



WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

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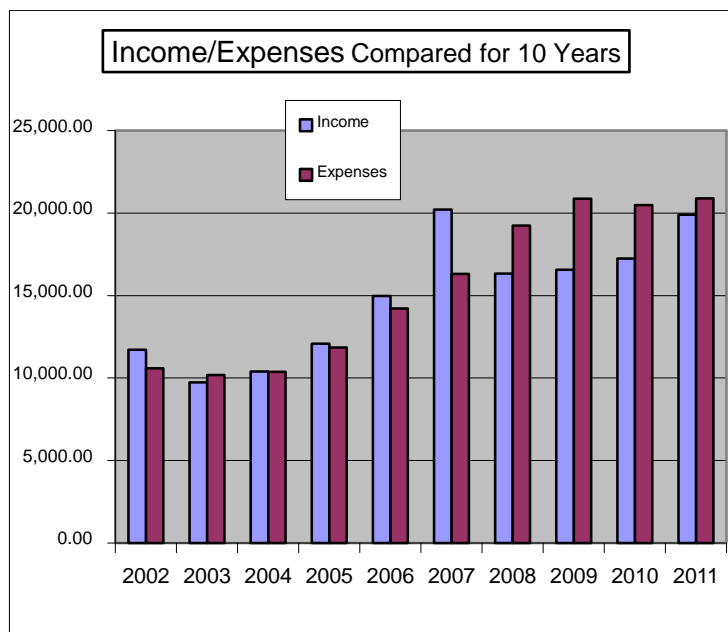
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MISSION 2011 INTO 2012

2012 marks our 30th year of ministry to prisoners! And what a remarkable venture it has been! Ralph Nichols started at his kitchen table with his wife, Dot, in 1982. By time I came on board in 1998 he was looking a little weary. But his spirit was adventurous and his face was set to serve the prisoner. He abided by the admonition in Gal.6:9, "And let us not grow weary while doing good..."

The joy of serving and "doing good" overshadows whatever weariness may come. Our spirits are refreshed when we read exam comments and student letters proclaiming praise and allegiance to their Savior and God. The student benefits, the counselor benefits, and the prison system benefits. Most importantly, our Lord is acknowledged and receives much honor.

Rodger Turley, Director

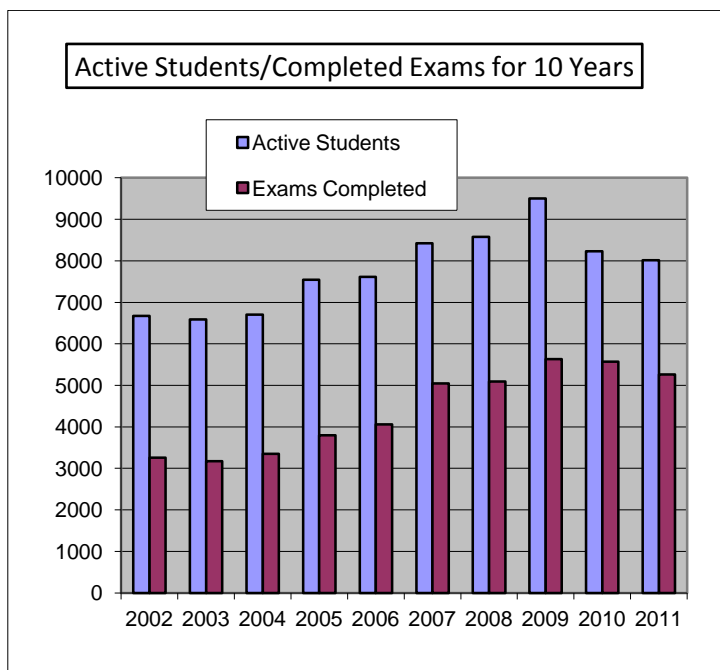


For the past four years our donations have not been able to keep pace with the costs to service new and incoming students. a) Our average monthly cost for postage in 2011 was \$10,479. Since 2002, postage costs have risen by 89%. b) Our average monthly cost for courses in 2011 was \$6,339. Course costs have risen by 105% since 2002.

c) CAUTION: Our expenses for 2011 have averaged \$20,892 per month. That is a 97% jump since 2002. d) PRAISE: Our donations for 2011 averaged \$19,896 per month! That is a 70% rise over 2002 donations.

In order to accommodate the effects of lower donations, a) we reduced enrollments, b) we restricted the number of books students had out at one time, and c) we made a concerted effort to streamline the curriculum and shipping. The result is new enrollments and the number of active students have declined. For 2012 we are pursuing more funding sources in hopes of not cutting programs.

Thank you, each counselor, each staff volunteer, each donor, for laboring so selflessly to "do good" and bless these men and women. The fruit is obvious and very satisfying.



While "doing good" in 2011, a) we served an average of 8,017 students per month, b) we mailed on average 7,913 courses per month, and c) graded 5,263 exams. The difference between these last two numbers is generally loss of books due to transfers, release to free world, prison shake-downs, and discouragement during incarceration. This ratio has dropped from 49% in 2002 to 33% in 2011. And d) in 2011 we enrolled an average of 894 new students per month, 54% of the 1669 enrollees per month in 2002! Yet our professions of faith have remained at approximately 50 per month over the ten year span.

More students are going further into the curriculum and more are completing it. I believe that the Branch volunteers' ability to counsel and relate one on one makes this possible. e) In 2011 39 students reached the 36 unit certificate level per month and 31 students reached the 48 unit certificate level. Since 2002 that is a 904% increase!

Early in our ministry, the national office suggested that we ought to aim at 5% enrollment of the incarcerated population. For Texas and Louisiana that would be 14,200 students! Whether that is realistic is questionable, but it is a goal we keep in mind. In addition to reaching as many prisoners as we can with the work of Christ and growing them in the Lord, there are several positive residual social advantages to our work. a) Recidivism (return to prison) is reduced for Christian ex-offenders and therefore a possible reduction in taxes that support the prison system. b) Because Christian inmates learn personal discipline, how to control their anger, and how to get along better with their peers, the supervision load is lightened for prison administrations. c) Employers are satisfied to obtain ex-offender employees who have "learned their lessons," make wise decisions, and get along with other employees.

