BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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"Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them." Hebrews 13:3 (ESV)

"My parents divorced when I was a year old. Though my dad was a Christian and tried to keep us eight children in church, I let hatred enter my life at a very young age. At twelve I began my life of crime, stealing bicycles, etc. By 14 I was on probation and turned 15 in Panola County Jail. I was sent to Brownwood State School for Boys in 1975 and then got out in 1977. I continued my life of crime and was sent to TDCJ in 1980 for eight years and joined the Texas Mafia gang. I got out and was only out 30 days before doing a robbery and capital murder. I was facing the death penalty.

"But God woke me up at 2:00 am one morning. My cell partner had a King James Bible and I felt led to open it randomly. It came open to Isaiah 41:9-10;

'Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away. ¹⁰ Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.'

"As I read those two verses I began to cry because I knew God was talking to me. I had run to the end of the earth, you might say, and was the chief of sinners. But here was God telling me He had not cast me away. I got out of bed and gave my life to Christ. I pleaded guilty to my crimes and was sentenced to life plus 50 years in prison. I am now an ordained minister and work with prisoners. I am up for parole in two more months. But even if I don't make it, I'll still keep on keepin' on!" **Wendell**

Thank you, Steven, for a beautiful page and a half prayer on our behalf. It was encouraging and caring.

Gifts To Honor the Memory of:

Dr. A. Gordon Robinson

Branch Manager 054 from Cliff Temple Baptist; Mailroom volunteer, encourager, and servant to all.

From: Betty Baugh (sister) Vicki Germer
Jennifer Jones Diane Palencia

James & Pam McKissick Bob & Marilyn Barnes Donna & Randy Robason "I have been taking courses for close to a year now and studying God's word. Thank you for these study guides; they help. I always get excited to get one. I am currently in jail and *Walkin' the Walk* never made it to me. A friend heard me tell another friend about a Progress Report showing that one missing. Well, it happens he had that course. So, I did the exam on regular paper. I hope that is okay. Either way, I enjoyed it. God bless." **Daniel**

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.

"Okay, while coping with this institution's COVID-19 lockdown and, of course, the annual shake down, I have a lot of free time to study the Word of God in depth. I pray that everything is well with everyone at the Write-Way ministry, and that God is working with you all to spread His mighty Word throughout the world. Over these years of my incarceration, from as far back as 2009, I've been doing Write-Way exams. I have certificates along with birthday cards, pen pal places, transcripts, and all kinds of messages about God's Word. So, thank you for all that you do for our Lord and Savior." Pamie

BY THE NUMBERS		
	JAN 2023	JAN 2022
Ministry Statistics		
Enrolled Students	4,510	5,380
Enrollees - Born to Win	337	394
Professions of Faith	7	19
Course Books Mailed	2,783	3,520
Course Exams Completed	2,011	2,430
Graduates 72+ units	11	10
Program Gifts and Ex-		
penses		******
Expenses:	\$13,268.75	\$16,510.48
Postage:	\$3,859.97	\$7,037.03
Courses:	\$6,149.50	\$7,060.16
Staff support:	\$550.00	\$750.00
Qtrly Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Paper/Envelopes	\$713.00	\$743.00
Other:	<u>\$1,996.28</u>	<u>\$919.25</u>
Donations:	\$20,650.59	\$18,798.36
Acct Dividends	<u>\$738.37</u>	<u>\$578.65</u>
NET:	\$8,120.21	\$2,866.53

"I really enjoyed this study [*Principles of Biblical Interpretation*]. It challenged me and clarified a number of issues for me. Some I had not realized how wrong I had been taught or influenced by various sources. So felt it was the hand of God guiding me. We again have a few days of lock down due to COVID, so, I have more time to work on Bible study, as I'm not going to work duty. I have a good celly, a fellow believer, and can discuss the Bible more with him than any other celly I've had in the last eight years. So, I thank God for this; it sure makes life a bit easier. I consider it a blessing and a privilege to have taken this course and wish to thank all who helped make it possible. I have passed it along to a number of others. May God bless you." **Ezra**

"I have had you all on my mind lately and have prayed hoping all is well there at headquarters. I am thanking Write-Way for all you've done for me with knowledge of the Bible and helping me become a better person and Christian. You've been instrumental in helping me become closer to Jesus and just plain brighter days. God bless, and keep looking toward heaven!" **David**

"Thank you for grading my exams and praying for me! It's a true blessing to feed my spiritual man off the lessons you send. I praise God for all He's done for me, and will do for me. I only have nine months left before I go home. I wanna be a living, walking testimony for my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thanks so much for your words of encouragement." **Terrance**

"I just wanna say how pleased I am with Jesus. He's been there for me ever since I got to prison. At first, I wasn't that close to Him till I met this person named Jimbo. He came to me one day and said, 'Hey, do you want to come to Bible study with me?' I said, 'Sure, why not.' And the next day I went and we started doing prayers and the Daily Bread. I started going every day and it's like I could feel God's presence in my heart and all that weight was lifted off my shoulders instantly. Every day I would go back to my cell and do Bible study all day. God has blessed me with so much since then. I've been trying to spread the word. I've already planted the 'seed' in a few people's hearts. I thought I would ask to see if I could get Bible studies from you. It would be appreciated a lot." **Kameron**