

BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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

Jesus Loves the Prisoner

Jesus said that if one should visit a prisoner, then it is as if that one had visited Him. (Matt.25:36) Why is a prisoner so important to Jesus? Is it because He knows that the experience of incarceration brings the soul down to the pit of loneliness, heaviness, and despondency? Although a prison complex may house more than one or two thousand inmates and a staff of one or two hundred people, and although there is always loud chatter and the constant blare of radios, yet the soul feels forlorn, forsaken, and alone. Jesus knows that intense sense of abandonment.

As Jesus began to travel and minister, it was written that He “did not commit Himself to them, because...He knew what was in man.” (John 2:24, 25) John stated that “He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.” (John 1:11) In other words, He was here as a “loner”. He would disappear for long periods by himself and visit with His Father in prayer. He never settled down in a home nor had a wife. The scriptures express it this way, “The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.” (Luke 9:58) Jesus knew what it is to be alone, rejected, and without roots.

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“For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2:11

“I want to thank you all so much. It all started when I found a *Born to Win* study discarded behind a bench. Your studies have been such an important part of what has brought me back to Jesus and my first true walk as a Christian. I love you guys and gals, and God bless you all!” **Brandon**

“I just want to say thank you for all the studies you sent me. When I am released from here, I ask God to help me stay in your studies when I get out so I can stay on the right path and learn more about Jesus and get stronger in my faith. Also, pray for my wife’s health, her drug addiction, and for her to find her way back to God. Thank you.”

Juan *****

“Just wanted to thank you for your faithfulness and hard work. These courses help me deepen my understanding of the Word and transforms it to flesh for me. I thank God for you!” **Lonnie** **

“This is one of the best studies I’ve ever seen on the subject of anger (*Managing Anger God’s Way*). I see lots of potential to expand this format into a workbook or small group manual. It is really that good! Comprehensive, confronting, compassionate... a unique combination of spiritually inspired material. Good stuff!” **Paul** *****

“Thank you for your wise counsel and your Bible studies. They are truly a blessing in my life. Thank you for the opportunity to continue my studies. I am praying we will see a great awakening.”

Victor *****

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:

Bonnie Cathey – Manager of Lakepointe Rockwall Branch 045 for 23 years. Gifts from:

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David Miller –

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A Gift from: Beverly Reed

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In addition, the religious establishment attempted to pressure Him to conform to their rules and eventually put a price on His head. They ran Him through “kangaroo courts” and got him a death sentence. As He traveled the road toward the cross, the Bible describes His mood. “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful” (Matt 26:38) “Reproach (rejection) has broken my heart and I am full of heaviness; I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none.” (Psalm 69:20) “There is no one who acknowledges me; refuge has failed me; no one cares for my soul.” (Psalm 142:4) The prophet Isaiah said of Him, “He is despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief and we hid, as it

BY THE NUMBERS

	NOV 2023	YTD 2023	
Ministry Statistics			
Enrolled Students	3,328	4,014	avg
Enrollees - <i>Born to Win</i>	258	3,489	
Professions of Faith	6	98	
Course Books Mailed	1,750	29,157	
Course Exams Completed	1,137	18,663	
Graduates 72+ units	4	88	
Program Gifts and Expenses			
Expenses:	\$11,535.43	\$151,869.92	
Postage:	\$3,241.86	\$56,545.49	
Courses:	\$3,428.60	\$46,528.39	
Staff support:	\$510.00	\$10,273.37	
Qtrly Insurance	\$0.00	\$4,355.25	
Paper/Envelopes	\$1,721.96	\$11,421.75	
Other:	\$2,633.01	\$22,745.67	
Donations:	\$10,105.26	\$142,457.55	
Acct Dividends	\$1,627.87	\$14,047.61	
NET:	\$197.70	\$4,635.24	

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were, our faces from Him; He was despised and we did not esteem Him.” (Isaiah 53:3) At the end on the cross, Jesus cries out “Father, why have you forsaken me?” (Matt 27:46)

A prisoner is special to Jesus because He knows just how you are feeling. He reflected upon His plight, just as you do during those long restless nights. It is said that tears dampened His bed. And so, He is a friend that “sticks closer than a brother.” Therefore, “cast all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you.” (I Peter 5:7) He specifically gives you an invitation: “Come unto Me, all of you who are heavy laden, and I will give rest to your souls. Take My yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and humble of heart and you will find rest for your soul.” (Matt 11:28)

(This article goes out with every *Born to Win.*)

His first cry tore the silence.

His second cry tore the veil.

His final cry will tear open the sky.