These kinds of changes make a big difference in tax dollars saved as shown in a recent Texas Criminal Justice Coalition survey (see www.criminaljusticecoalition.org). They maintain that many non-violent offenders can be rehabilitated at the local community level at a fraction of the cost of incarceration. The average cost for a Texas inmate for one day in TDCJ is \$50.79 as compared to \$1.30 for a paroled individual. For all those incarcerated that is \$7,661,859 per day or \$2,796,578,535 per year! The Pew Report on U.S. Imprisonment several years ago found that some states spend more on corrections than on education! Currently 63% of the prison population is chemically dependent and 56% have mental health problems. The commission maintains that "Confinement only manages, not reduces, risk" and that these non-violent offenders could be better helped at the local level with specialized programs.

We are in place to make a significant difference at several levels. Please join us in this revolution in our prisons.

STUDENTS WHO EXCEL

Most courses in the curriculum are assigned one or two units depending upon reading level and content. With each exam completed we offer a certificate of completion. We also grant a larger certificate upon completion of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 units. At 36 units of work, Emmaus Correspondence School (ECS) presents the student with a large 8 1/2 x 11 certificate. Others are earned at 48 units and 60 units of work. Please note the accompanying list of students who excelled in pursuing their studies during the last half of 2011. They are very proud of these certificates.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A gift was received from Emmett and Kitty Marshal in memory of Larry Atkins. Thank you for your kindness.

DECEMBER 2011

Ministry Statistics 2011

Institutions Served	324
Enrolled Students	7,434
New Enrollees	895
Professions of Faith	46
Course Books Mailed	6,644
Course Exams Completed	5,509

Student Achievements 2011

36 Course Units	41
48 Course units	21
60 Course Units	12

Operation Finances 2011

December Donations	\$34,050.75
December Expenses	\$22,783.11
Postage	\$12,937.12
Courses	\$5,428.19
Admin/Misc	\$4,417.80
Surplus/Deficit	\$11,267.64

We are grateful for the December surplus which helps us cover any early 2012 deficits.

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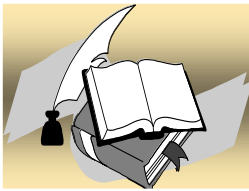
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A TRIBUTE TO VOLUNTEERS

One of the most valuable assets of WPM is its volunteers, all 400+ of them! They work within 32 "Branches" out of various churches in Texas and Louisiana and in the office. The tasks volunteers do are so varied, it is impossible to create a complete list. They include: getting the mail... opening the mail... enrolling new students... grading exams... praying for and encouraging the students... posting grades... sending certificates with completed exams... printing envelopes and forms... tracking transferred students... pulling, stuffing, and mailing new courses... making deposits... writing students who fail courses... and maintaining the computer system, the physical facility and the grounds.

Many send donations in addition to the many hours they spend in service! Each would assert that they are blessed in giving by receiving a greater blessing. What could be more satisfying than observing first-hand Adam's broken race proclaiming their redemption and extolling their Savior? Those kinds of comments are very encouraging.

Studies indicate the United States is the "most advanced country in philanthropy" in the percentage of income allotted to charities and the average number of hours devoted to volunteerism. We have never logged volunteer hours, but the national average is about 24 hours per month. Our Grader/Counselors may spend that much time a month. Branch Managers certainly do more. But others may come to the office for several hours a week, or one day a week, and some for all five days a week.

What are some of our pressing needs? We earnestly desire your prayers for God's wisdom, guidance, and direction. We work diligently to accomplish the mission that God has given us to reach the incarcerated for Christ. Would you also pray God for God's provision so we can meet our financial needs?

In the Garland office we could use someone who knows Quick-Books, perhaps one day a week. Another area of need is help in tracking transferred students and resending returned items from the post office. Many more students are completing the curriculum and that requires more time writing letters of congratulations, compiling transcripts, and forwarding this information to the Dubuque office. If you live near one of the Branches, they would be very happy to have additional graders. We can provide phone numbers!

More than one in every four American adults volunteers. That represents the equivalent of nine million full-time workers at a value of \$239 billion! You can be sure we value our volunteers! The former Director, Ralph Nichols, was always concerned how best to show appreciation to our volunteers. But with so many, I

think he finally decided the Lord would have the last word at their Homecoming! "Well done, good and faithful servant."

The type of organization where people volunteer most is "religious" in nature (33.9%). That's because volunteering is an expression of our gratitude to the Lord for His work of Grace in our lives. We are "His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works (Eph.2:10). Jesus stated in John 5:17, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." Likewise, we also go into the Harvest to work.

Our volunteers are more than numbers! They are the saints of God serving in the manner as their Savior did. Volunteer today and find your place in the big picture!

PAST AND PRESENT VOLUNTEERS



Top left to bottom right: Lucile Nichols (deceased); Bonnie Cathey, Esther Robinson, and Gordon Robinson grading; BR075 Manager, Zoe Strock, with Board Trustee, Don Johnson; BR062 Manager, Julio Sarmiento with wife, Mari-tza; Jenny Johnson, Pete Thompson, Esther Robinson, and Pat Huber, sorting newsletters; BR003 Manager, Stan Boyer; Beth Coffey in shipping; BR050 Manager, Cliff Adams; Douglas Culberson and Eloize Baker readying courses to mail; BR036 Manager, Re Jackson (retired) with husband, Ed; Ralph Nichols, former Director (deceased); Spanish BR014 gathered around Manager, Paco Fernandez; and Nancy Messer (retired) who picked up and opened mail 20 yrs.

