win</i>	427	1,099	
Professions of Faith	8	31	
Course Books Mailed	4,077	10,778	
Course Exams Completed	2,785	7,379	
Graduates 72+ units	17	46	
Program Gifts and Expenses			
Expenses:	\$13,110.02	\$45,198.97	
Postage:	\$4,194.08	\$20,760.84	
Courses:	\$4,107.75	\$14,970.97	
Staff support:	\$1,112.00	\$2,620.00	
Qtrly Insurance	\$1,267.00	\$1,267.00	
Paper/Envelopes	\$563.98	\$1,540.34	
Other:	\$1,865.21	\$4,039.41	
Donations:	<u>\$11,239.29</u>	<u>\$38,768.33</u>	
Acct Dividends	<u>\$1,019.76</u>	<u>\$1,138.04</u>	
NET:	(\$850.97)	(\$5,292.60)	

I ENJOYED THIS LESSON

"I am sending my completed lesson, *A Journey Through the Bible*. I enjoyed this lesson so much that I wanted to write some of the things I read in my prayer journal." **Regina**

"You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and new wine abound." **Psalm 4:7**

THE COURSE HAS GREATLY HELPED ME

"Another believer in my dorm recommended Write-Way as a Bible study correspondence course. I have recommended it to others and to my sister, Penny, who is disabled. Although she isn't locked up, she doesn't have a vehicle to go to church. Please send her a course as well. I hope to be a Write-Way mentor someday. The course has greatly helped me." **Tony M** (Inmates may ask for studies for their near kin – spouse, children, brother, sister)

WPM Statement of Faith is available upon request.

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