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BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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“And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins...” Ephesians 2:1

There is nothing as exhilarating as stories of radical change. As a child I remember being fascinated by pictures in LIFE magazine of “Before and After.” In this issue you will read the stories of four WPM students. Three have been made alive and the fourth is still “dead.” You will rejoice with the three whose lives are illustrative of Jesus’ prophetic words, “The dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.” *John 5:25*

Here in the office we receive letters daily of gratitude for new life given by the Source of Life. Our counselors are continually watching this transformation as students work through their exams. Nothing stands out in a dark prison like the fresh light of life!

But your heart will yearn for the fourth. Pray for David that the power of “the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience” will be broken. Thank you for your petitions for these men and women; thank you for your generous gifts; and thank you for your voluntary work in building the Kingdom of Heaven.

Rodger Turley, Director

SEND ME THE BIBLE STUDY

“I’m 45 years old and serving a nine month substance abuse program. I recently gave my life to God and accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. This is not my first time being locked up and I’ve never wanted to look for God in these places and be caught up in that “jail house religion.” But this experience is so different and hard to explain. All I know is that God has healed me of all my addictions, drugs, and alcohol, and I’ve been set free. I have a true relationship with Christ. In fact, I can’t walk without Jesus holding my hand. I want to continue in faith. I’m going to be baptized on the 28th of January 2019. So please send me the Bible study” **Michael**

LOST AND STUCK IN SIN

“For over five years now I have been participating in your free Bible correspondences. They have been such a blessing in aiding and preparing me for my walk in Christ. Time and time again your lessons have proven to be the right courses of action to apply to my spiritual walk, whether they needed to be applied defensively or offensively, or just to encourage me to keep walking to finish the race.

“Unbeknownst to you, prior to taking your courses, I was lost and stuck in sin. I was a homosexual, angry, rebellious, hurt, abused, and confused. It took me several years to finally accept Christ (2014), but I finally got there, thanks to Jesus, you all, and my family. Every time I started to slip and move backwards, I could always count on one of your studies to set me back on course. I just want to say thank you so much; and never think that your ministry isn’t accomplishing what God set it out to accomplish, because it has and it will continue to do so. I have referred so many brothers to you, and they really enjoy the studies as I do. However, my time with you guys is becoming shorter because God has blessed me to make parole and to smoothly transition out of prison. I just wanted a chance to thank you all. Remember, Jesus loves you and I do too. Respectfully submitted...” **Deandre**

“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)...” Ephesians 2:4,5

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.

Prayer Corner

We are receiving more and more contacts with chaplains who need good material to use in their counseling and teaching. Do pray that the WPM curriculum will be required in every Faith dormitory in Texas and in Louisiana prisons. May the dead receive life!

ON THE VERGE OF SUICIDE

"I was convinced my juvenile delinquency would never be shaken. But no matter how many times I hit reset, despite all the new beginnings, I always ended up in some kind of trouble. Less than a month after I turned 18, I was on my way to prison. I was known as Tornado Tony. My own mother was scared of me. That was my mask. The truth was, I was scared. I was afraid that when my ticket expired there would be no one to say something, anything, nice about me.

"After 23 years in prison my accomplishments collided with aspects of my past and I found myself on the verge of suicide. While in lockup I listened to a woman on the radio tell me that God had me right where He wanted me. Then, surprising me, an officer came to my cell and asked to pray for me. I shook my head and he fell to his knees in front of the bars and heavy mesh wire separating us and began to pray. Three months later and after beginning this Bible study program, I gave my life to Christ.

"Since then (Feb 2018) my life has not been the same. I am continuing to grow in my trust in Christ and He has granted me favor in the eyes of others. It is amazing to hear people admit to me that they didn't know what it was, but they felt they could trust me. I have counseled many men since giving my life to Jesus. Where once I was the guy who would not rely on anyone, I began to invest trust in people, understanding how that trust helps to form meaningful relationships. I have not felt alone since trusting God. And when I catch someone say something nice about me, I thank them with a warm smile. In my cell, however, I allow that feeling to enfold me and I laugh out loud thanking God with my cheeks a little wet, just like when I was a boy. I was – I am, born again!" **Richard**

WPM Statement of Faith is available upon request.

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BY THE NUMBERS

	<u>JAN 2019</u>	<u>JAN 2018</u>
Ministry Statistics		
Enrolled Students	6,890	7,637
New Enrolls - <i>Born To Win</i>	596	740
Professions of Faith	35	43
Course Books Mailed	4,689	5,055
Course Exams Completed	3,362	3,459
Graduates 72+ units	6	0
Operation Finances		
Expenses:	\$22,162.84	\$13,503.32
Postage:	\$7,482.00	\$6,332.57
Courses:	\$9,980.00	\$3,884.00
Staff support:	\$925.00	\$575.00
Computer upgrades	\$900.00	
Envelope stock	\$700.00	
Other:	\$2,175.84	\$2,711.75
Donations:	\$19,215.01	\$9,486.82
NET:	(\$2,947.83)	(\$4,016.50)

I'M LOOKING FOR ANSWERS

"I would like to start a Bible correspondence course with your ministry. I am struggling in my faith due to so many setbacks in my life. After 50 years of disappointment I've lost faith in everything. If you read the Old Testament, the time right before God created the Great Flood, you will see that He had regretted having made mankind. His plan was destroyed at the beginning with Adam and Eve! And it grew worse with time. Yet He thought the Flood would rid the world of evil, but it only got worse and worse.

"I do not have God's patience. I want to put myself out as God tried to rid the world of sin. I never had a loving family. I spent more time in lock-up than I've lived free. I never had a love life and no kids. I feel damned by God. Why continue the torment? So I'm looking for answers. Maybe the Bible course study could provide answers. So I'm reaching out. No one else to write to who will listen." **David**

Stop now and pray for David!

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