THINGS VOLUNTEERS READ

"I truly appreciate the work that your ministry does, the service given from the heart of your staff and their sacrifice for me a prisoner. May God bless Write-Way and also give the staff success in what you are doing. May His love lift you up with favor and peace." **Rudy**

"You are in our prayers. You help so many prisoners with Bible studies provided by donations of people whose hearts the Lord has touched. Keep up the great work for the Lord. He is our provider and sustains our lives. I can't explain how many times the Holy Spirit has moved in my life and has taught me." **Richard**

"I have received the Lord Jesus Christ while studying the courses. I considered myself ignorant of the things of God. Thanks to these courses, little by little, I am learning new things." **George**

"I just want to take this opportunity to thank you all for helping me grow spiritually through the years. There were many dark and dreary days along the way, and had it not been for your ministry, there's no doubt I would have been a casualty. However, the courses you provided gave me a solid foundation to build on. So when those tough times came I was able to remain grounded, rooted on God's word and His promise to 'never leave us or forsake us.' Thank you." **Ben**

"I saw one of your studies and thought it was good. I'm 35 and serving a 35-year sentence here at Angola State Prison. I knew a little about the Bible before I came to jail, but I would really like to become a Christian."

Randall (Working on *Born To Win* this month!)

"I cannot explain how God has moved in my life in the space provided. I have run from the Lord all my life. It took Him to bring me to nothing for Him to make me something. I thank Him daily for doing that. And I trust He will allow me someday to share that with others in the free world. If not, then I will continue to share it with the ones He surrounds me with. I will not run anymore." **Al**

"God created me through Christ Jesus to do good works. In that, I find a great deal of self-worth. To do God's will makes me feel as if something is being accomplished, rather than doing my will." **Joshua**

"One day I just got tired of not knowing if I would go to heaven. I had just started getting in the Bible and I read, 'Confess your sins to the Lord and you will be forgiven.' Next thing I felt this warm feeling come over me and my heart started to dance. A smile spread across my face and I knew it was time for me to confess and be saved." **Jane**

"They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing, to declare that the Lord is upright;"
PS 92:14, 15

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JANUARY 2012

Ministry Statistics

Institutions Served	335
Enrolled Students	7,457
New Enrollees	882
Professions of Faith	56
Course Books Mailed	6,098
Course Exams Completed	5,358

Student Achievements

36 Course Units	75
48 Course units	69
60 Course Units	36

Operation Finances

January Donations	\$10,165.85
January Expenses	<u>(\$17,330.62)</u>
Postage:	\$10,225.59
Courses	2,411.77
Printing:	2,006.06
4QTR11 taxes:	1,050.49
Admin/Misc:	1,636.71
Surplus/(Deficit)	* <u>(\$7,164.77)</u>

*December surplus covers this.

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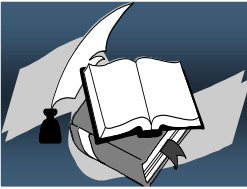
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BORN TO WIN



OVER 2 MILLION DISTRIBUTED

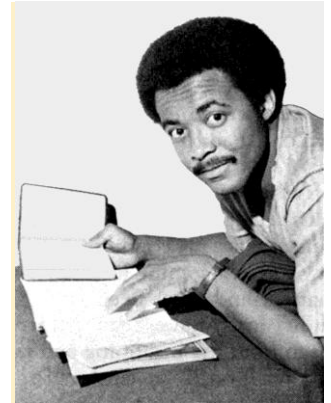
Since 1977, Emmaus Correspondence School has distributed more than 2 million copies of *Born To Win*, the anchor and first book of our prison curriculum for inmates. Write-Way has distributed more than 176,000 in just this last decade. This course, written by the late theologian, William MacDonald, is designed to assess our students' spiritual status and to confront them with the claims of Christ. The majority of our professions of faith, an average of 48 per month, come from *Born To Win*. In addition, we are reaching about 100 Spanish students per month with the Spanish translation, *Nacido para Triunfar*. We invite you to support us in this fruitful evangelistic effort.

"I have examined other religions... *Born to Win* has opened my eyes to the true gospel. This course has helped me see that Christ is all I need for salvation."

– *Terrance, inmate in Georgia*

OUR FIRST TESTIMONY

Steve Thompson, whose testimony is still in the front of *Born To Win*, was 18 when he joined the Navy and was stationed in Japan. Under the influence of drugs he killed his girlfriend and was sentenced to a Japanese prison. Bewildered, he was visited by two missionaries who led him to the Lord. He went on to study more than 20 ECS courses.



Upon release, he returned to Chicago, joined a church, and then attended Emmaus Bible School. While there he ministered at Cook County Jail. Upon graduation he was commended by his local church to serve as chaplain. That began 23 years of service with *Good News Jail and Prison Ministry*.

Steve has established a lawn care/property maintenance business in Chicago called New Creations Services. He hires paroled inmates, provides them work, and - more importantly- gets these guys together for Bible study.

BTW TESTIMONIES

"I really enjoyed *Born To Win*. The course has opened my eyes to the time I have wasted and how sin has separated me from my own family. I guess if sin separated man in the beginning from his Creator, certainly it will separate man from his family. And this is what has happened to me." – *Donald, inmate in Texas*

"I love what Jesus is doing in my life through ECS courses. Others are being led to the Lord because of *Born To Win*. I think this is the best Bible course I ever took!"
– *Harry, inmate in Florida*

"I got *Born To Win* from my cellmate. He had it under his mattress for about a month or so. He never messed with it, so I asked him for it. I have since turned my life to God to save me from my past. I'm ready to change."

– *Paul, inmate in Texas*

"I just want to tell you guys that I have done a few Bible studies and this one [*Born To Win*] is by far the best one. I have learned so much in this one study. I can't wait to receive more and learn more. I also have a few friends requesting your Bible studies. Please enroll them"

– **Barbara, inmate in Texas**

"I was assigned to clean an empty dorm. In the trash I found a copy of *Born To Win*. The cover was all dirty and ripped up. On my lunch break, I read the testimony of Steve Thompson and wow . . . this book is for me! I am the last of 11 children. I'm 35 years old and have definitely been a loser all my life. I never killed anyone, but I did lose contact with 10 brothers and sisters due to drug and alcohol use that lead me to getting locked up five times in prison. In a lot of ways this guy, Steve, is just like me. So, I gave the book a try and man, let me tell you, I am so glad I did! I understood everything I read in *Born To Win*. It opened my eyes wide to what I could not understand in the Bible. I thank Jesus Christ so much for this book I found in the trash. I love my Lord for saving me!"

