

Free Bible studies to prisoners since 1982

WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.



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.*

CONVICTS AND COMPUTERS

In mid-June we provided training in Dallas for those using the new database, GradesysPro. Mid-July we went to Houston for training and the results are shown below: 18 volunteers from eight Branches came to Bethel Church and asked questions and learned new skills. Bill Fobes, Project Manager, led all through a 40 page color handout and online examples.

In just days we will formally transition from the 1984 authored system to the new Internet database. It is more flexible, stores more data, and gives the Branch an opportunity to actually handle all aspects of their students. Ralph Nichols, first coordinator of WPM, maintained that each Branch and its church ought to consider its work and its students as their very own ministry. They grade, they post, they assign, and they pray.

Those believing have their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life - and on our new database!

Rodger Turley, Director

TESTIMONIES FROM THE INSIDE

"I have found it's a lot harder to be a Christian than it is to be a gangster. But I try everyday. I do feel I have come a long way, thanks to Him and His love for His lost sheep (me)." **Michael**

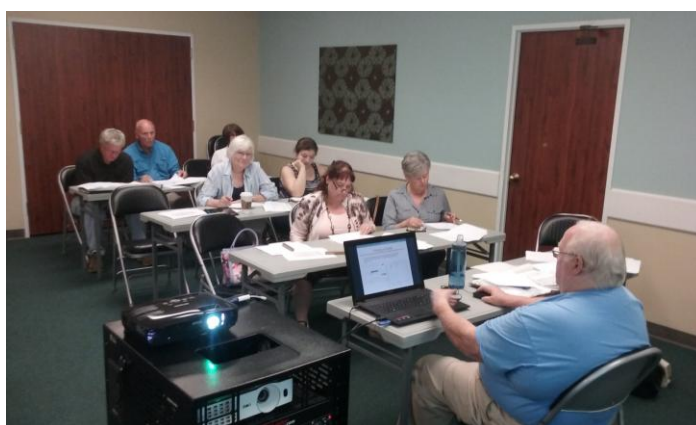
"I never understood the Bible. This course (*Born to Win*) has helped me very, very much. I do accept Jesus as my Savior." **Randy**

"I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who volunteers to do this for us. And I wanted you to know you are helping me change my life to be a better man and father. God bless you all."
Teddy (first course, *Born to Win*)

"I am a child of the Most High God! I have repented of my sin, asked His forgiveness, and completely believe Jesus came, died, was buried and rose again to save me from my sins.

"I loved this lesson! (*Men Who Met the Master*)! Thanks and send more!" **Douglas**

"This is one of the best Bible studies (*Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth*) and I've been with you all many years! Thank you for your gift of love (God's Word) all these years. I have learned so much and grown in Christ so much, thanks to you all." **Deyanira**



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GETTING SAVED AND GOING HOME

“I really never got a chance to talk to my family when I was out there with them. I was living my own life. I wanted only what the world offered me. My desires were not in God. I thank Him for bringing me to prison. I have accepted Jesus as my Savior. I asked Him to let me talk to my family and others about Him. I wish no one to be lost. I know it is hard at times, but I know He will strengthen me at the time.” **John**

“I wanted to say thank you so much for the help and your time to say kind things and pray for me throughout my time locked up. I wanted to tell you I made parole! Thank you, Jesus! My out date is sometime in November. But I will continue my studies with you as long as I’m able to. Also I will continue on my Lord’s path once I’m back home. In Jesus name, Amen!” **Shauntae**

“First let me start my letter by saying thank you, Jesus. I give Him all the honor and praise. His will be done. I have made parole for the month of July! I’m so happy right now I’ve let out tears of joy!

“I just want to thank the Write-Way team on helping me build up my faith. These courses have so much spiritual food to help a babe grow into a mature Christian. It doesn’t stop here. This is my stepping stone on fighting the good fight of faith. I have hope in Christ Jesus. He will provide for me on my spiritual journey. I know I must help my family into trusting and believing in Christ Jesus. He has set that fire in my soul which I can’t contain or control. I want more of Him. I need Him for that guidance and direction. He has made me new. I will remain strong in faith.” **Arnold**

“This is so cool! How did you hold on to my Bible studies for eight years, and then know I was incarcerated again? Awesome customer service!” **Bruce**

“This was by far the best lesson book ever (*Doing Time with Jesus*). If there are more of them, then keep-um coming. I totally love this one. Great job you guys; give yourselves a pat on the back. Love you all.” **Sherman**

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BY THE NUMBERS

	June '16	June '15
Ministry Statistics		
Enrolled Students	7,999	8,187
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	887	975
Professions of Faith	86	48
Course Books Mailed	6,332	6,068
Course Exams Completed	4,704	4,473
Student Achievements		
Students Graduated (72 units)	11	9
Operation Finances		
Expenses:	\$22,989.12	\$19,175.98
Postage: \$ 11,551.21		
Courses: \$ 7,385.61		
Other: \$ 4,052.30		
Donations:	<u>\$29,409.50</u>	<u>\$23,411.19</u>
NET:	\$6,420.38	\$4,235.21

DIFFICULTIES

“TDCJ doesn’t allow real church and the persecution is only getting stronger. We can’t even keep a chaplain on this unit. Many of us meet together in the dayroom and do the best we can.” **Dale**

“First and foremost I give God Almighty the praise and honor today. Thank you for your Word, Heavenly Father, and your Instructor provided for the children of God. We offenders have been off the unit for 17 days. We had a flood here in Brazoria County in Rosharon. Even so, I prayed and praise God, I had reading material, the Bible. I was in solitaire and at peace in the midst of the storm. I only ask that you guys pray for us.” **Rickey**

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