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## BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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Dear Friends,

**OUR MISSION:** To introduce Jesus Christ to each incarcerated person in Texas and Louisiana through a curriculum of English and Spanish Bible correspondence courses, that are free, postpaid, and volunteer graded.

### Reaching the Prodigal

The story of the prodigal is one of the Bible's notable stories (see Luke 15:10-32). The reason for its popularity is that we all identify with the prodigal to some degree and long to have a father who lovingly welcomes us home to sanity and security. If you love this story, then you would love prison ministry, for it is God who gifts us with compassion as Jesus had, and thus draws us to the imprisoned.

Jesus also referred to other prodigals when He spoke of the tax collectors and harlots who believed John the Baptist and so entered the Kingdom of God before those of the religious hierarchy (Matt 21:31-32). Prodigals are easy to talk to and enter the Kingdom first because they know they are sinners.

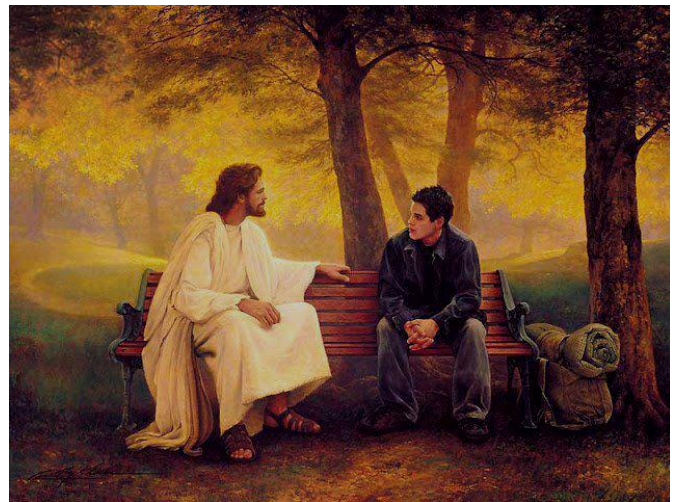
If you have a heart for the prodigal, join us in sharing the Good News with prisoners. It will surprise you how receptive they are to spiritual truths. And it will transform your life also!

Rodger Turley      Director

### From Luck to Trust

"I went around trusting myself. No one could tell me anything. It was all about luck, so I thought. Then I was arrested and brought to prison. A friend suggested I get into some Bible studies. So I did. I started to let go of my "luck" and let God have all my trust to do with me what He pleased. My attitude towards others has changed. Jesus has done wonders for me, bringing me here instead of a cemetery."

Dorothy



What an engaging picture! It begs for more information! Where is the prodigal headed or where has he been? Does he return home? What truth is Jesus sharing?

### I Want to Help People

"I was a complete mess. I used sex, drugs, and love of money to run my life. I have four beautiful children by four men because I was looking for love. I ran the streets and stole from anyone, even my family. I lied constantly and blamed everyone but myself.

"I got to county jail and started reading a Bible that the Lord gave me through another inmate. I was baptized on December 5, 2015. The Holy Spirit has convicted my heart, mind, body, and soul. I like who I am and who I am becoming. I don't feel like I have to do anything for God's love, but now I want to do things for Him. I want to help people, beginning with my own children!"

Erica

### Putting God First

"I must say it's a pleasure to be part of so much love. It's been a long time since I met someone that I'm honestly feeling comfortable with, sharing my good and bad. Thanks, Write-Way! You guys are the best!"

Dwayne

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### I'll Be Back to Share My Story

“My life was such a mess; I can’t begin to make sense of it. So much pain, deceit, distress; I could not put an end to it. Tormented by so many demons, I couldn’t tell what was reality. I was so stubborn and hard-hearted; it took prison to get my attention. But this prison sentence is not punishment; you see, God saved my life!

“I thank God that He looked down on me and saw fit to have mercy on me, love me unconditionally, and pluck me out of that pit. How can I ever make it up to my mom and dad? I cry out to God to heal the pain I caused the family I had.

“Come and listen all you who fear God,  
 And I will tell you what He did for me.  
 Come and listen all you who fear God,  
 And I will sing, I will sing.” **Keri**

### I Lost Everything

“I was headed for destruction. It was me and my way. I didn’t listen. I wasn’t even going to hear the Word. I was living for the world and nothing came of it. I lost everything.

“Father God, forgive me. I have sinned and come short. I repent. I trust and believe. Cleanse me and wash me in the precious blood of the Lamb.” **Jean**

### Missing the Most Important Thing in Life

“I was a lost soul, never picking up a Bible. My life was helping my kids raise their kids. I was lost in a life of wanting to be liked by everyone, but was missing the most important thing in life: Jesus Christ.

“When I got here I was angry at the system and those who put me here. I met a brother in here who started talking to me about Jesus Christ and how He died on the cross for my sins. Now I put everything into His hands by prayer. My life is at peace. ‘Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.’ (Psalm 32:1)” **Roberto**

	Feb. '16	Feb. '15
<b>BY THE NUMBERS</b>		
<b>Ministry Statistics</b>		
Enrolled Students	7,919	7,780
New Enrollees ( <i>Born To Win</i> )	1,139	922
Professions of Faith	52	46
Course Books Mailed	6,510	5,558
Course Exams Completed	4,240	3,686
<b>Student Achievements</b>		
Students Graduated (72 units)	10	12
<b>Operation Finances</b>		
Expenses:	\$24,327.15	\$29,495.09
Postage:	\$11,182.82	
Courses:	\$ 8,456.36	
Funded Salary:	\$ 1,995.00	
Other:	\$ 2,692.97	
Donations:	<u>\$14,107.44</u>	<u>\$17,165.66</u>
NET:	<b>(\$10,219.71)</b>	<b>(\$12,329.43)</b>

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