– **Luis, inmate in Florida**

I'M BORN TO WIN



Locked-away and left to rot,
I blamed the world for the time I got.
Mad at life, I'd curse, then cry:
'How could you, God? Why, oh why?'
My days were marked by fits of rage,
As I fought and kicked against my cage.
My nights were marred by fit-full dreams,
As I plotted future, vengeful schemes.
Then finally one day I let God in,
When I found a book called *Born To Win*.
Unsure at first, I had my doubts,
'Til I cracked the book to check it out.
I read each chapter one-by-one—
My walk with Jesus had begun.
He took my hand and lifted me,
From the bowels of hell and set me free!
Now His word I study every day,
From the books ECS sends my way.
And, like the Berean's before me, too—
I search to prove each word is true.
In my cell I sit upon my bed,
And thank the Lord for my Daily Bread,
For the blood that Jesus shed for me,
And for His work on Calvary.
And now that I'm hip to Satan's lies,
I will my faith not compromise.
I'm no longer bound to death and sin,
For now I know, I'm Born To Win!

By Travis, an inmate in Colorado

"This study helped to revitalize my faith! I am in prison, so it is easier to get off course with all the negativity around than to live by faith. Thank you, fellow disciples of Jesus!" –**Shane, inmate in Texas**

"I had been saved but didn't understand much of the Bible. These stories in *Born To Win* helped me understand more about sin and being saved. Thanks! Please send more." – **Valdemar, inmate in Texas**

FEBRUARY 2012

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Ministry Statistics	FEB	YTD
Institutions Served	326	Avg. 331
Enrolled Students	7,413	Avg. 7435
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	705	1,587
Professions of Faith	42	98
Course Books Mailed	5,651	11,749
Course Exams Completed	4,228	9,586

Student Achievements	FEB	YTD
36 Course Units Completed	36	111
48 Course units Completed	25	94
60 Course Units Completed	17	53

Operation Finances	FEB	YTD
Funds Received:	\$14,316.48	24,482.33
Funds Budgeted:	\$17,858.33	35,716.67
Short*	(\$3,541.85)	(\$11,234.34)
*December 2011 surplus:		\$11,267.64

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BOOKS FOR THE OFFENSE

Christ's resurrection is a clarion call to battle. It was not for show, but to rule. All authority has been given to Him and He intends to use it - through you and me. We are a chosen, intentional Generation, an intervening royal Priesthood, and a holy, separated Nation. (I Peter 2:9) WPM is in the thick of this spiritual battle.

The Word of God is our weapon (Eph.6). Our correspondence courses use Scriptures to motivate in overcoming obstacles. These books from ECS and NAV Press are our tools to arouse God's people, first to Kingdom birth, and then to establishing beachheads in the enemy's territory.

However, the tools we use need to be paid for. In spite of the generous 70% discount we receive from our suppliers, paying the invoices are always a challenge. For the past two years our book invoices have averaged \$5,546 a month. In order to pay our publishers in a timely manner, we are asking the Lord for \$10,000 over and above our monthly income to see us through the summer months.

We recently added a newly published discipleship study, *Walkin' The Walk*, which exhorts Christian inmates to integrity, unity, and respect for authority. We have received 15 cases and have shipped more than a 1,000 to date. We must keep up the assault on the enemy's turf, and so much the more as we "see the day approaching." Heb. 10:25

Help us to be aggressive in reaching the "least of these" in these last days. Your gift this month is most appreciated.

Rodger Turley, Director

SUCCESS IN CHRIST

As a child I loved comparing before and after pictures. The fat lady, now thin; the thin man, now muscular; the house, before and after remodeling. Today's version of before and after is "extreme makeover" and I still like it.

The goal of WPM is to cooperate with the Holy Spirit to ignite and mentor a complete spiritual overhaul. The result is that incarcerated men and women can come home to be responsible citizens and a contributing member of the local church. For the next several months I want to intro-

duce you to several such spiritual rebirths. This month, my good friend, St. Patrick Molina (so named, being born on March 17th), a bi-lingual Puerto Rican born in New York, now residing in Dallas, tells his story. RT



Proverbs 18:24 "A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."

I was born in New York City, a place called Hell's Kitchen in Manhattan. When my mother died I moved to Texas at age 22. I lived on the streets, homeless for about 18 years - a drunk, cokehead, crack smoker, liar, and lusting after women. I went to prison three times, locked up for a total of ten years. At times I wished I was dead.

I was in a two man cell, 8 x 4. One day somebody put a Bible on my bed along with a Write-Way course. I read the OT; it was interesting. But the NT showed me a whole new life. In John 3:16 a man called Jesus died for my sins. I never understood why. But one day when I confessed Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and let Him in my heart, He changed my whole life.

The Write-Way courses were some of the best I did. Thank you, Write-Way! I saved all my certificates and framed them under one glass. In 2004 I came out of prison. I am still doing the Write-Way courses, and I love going back into prison to minister. I have a 22 year old daughter, Joessaya; she is very proud of her father for changing his life. A pastor friend provided the means for two years of Bible College. Upon graduation I was licensed and ordained as a pastor myself. I have a full time job and own my own truck. I've never felt so good in all my life! I thank God for my life in Jesus. **Patrick**

OFFENSE SUCCESS

"A quick note to let you know that I'm still here in beautiful Amarillo, TX! I'm enclosing your Bible study, *The Letter to the Hebrews*. It's the 192nd Bible study that I have completed since I have been incarcerated. It's the 36th study that I have done with WPM.

I used to not care all that much for Hebrews. Now that I've completed your study, I'm really starting to like Hebrews! What sticks with me is the faith of Abel, Enoch, Noah, and countless others. I thought about the faith of my own Write-Way Ministries. It amazes me how faithful and consistent your ministry is- just like the men in Hebrews! I know that God is pleased with your efforts. I love you!

William

"I wish to extend a Christ-loving thank you for the scrupulous work you do in the name of Jesus and our Father Creator in heaven. I have been most blessed in traversing through God's enduring Word with you and do progress daily in a caring, loving, and honest relationship with our Redeemer.

