

BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

Write-Way Prison Ministries

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“Remember the prisoners as if chained with them.” *Hebrews 13:3 (NKJV)*

NATIONAL SURVEY ON FAITH-BASED PROGRAMS (Chapel, Bible study, Seminary)

“Critically important resource”

“Participation in religious services and programs is one of the most common activities reported by inmates”

“Improved behavior and a reduction in prison misconduct”

“Linked to prosocial behavior and identity transformation”

“Significantly lower rate of recidivism (return to prison)”

“Directly reduces the likelihood of arguing and ... fighting”

“More effective than the prevailing punitive tactics”

WPM and other diverse prison ministries are doing the right thing, the effective thing, and the Godly thing.

[VIEW THE RESEARCH ARTICLE HERE:](#)

<https://mailchi.mp/cmcainternational/new-research-on-faith-based-programming?e=1b030f2963>

LEAD ME IN THE WAY

“Thank you for greeting me and for the great way you and your great organization opened your hearts and accepted me to participate and to help me to study and lead me in the way of the light of our Father God and Christ Who gave His life for me and the whole world. There is nothing more emotional than to have the Holy Word of God in the heart. And I ask your forgiveness for the fact that I cannot express myself better, but I didn't have studies as a child.” *Laurencio* (Spanish)

PAYING IT FORWARD

“If you've ever watched criminal trials on TV or those type of TV shows, people always talk about remorse and whether the defendant showed remorse. But that's about as far as the dialogue goes; people don't consider what remorse really involves.

“I have remorse. In fact, probably 9 out of every 10 days I'm overcome with remorse for the people that I've hurt; for my parents who I let down; and for my inner child whose life I squandered. But that's a bell that's already been rung and cannot be un-rung.

“I'm not college educated, although my mom and daddy raised me to have common sense, and so that's how I approached what to do about this remorse. I can't go back and undo or reverse what has happened, but I have committed myself, heart and soul, to living each day, paying it forward and to do random good deeds for every person that I run across, to be helpful and polite even when I feel like being angry and impatient, because I'm having a tough day. I still go out of my way to do as much good with the days that God is going to leave me with and to maybe, just maybe, let the chapter of my life after prison outshine the beginning chapter of my life, and hopefully, this is what I'll be remembered for.

To all my friends: thank you for not judging me and for supporting me as I walk this walk. I'm so, so grateful to have you in my life.” *Frank*
(free world ex-offender, who loves his three dogs)

VALUABLE RESOURCES

“Thank you for providing these valuable resources to people like me in prison. It helps to pass the time and grow in my faith.” *Andrew*

OUR MISSION

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

In Memoriam:

Juanita McGinnis – Counselor with BR088 at Chase Oaks in Plano
Gifts from:
Carolyn Engholm Alan and Judy Wharry

Christine Stimac -
Carolyn Engholm
A Gift from:

To Honor:

Karen and David Verinder – retired from BR053 in Whitesboro First Baptist
A Gift from:
Debra Young

BY THE NUMBERS

	MAR 2024	YTD 2024	
Ministry Statistics			
Enrolled Students	3,094	3,000	avg
Enrollees - <i>Born To Win</i>	304	731	
Professions of Faith	6	14	
Course Books Mailed	2,508	6,364	
Course Exams Completed	1,518	3,902	
Graduates 72+ units	5	21	
Program Gifts and Expenses			
Expenses:	\$12,751.55	\$36,790.88	
Postage:	\$5,335.49	\$15,437.55	
Courses:	\$4,226.92	\$12,739.49	
Staff support:	\$310.00	\$1,170.00	
Qtrly Insurance	\$1,510.75	\$1,510.75	
Paper/Envelopes	\$0.00	\$772.98	
Other:	\$1,368.39	\$5,159.48	
Donations:	\$11,253.37	\$31,743.39	
Acct Dividends	\$1,254.26	\$3,275.88	
NET:	(\$243.92)	(\$1,771.61)	

TRUSTING GOD TO FIX THIS

“Please send me more information about your Bible study courses. I’m currently incarcerated, eligible for parole in 2052. I’m innocent of the crime. Trusting God to fix this.”

“I was pregnant when I was arrested. When I had my daughter four months later, CPS took her from me at the hospital. They denied my family... fighting to get her back. She is with a homosexual foster family – 2 men. Trusting God to fix this.”

“Prison is a cold, hard place full of liars, thieves, mean spirits, and a lot of homosexuality. Kindness is mistaken for flirting or weakness. Looking at the wrong person, or even smiling, can get you beat up or worse. Trusting God to fix this too.”

“Please pray for me and my family. My mother has Alzheimer’s, my father heart disease, my sister alcoholism, my niece depression. I haven’t received any letters or pictures. I miss my family so much. Studies keep me focused on hope.” *Jessica*

MADE ME A NEW MAN

“All Religious Education material has been approved to be sent directly to the unit address. Can you please send me the next courses I have left to do. Thank you for God’s knowledge that made me a new man inside and a new positive mind.” *Leroy*

TAKE THE RIGHT WAY

“Thank you for everything that you do. I pray that God may bless you and your family and protect you from the evils of this world, especially for our families and kids. May He turn all our prayers to answered blessings.”

“I have a son who is 12 years old; am I able to sign him up for studies or is it only for prisoners? I want him to take the right way and trust God, so he doesn’t have to see or go through what I did.” *Gerardo (Yes, we send to spouses, children, and parents.)*

CLOSE IN THE WORD

“Thank you for the good work you all are doing. I’m submitting the enrollment card for my wife. I love that you want to include spouses. Even though being apart at this time of struggle, we can be close in the Word of our Holy Father. Having the opportunity to study the same material together is immensely important and adds another layer of much needed communication. Thank you for that.” *Greg*

HIS TIMELINE

“I take time for God and me. I speak openly with him on everything around me and within me. My timeline is his timeline. I no longer rush into anything without our meeting with each other.” *Pat*