

BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

Write-Way Prison Ministries - A Bible Correspondence School

PO Box 461582

Garland, TX 75046-1582



(An Authorized Distributor for

Emmaus Worldwide Publishers)

August 2023: Vol. 41, No. 08

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

SOUL CARE

In May, 2023, the Surgeon General of the United States, Dr. Vivek Murthy, released an 85-page advisory about a new epidemic... of loneliness. With roots in our decades-long addictions to screens, devices, and scrolling, add a global pandemic and various forces of personal withdrawal and attack in our world, and... well... being human is lonely.

Criminals are isolated from society to protect the well-being of society and themselves. And that can be a lonely sphere of remoteness. But thanks be to God, who desires reconciliation, we can be ambassadors of substantial healing, bearing a message of forgiveness and Divine love. Pray for prisoners to receive this gift of **Soul Care** - Hope, a new Community, and Eternal peace. *“You, O Lord, are the One who lifts up my head.” Psalm 3:3*

SIDE BY SIDE

“My family in Christ, I want to thank you all for walking side by side with me in this time of trials. [**Soul Care**] I’ve been detained since April, 2021 and denied at a bond hearing. But I’m okay with that, because I’m in God’s hands now to do his work wherever He wants me. And right now, it is here in cell #197. We get a shakedown every week, but I’m okay with that too, because this is where God has me.

“I teach Bible studies with the Holy Spirit’s help every Sunday and Wednesday. There are nine men that come and that’s a blessing. I pray God will do greater works in their lives and that one day they come to trusting God for everything in their lives. Most of all I pray they surrender their lives to Him completely. I ask that you all please pray for: Matthew, Wesley, Donald, Robert, James, Rudy, Victor, John, and Carlos.” *Fernando*

HELPED A LOT

“I just wanted to say thank you for sending me this Bible study (*Born to Win*). It has helped me a lot.” [**Soul Care**] *Taylor*

I’M BACK

“God bless all of you! It has been a while since I last sent in a Bible study. Thank you so much for being faithful and caring enough to finish what we started. Ever since I got here, I’ve had a tablet and have really submerged myself into E-books. Wow, some of the best literature I’ve ever been exposed to. I read Martin Luther, vol. 1 and 2 on Genesis, and Galatians, D. L. Moody, John Knox, George Whitfield, C. H. Spurgeon. Anyway, I just got lost in it for a little bit.

“I’m back. I can’t tell you how good it made me feel for you guys to stay on me. [**Soul Care**] God bless, and I’ll be better on my timing.” *Marlen*

AM HERE AGAIN

“I was once very much in touch with your ministries and now I am here again. So, I’m just going to get back into my studies because I love the Word and I am very hungry for the truth that is found in the Word of God. I really was working hard, but now I will not have to worry about the world, but only my soul.” [**Soul Care**] *Bonnie*

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.

THANKSGIVING

On July 17, the Texas prison system announced severe restrictions on all mail entering the prisons to prevent contraband. On August 11, we, along with other ministries, were given exemption!

We are **CELEBRATING** God's hand in our **Approval** by TDCJ!!

MY LONELINESS

"I am the only Jewish inmate here at my prison. Of course, there are a very limited number of Jewish studies, so I would enjoy taking your courses and promise to do my best. After all, the Old Testament and the Brit Hadashah (New Testament) are both Jewish books when you get right down to it. With Torah blessing. Please pray for my loneliness." [Soul Care] **Michael**

SO MUCH PEACE

"First, thank you for such a fantastic lesson (*Proverb for Life*). This lesson has made me want to examine the Old Testament more closely, since all that is in the text of the Old Testament rings so true today in all of life's challenges and victories. God bless your ministries and the wonderful lessons you have sent me this past two years. I have learned so much and feel I have come to know my Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus, so much better. I feel so, so much peace when I'm studying these lessons. [Soul Care] Thank you! I am about to be released from Federal prison after 26 years. I will be going to a halfway house in Corpus Christi and then to a ministry in Lampasas. I would like to continue these courses. God bless all of you." **Vernon**

HIGH SECURITY

"I'm doing time in a high security cell block 24/7 [Soul Care] and would like a study Bible. Thank you." **Miguel**

BY THE NUMBERS

	JULY 2023	YTD 2023	
<u>Ministry Statistics</u>			
Enrolled Students	3,938	4,258	avg
Enrollees - <i>Born to Win</i>	307	2,471	
Professions of Faith	5	67	
Course Books Mailed	2,421	20,047	
Course Exams Completed	1,499	12,776	
Graduates 72+ units	12	81	
<u>Gifts and Expenses</u>			
Expenses:	\$13,884.35	\$106,615.82	
Postage:	\$3,943.34	\$39,399.76	
Courses:	\$4,622.36	\$35,044.58	
Staff support:	\$760.00	\$6,776.37	
Qtrly Insurance	\$0.00	\$2,903.50	
Paper/Envelopes	\$1,248.63	\$8,348.10	
Other:	\$3,310.02	\$14,143.51	
Donations:	\$11,229.00	\$102,882.99	
Acct Dividends	\$1,242.58	\$7,569.53	
NET:	(\$1,412.77)	\$3,836.70	

REJECTED

"My mother died when I was 13 years old and a junior in high school. It is hard for me to control myself as I'm writing this, but I was rejected by my older brothers. So, I ate out of the trash cans, homeless, stinking, cold, and without food. I slept in empty houses and cars and on cardboard boxes until I came to my senses. I had known Jesus Christ, but felt I was rejected until God spoke to me in a dream. He said, "go to..." and I did. They took three months to find my own place to live. I fell down on my face praising God. [Soul Care] Now I'm free in Jesus Christ!" **Ray**

ANGER DESTROYED

"This lesson has hit home more than any before (*Managing Anger God's Way*). I have already come to understand my anger destroyed my relationship with family, spouse, friends, associates, employees, and was hurtful to my relationship with God. I know my anger has caused both mental and physical harm. I know my anger came from pride, resentment, and jealousy – plain out and out foolish pride. I work on this problem every day. Thank you for this special lesson." **Richard** [*Managing Anger God's Way* became an integral part of our curriculum in July.]