I wish to say that I have come to a more peaceful place in life and I have you to thank through the mighty works of God and the influence of His magnificent Son, Jesus Christ. Peace to you. **Timothy**

"I am so thankful to all my sisters and brothers at WPM. You all have been such a great help to my life spiritually and physically. There is no other food in the life better than that of the knowledge and wisdom of God. Thank you all very much for being so loving and caring for the life and future of others. I am looking forward to another Bible study course real soon." **Horace**

"Thank you for everything that you do for us. It really does make a difference. Getting arrested and detained in Collin County Detention Facility has been the best thing that has ever happened to me. You guys are awesome and I don't think you could ever know how much of a difference you make. Keep up the good work!" **David**

How has this lesson helped you? (*What The Bible Teaches*) "It taught me a bunch of stuff. I really didn't know too much and the stuff I did know it expanded on. I like this stuff and I thank you guys for taking time out of your day to look over them. It really means a lot." **Michael**

"I am writing to apologize that I delayed in my studies. There was a point of discouragement and worldliness that sank into my life. However, thank you for the postcard (You've been missed!) and for your concern. Thank you for what you do for prisoners like me in that you inspire Hope through the Scriptures." **Juan**

From a Mother: "Thank you so much for the monthly newsletter. My son has enjoyed the lessons. Just to share a note of happiness, Bryan was given parole on his first review. He gets out in August. I am so excited that God has worked with him and been by his side through the last three years. Bryan now knows and sees that God is real and does love him. So again, thank you for all the wonderful things you are helping to do in these men."

MARCH 2012

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60 Course Units Completed	0	53

Operation Finances	MAR	YTD
Funds Received:	\$16,647.12	41,129.45
Funds Budgeted:	\$17,858.33	53,575.00
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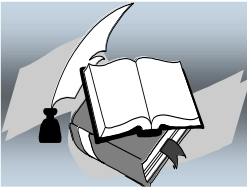
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WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

May 2012: Vol. 30, No. 5

The **planting** of the Lord...

Upon His return to His hometown of Nazareth in Galilee Jesus stood in His local synagogue and read from Isaiah 61, verse one through the first line of verse two (Luke 4:16-21). He spoke of good news to the poor, healing for the brokenhearted, liberty to the captives, and opening of the prison to those bound.

Isaiah summarizes the amazing results of such sovereign anointed work at the end of verse three: ***"That they may be called trees of righteous, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."***

Again, I am reminded that Jesus loves the prisoner and He desires to give them hope. He plants the seed of faith in their hearts and obtains trees of righteousness. The result is that even behind the walls "He may be glorified."

This is very encouraging to me. Our Lord does all the work, from proclamation to healing, from liberating to consoling, to the end that He may be highly esteemed and glorified. I pray you can see this and will join us in this special labor of tending "trees of righteousness."

Rodger Turley, Director



This large, beautiful and aromatic Vitex tree, planted by Helen May Nichols at the east end of our ministry building is illustrative of the above Isaiah text. It is a visual of His glory. May our students glorify their Savior as well.

That He may be **glorified**

NO REGRETS

"I gave my life to the Lord on October 8, 2011 after being a Satanist and a practicing witch for 15 years. It is a decision that I do not regret, and for the first time in my life, I look forward to each day. A couple of the other inmates I know are taking your correspondence course and have recommended it to me." **Christopher**

LOOKING AND HOPING

"I give all praise and glory to God as I thank Him for His blessed Spirit that dwells within me. I give thanks to God for His Son, Jesus Christ, Who took my sins upon His person so that I may have everlasting life with Him and the Father.

"I received this lesson a couple of days before Christmas. I had been looking and hoping to receive a letter from family, or if nothing else, a Christmas card. I did not receive a card or a letter from any of my family. Anyway, Lo and Behold! What do I get in the mail? A lesson from Write-Way and a completed certificate with a grade of 98%! So during Christmas I studied and did the lesson pertaining to the Holy Spirit. Thank you for sending this lesson." **Devin**

I TRUST GOD

"After being behind bars I cried out to God. It did not take long for God to start moving in my life. Don't get me wrong; I felt like I was not going to make it. Everyday I read my Bible and I listen to God speaking to me through His Word.

"He has given me peace, Godly wisdom, and understanding. I'm learning to be patient and love one another (very tough in prison). I am a new creature in Christ. So all this is new to me. I can say first hand that I see a change in my life. I wake up praying and talk to God all day long. He has a plan for my life. I trust God." **Dana**

"I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Your name forevermore." Psalm 86:12

Enriched with the voice of God

"When I read the Scriptures they become living words to me. I respond as if the Lord our God is talking directly to me. Very few times in my study of His word have I considered that the Lord was not talking to me directly. And I bear witness that your lessons have been enriched with the voice of God. So I thank you all for making available to me the increase of His knowledge. Your ministry has truly been a heavenly blessing to me." **Floyd**

No one is too bad for God

"It has really been a blessing to have an instructor to guide me through the toughest time of my life. My Lord has been a blessing and He really changed my life from the bottom to the top. Salvation means nothing unless a person accepts it for himself. No one is too bad for God; a person does not have to 'clean up his act' before coming to Christ. I also emphasize that being good is not good enough.

"So this is the prayer I said: 'Dear Holy Father, I know that my sin has separated me from you. Thank you that your Son, Jesus Christ, died in my place. I ask your Son Jesus to forgive my sin and to come into my life. Please begin to direct my life. Thank you for giving me eternal life.' I love you all." **Bernardo**

Recognize His Grace

"I want to thank our Father in heaven for making all things possible through His love and giving us the privilege to recognize His grace. I want to thank your ministry and the ones involved in giving us inmates the opportunity to still find God amongst this chaotic atmosphere we inhabit. You give so much to help the ones that are lost and just need that sense of direction in life. Your ministry spends time in giving us something to have hope in. And for that alone I wanted to express my gratitude for your ministry's work and dedication." **Justin**

"I absolutely love all of these studies!" Harold

"I was a little religious and very proud because I belonged to a famous church. Today I belong to the Lord Jesus. I am no longer proud, but content." **Juan**

Thank you for the volunteers

"Thank you Father God for the volunteers that dedicate their time to minister and take time to send us Bible studies. Through your grace they are able." **Amber**

"I do a couple other studies now, but these here are by far my favorite. I look forward to them." Robert

"Whoever offers praise glorifies Me." Psalm 50:23

APRIL 2012

Ministry Statistics	APR	YTD
Enrolled Students	7,354	Aver. 7,422
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	788	3,233
Professions of Faith	34	167
Course Books Mailed	5,526	23,609
Course Exams Completed	4,061	18,161
Student Achievements	APR	YTD
Curriculum Completed	3	56
Operation Finances	APR	YTD
Funds Received:	\$11,826.61	52,956.06
Funds Expended	\$17,303.05	67,011.77
Postage: 46.3%	\$8,010.34	
Courses: 20.2%	\$3,498.99	
Printing: 18.4%	\$3,178.12*	
Other: 15.1%	\$2,616.70**	
Short on funding	(\$5,476.44)	(\$14,055.71)

*Includes \$1,500 special purchase envelopes. **Includes \$710 Qtrly taxes

NOTE: *The above 2012 "red ink" deficit is glaring evidence of a need to broaden our donor base. We much prefer that route to cutting courses from the program. The current campaign to raise \$10,000 for courses has just reached \$1,000. Your consideration of this need is very much appreciated.*

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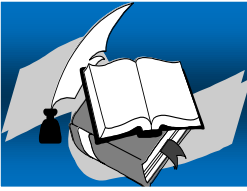
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WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

June 2012: Vol. 30, No. 6

2012 ECS Prison Ministry Conference *The Word to the World*



Back Row: Mike & Pam Ausmus, Julie & Louis Dooley, Jiss & Dave Spence, Bob Scheid, Steve Thompson, Robert Morgan, Frank Kollinger, Dennis Hill, Wes Parkhurst
5th Row: Phillip Hogland, Randy Gruber, John & Corky Lopez, Betty Johnson, Ruth & Jim Bihorn, Jim Fullan, Andy Scott, Darlene Fizer, Debbie Walsh, Al Stoltz
4th Row: Gerrit & Susan Blok, Kathy Jones, Mary Rodrigues, Jeanne & Bill Hulshizer, Freida & Ron Goossen, Russ Bevan, Wally Searcy, Dan Smith
3rd Row: Andrea Laramie, Doug & Jeanne Crabb, Joel Hernandez, Larry Sater, Josiah Altherton, Will & Karla Nuce, Betty & Paul Freeman, Sharon & Robert Clark
2nd Row: Dave & Maxine Allen, Bob & Carol Anderson, Gary & Lois Griswold, Joni Gorman, Greg Kuras, Connie & Ed Goodwin, Bev and Pat Bennett
Front Row: Stan Boyer, Rodger Turley, Grace Hill, Nell Wilson, Reba Tribble, Lorena Hill, Frank & Connie Strmic, Mark Wainwright, Dale Twesten, Rob Tyler
Not pictured: Ann Alvarenga, Jim Fleming, Bill Harbeck, Linda Jeske, Robert Kimble, Emalie Neils, Steve Olson, Charlene Searcy, Ian Taylor, Rick & Ellen Volgarino

YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE!!

Thank you for using your Kroger Plus card for WPM. We have gone from \$130 the first year to over \$770 in Kroger donations in 2011. That's more than 194 students served with a course sent and an exam returned.

It is time to sign up for this year's Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor donor program, running from 7/1/2012 to 4/30/2013. Simply take the enclosed letter on your next shopping trip to Kroger and allow the cashier to scan our barcode.

There we are, The Texas Six, all on the front row at the ECS 2012 Prison Ministry Conference! From across the country about 80 friends of prisoners enjoyed 16 sessions, including: "State of the Ministry" from ECS Director, Rob Tyler, Mark Wainwright on Publications, and Jim Fleming, International. Randy Gruber/Missouri spoke on using inmate instructors, Mindy Stiles/ECS/ofc on ministry fundraising, Debbie Walsh/Child Evangelism Fellowship on the MailBox Club for children of inmates, and a passionate Bill Harbeck/Holding On To Hope Ministry concerning porn and abuse. This issue is particularly critical among female inmates. Chaplain Paul Freeman of Riverside, CA shared his memorable trip to Russian prisons and

Gary Griswold reviewed the new ECS central computer program. Dave Allison/Believers Stewardship Services spoke to us about annuities and wills and Greg Kuros/ECS Board/NJ shared the story of a NJ chaplain and his fruitful work with gang members. As always, the unforgettable events were personal testimonies from ex-offenders, Louis Dooley/Missouri, Andrea Laramie/Canada, and Steve Thompson (see "My Story" in our *Born To Win* course). To top it off, we had great music, a trip to Eagle Point Park overlooking the Mississippi, a tour of the ECS warehouse, comfortable housing, and plenty of delicious food. Thank you, Al Stoltz, for a great time! Join us there in 2014!

GRATEFUL STUDENTS

IN LOVE WITH THE LORD JESUS

"I want you to know that I am in love with the Lord Jesus, and in love with learning more about Him through these Bible studies. Also I'm so happy to tell you that my sentence has been cut almost in half, thanks to the Lord. Without Christ men are like empty shells or hollow bamboo stalks. But the man with Christ has life and light. Before, my life was like a bad dream, but now I know Christ. Brothers, thank you for helping me with these studies. I look forward to the next one." **Juan**

WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE FOR ME

"Oh, I praise and I thank God almighty for this correspondence course. It has helped me to grow stronger in the Lord and to better understand God's Word. As tears of joy rundown my face, I will always be grateful for what the Lord has done for me through this course (*Walkin' The Walk*). It has changed me forever to be closer to my God. May the Lord reward those who are involved in the ministries with awesome spirited blessings!" **Miguel**

HIS GRACE REACHED DOWN

Walkin' The Walk: In response to the 'What Do You Say?' question: How have you seen God use your present situation in a way you had not anticipated?

"It's simply amazing in retrospect of what my life was and what it is in Christ. 23 years ago I came to prison, and then His grace reached down and saved me. Now all my loved ones have come to be saved. One tragedy God turned to many awesome blessings, transforming lives through the power of His atoning sacrifice in Christ. I am alive and overjoyed, thankful, fulfilled, complete, and a living testimony of His amazing grace. Thank God for prison! I will embrace the chains where I first embraced the cross that set me free." **Julio**

I LOVE THIS STUDY

"Thank you for being patient with me. I love this study (*Ephesians*). Hopefully I will do well in my grade. But to me, it is more than a grade. It is learning the Bible for a better understanding and a closer relationship with Jesus my Savior and Lord. May God continue to bless all of you for doing such a wonderful work in His name." **Jose**

MAY 2012

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Ministry Statistics	MAY	YTD
Enrolled Students	7,114	Aver. 7,360
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	748	3,981
Professions of Faith	43	210
Course Books Mailed	5,704	29,313
Course Exams Completed	4,214	22,375
Student Achievements	MAY	YTD
Curriculum Completed	10	66
Operation Finances	MAY	YTD
Funds Received:	\$16,754.25	69,710.31
Funds Expended	\$18,844.50	85,856.27
Postage: 46.3%	\$7,942.28	
Courses: 20.2%	\$5,586.18	
Printing: 18.4%	\$1,128.08	
Other: 15.1%	\$4,187.96	*
*Includes annual CPA, Qtrly Ins, and install computer and communications updates.		
Short on funding	(\$2,090.25)	(\$16,145.96)

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

July 2012: Vol. 30, No. 7

MANIFESTING HIMSELF

"I will love him and manifest Myself to him." John 14:21

Christ has manifested Himself to our students and brought many to a time of graduation and maturity. That revelation comes through the Spirit ("He will testify of me" John 15:26), through the Father ("...may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him" Ephesians 1:17), and through Jesus ("I will... reveal Myself to him." John 14:21).

This is the work of sanctification in which we too are amazingly involved. It changes not only the prisoner, but also the counselor, the donor, and office worker. As Henry Blackaby said in his popular book, *Experiencing God*, "See what God is doing, and join Him." I believe He is working here. Do join us for a blessing!

Rodger Turley, Director

RUNNING THE COURSE



Upon successful completion of 36, 48 and 60 units, beautiful 8 1/2 x 12 certificates are issued by the Emmaus Correspondence School. WPM does not offer courses beyond 70 units, but at its discretion, Emmaus Correspondence School may allow the student to continue beyond that level. This plan gives the student incentive to keep on with the studies. Our graduates stand as a tribute to the more than 400 counselors who give of their time and talents to encourage students and to edify them in Christ. They are also a tribute to those who spend long hours without pay – some ministering in a business way, some donating needed goods, some giving financially, and some upholding WPM in prayer. We praise God for this high-water mark in an inmate's rehabilitation.

In the first half of 2012, 163 students completed the 36 unit level, 55 students the 48 unit level, and 80 students our entire curriculum. Ninety-nine students went on to do further studies with ECS. You may view the entire list of WPM students at our web site: www.writewaypm.org. Or you may write, phone, or email us for a listing.

ENJOYING THE WALK



1,990 copies mailed out to date

"The person who designed this course is very much in tune with prison life. This course is a blessing to me. Praise God!"

Alfred

"I really enjoyed the *Walkin' The Walk* study. It is very well rounded and covers the basics of being a Christian in prison. Great Job! to the publisher."

Charles

"I love this book and study course (*Walkin' The Walk*). Thank you and may God continue to bless you and those you are in contact with. I will continue to pray for you."

Shawn

[*Walkin' The Walk*] "helped me change my character and my way of living to be the man God created me to be! I give all thanks and honor to God. WPM has sent me many valuable study courses. In each lesson they helped me grow deeply in Christ's love as I study and put it into practice daily. I am very grateful."

Khoa

"Correspondence courses have helped me in growth by teaching the foundation of Christianity, showing me proverbs for life, and loving others as myself. They teach me how to be more pleasing to God in Christ."

Christopher

"I have finished the *Walkin' the Walk* lesson and I'm returning the exam to you. May God bless you all there for your time and help in bringing a sinner like myself back to God."

Ivy

"Correspondence courses help me learn to control my tongue and speech. They taught me faith, prayer, and patience. And I can also refresh my spirit by going back over my booklets and share with others around me and family members as well."

Pamie

"I want you to know I am in love with the Lord Jesus and in love with learning more about Him through these Bible studies. Thank you for helping me. I look forward to the next one."

Juan

INSIGHTFUL STUDIES

"During my studies of ECS courses I have grown in my knowledge of Jesus Christ. I have learned that I am loved, wanted, and that there is a place for me in heaven. I truly enjoy these studies. I do them slowly so I can remember all I've studied." **Jay**

"I am being released soon. I would like to thank all who have gone to the time, trouble, and expense of providing these studies for me and all here who participate in them. They have been an inspiration and a great help to me in my growth in the Word of God and life of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Again, thanks to the good servants of the Lord who make all this possible." **Robert**

"First I would like to thank you for your insightful Bible studies. They are very educational and I really enjoy how they bring me closer to Jesus. Thank you, thank you for the time that you put into grading my studies and all the others that come to you. Also thank you for providing these studies to inmates at no cost. What a blessing you are!" **Frank**

"Thank you for the ten lesson completion award certificate. Those lessons were most informative and I look forward to finding out more of the hidden-in-plain-sight truths of the Word." **John**

"I was born in Ukraine. All my life I lived not knowing what Christ did for me on the cross. I tried to fill that vacuum in me by things, cars, money, and women, but nothing gave me results until I came here to jail. I found out that Jesus Christ died on the cross for my sins and the sins of all the world. I received Him as my Lord and my Savior. It was so close to me all my life and I'm amazed how I did not hear about it before. Now in jail I am continuing to grow spiritually, studying the Word of God. I thank you very much for what you are doing! I pray that you and your work be blessed. Since September, 2011, we have Bible studies every day in here. Glory and honor to God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ forever." **Vadim**

Howdy, howdy! Peace, love, and joy be unto you all from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I'm truly blessed. I am thankful that God has touched my life, as I have turned the will He gave me back over to Him. I didn't think I needed anyone. Boy, look at where I got myself, and God, only God, can bring me out. I would like to receive the WPM Bible study please. I would like to study and learn more about our God. See you all soon at the Gate!" **Gerald**

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A generous gift was received from Branch 073 Manager, Carol Carter, in memory of Jim Preston, Jeff Tankersley, and William Sherwood, all of First Baptist in Amarillo. May the Lord comfort each family concerned.

JUNE 2012

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Ministry Statistics	JUNE	YTD
Enrolled Students	7,190	Aver. 7,114
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	767	4,748
Professions of Faith	39	249
Course Books Mailed	5,678	34,991
Course Exams Completed	4,139	26,514

Student Achievements	JUNE	YTD
Curriculum Completed	3	69

Operation Finances	JUNE	YTD
Funds Received:	\$16,368.59	86,078.90
Funds Expended	\$15,573.24	101,429.51
Postage: 35.71%	\$5,561.76	
Courses: 31.63%	\$4,925.23	
Printing: 13.03%	\$2,028.77	
Funded Support 5.9%	\$919.42	
Other: 13.73%	\$2,138.06	

Net \$795.35 (\$15,350.61)

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NEWSLETTER

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GET UP AND GIVE! DAY

GET UP *and*
GIVE!

NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY

Thursday, September 13, 7 am - Midnight

www.DonorBridgeTX.org

Give \$25 or more to Write-Way through
www.DonorBridgeTX.org on September 13.

On Thursday, September 13, 2012, from 7 a.m. to midnight, Write-Way Prison Ministries is participating in **Get Up and Give! North Texas Giving Day**. On that day only, every donation \$25 and above will qualify WPM to receive additional funds if you donate to us through: www.DonorBridgeTX.org, North Texas' online resource that connects donors with non-profit organizations like us.

Please visit the site anytime between 7 a.m. and midnight; in the search box type in "Write-Way" and click on our full name and then "Donate Now." Your donation will go a long way in helping us mail free Bible correspondence courses postage paid to any Texas and Louisiana inmates. Plus, gifts given that day will qualify WPM to receive a portion of \$1 million funds made available—making your dollar go further.

Just remember to **Get Up and Give! on September 13**. Please contact us if you have any questions.



APPRECIATION

PLEASE KEEP MY LESSONS COMING

"I am writing you to inform you of my address change. Please keep my lessons coming and consider me for advanced courses. I absolutely love to study and digest and apply the Word of God from your lessons. Thank you for your investment of time and resources. You are making a huge difference in my life for the better, as well as untold others." **Tom**

HELP KEEP ME ON MY PATH TO JESUS

"I'm writing this letter with overflowing love and thanks to you all for your compassion for me expressed in your quotes at the end of your grading my tests. I get misty eyed thinking that my Bible studies will soon come to an end [still has 20 courses left]. As I have come close to God through your wonderful Prison Ministry Bible courses, I regret the thought of not having any more courses to help me on my path to Jesus and instructions to become a better Christian man." **Rickey**

THANK YOU FOR READING MY LETTER

"Thank you for all your kindness and hard work. You have helped me in more ways than you will ever know. God is above all in my life now and will be. You guys are doing great things for us inmates and touching a lot of lives and saving people and bringing them home to God. My family is being touched by the things I'm doing and they are getting involved in church and reading the Bible. Thank you again for all you do!" **Courtney**

THE ENCOURAGEMENT THEY NEED

"I personally want to thank you for all you do for the men and women who are in bondage, locked up for various crimes or for whatever reason. Your lessons have and will give many the encouragement they need and want. Also for allowing me to finish your studies at home. May our Father in heaven continue to bless you and all who give their time to grade the lessons and for their words following the 'What do you say?' questions." **Adrian**

GRATITUDE

Weeping in my gratitude

"The law was very heavy, but Christ in His love cleanses from every sin. We must find someone more powerful than we are to have sin forgiven. The Lord Jesus is that One. I could never measure up, but He is my lawyer.

"Thank you for these studies. They are preparing me to live outside in the true liberty He gives me. They will continue to serve me in the future, because each one is like 'fertilizer' to my life for growth. God is answering all my questions. I anxiously await the next study. I thank you from my heart for the certificates. I hope to take each one home with me and frame them as reminders of how the evil one deceived me with many things.

"I cannot stop praising Him. I am a prisoner here, preparing to help rescue other men, and because of that I thank you once again for each book and for all your efforts in sending them to me. I send my great affection with my thanks. I close my letter because I am weeping in my gratitude." **Juan**

So easy and so great

"This is my first time to ever do a Bible study. The way this is set up is so easy and so great. Thank you." **Mellode**

From Joe to his cell mate, Erick:

"This study is a journey of knowledge through the entire word of God. I have found no better way to spend my time productively than spending it working through this series of Bible studies. And in doing so, the door of restoration and salvation has been opened to me. I give this study to you so that door will be opened for you as well."

But I never lost Jesus

"I went and lost touch with the Lord and stayed in a lost state of mind. Remember, I told you all my wife passed away on me around two years ago. I went a little weird thinking of all that I lost, but I never lost Jesus, just stopped doing my thinking on the Lord. I am sorry for this. Will you please find it in your heart to help me with Bible courses? I'll be waiting for you to help me." **Jimmy**

Letting God show me the way

"I've finally got my head back on straight, thanks to God and a dear friend. I started your courses some years ago and really enjoyed it. Due to my ignorance, I quit studying God's word and have paid for it. I'm back to letting God show me the way and would like to continue your courses. Please, will you send me a transcript of what I've done and what I have yet to do and allow me to continue where I left off? Thank you." **Mike**

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A thoughtful gift was received from Waunice Newton in memory of Jim Preston of First Baptist in Amarillo. May the Lord comfort this dear family in their loss.

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Professions of Faith	41	290
Course Books Mailed	5,818	40,809
Course Exams Completed	4,045	30,559

Student Achievements	JULY	YTD
Curriculum Completed	2	71

Operation Finances	JULY	YTD
Funds Received:	\$18,081.92	104,160.82
Funds Expended	\$16,816.08	118,245.59
Postage:	42.15% \$7,087.17	
Courses:	25.44% \$4,278.35	
Printing:	9.70% \$1,631.08	
Funded Salary	5.54% \$932.07	
Other:	17.17% \$2,887.41	
Net	\$1,265.84	(\$14,084.77)

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