



# WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

## BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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### Dear Friends,

The pandemic is the topic in all the media right now. So, you don't need to hear from me too. But here's a timely word from the Lord in **Isaiah 26:9**:

*"For when Your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness."*

In the midst of their judgment, our students have met the Savior and learned righteousness. The following are some of the best testimonies from 2003. Lord, bless them!

### A PRAYER TO GOD

*"God, I want to thank you for showing me that Your way is what is best for me and saving me from death. God, please forgive me for sinning against you. God, please forgive me for letting my children down; my addiction has hurt my family and myself. God, I want to thank you that I'm in jail. Being here has made me realize the mistakes I have made. I am taking this time getting to know you (WPM courses), so I can make the right choices."* **Amber**

### GRACE MAKES A HARD SPOT EASIER

*"Just a few lines to thank you for the courses. I would also like to take this opportunity to share a little testimony. Ten years ago, when I started doing these courses, I was sitting in the Gregg County Jail facing an aggravated life sentence. Well, it is only by the Grace of God that I didn't get life. Over the last decade of my incarceration I have come to realize that had I been with God, I wouldn't be here right now. But more importantly, if I weren't here, I probably wouldn't be with God. It's knowing this simple truth that allows me to claim victory in **Romans 8:28**."* **Marshall**

### WEEPING IN THE NIGHT

*"This is a troubled place for here many feel alone and have feelings of guilt and shame. There are also those who want to show that they are tough and can take it all day long. But when night comes and the lights go out these hardened criminals, like me, weep in their pillows."* **Joe**

### MENTORING IS CRITICAL: I BEGGED HIM

*"I received my second test, a calendar, three small booklets, and a letter giving me Scripture and lots of good references and how to go about accepting our Lord as our Savior. I appreciate your advice. I read the letter three times already and I might do it again. After the prayer I did not ask God to forgive me for my sins. I begged him! Amen! I have decided to drop my old birthday, 06-09-53 and make it 04-18-03!"* **Ysidro**

### MENTORING IS CRITICAL: I'M SO HAPPY

*"Thank you! And God bless you, so, so much! I just got my first credit certificate. You made my day when I saw the red ink on all my answers and that you really responded back to me. I was crying! Crying, because someone does care to write me and lift me up, to encourage me. Tears are rolling down my face, I'm so happy! Thank you for writing me and for sending me my grade."* **Gilbert**

### MENTORING IS CRITICAL: JOY AND PEACE

*"Thank you very much for the course that set me free from rage. I am happy to let you know that, even though I am in prison, God is making a great difference in my life every minute of the day through your ministry. Through your strong teaching of the Word of God, I was set free from rage, fear, worry, and self-condemnation. I have never lived better since God rescued my life. Knowing who God really is and what He has done and will still do for me gives me an everlasting joy and peace."* **Simon**

Donations have been received honoring a beloved Charter counselor in Branch 073 - **Ruth Madison**, celebrating 100 years on March 10, 2020

### 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

During this difficult time of shelter in place, masking, and distancing, we have temporarily lost some of our good counselors and volunteers. Those of us who are able to come in to work are in different rooms and do not lunch together. Please pray for the health of all and the ability to continue grading exams and shipping courses. And pray for our students, who also are restricted for visitation.

### STUDIES HELP ME TO STAY SANE

“Please send my studies as quickly as possible? I am in safe-keeping and must be housed in complete isolation from all other inmates. I have no TV, no radio, and no newspaper. I am unable to go to church or chapel and school. Your studies help me to stay sane and focused!” **Michelle**

### MAIL IS SO IMPORTANT

“When I came to prison, I started talking to the people around to see if they knew Jesus personally. One guy said “No!” and didn’t want to hear about it. Every day I sat in my bunk reading and studying. He saw me doing it and one day he was troubled about not getting any letters. I told him, ‘I am praying for you every night’. As we talked a little more, I mentioned that I got a letter every night. He said, ‘Oh really, who?’ I said I got a letter from Paul, John, James, Mark, and Peter. I showed him my letters that was the Bible. I then showed him what Paul wrote to me, which was the Roman Road to Heaven. He realized what I was saying and I soon asked him if he would invite Jesus into his life. He did and I got him a Bible study before he went to another unit.” **J. R.**

### GRATITUDE FROM A CHAPLAIN

“It is a pleasure to offer your Bible Studies to our inmates here at Mark Stiles Unit, Beaumont. I have many favorable comments and asked the inmates to relay them to you. Your work is making a difference in the morale of those that are enrolled. Thank you for your kindness.” **Chaplain B**

### WPM Statement of Faith is available upon request.

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### BY THE NUMBERS

	MAR 2020	YTD 2020	
<b>Ministry Statistics</b>			
Enrolled Students	6,875	6,920	AV
Enrollees - <i>Born To Win</i>	514	1,954	
Professions of Faith	32	125	
Course Books Mailed	4,614	15,918	
Course Exams Completed	3,215	10,392	
Graduates 72+ units	X	24	
<b>Program Gifts and Expenses</b>			
Expenses:	\$22,143.36	\$62,661.26	
Postage:	\$9,385.59	\$27,584.55	
Courses:	\$8,935.07	\$24,979.82	
Staff support:	\$700.00	\$2,131.00	
Qtrly Insurance	\$1,170.50	\$1,170.50	
Other:	\$1,952.43	\$6,977.36	
Donations:	\$33,695.21	\$60,536.88	
Acct DIV	\$286.16	\$829.20	
<b>NET:</b>	<b>\$11,838.01</b>	<b>(\$1,295.18)</b>	

### THE LORD JESUS IS HERE WITH US

“I want to thank everyone at WPM once again. Just knowing you are helping so many people learn about God and the Lord Jesus must give all of you a wonderful feeling. There are so many individuals locked up who have nobody there for them. It can be very lonely and depressing. But once we discover that God and the Lord Jesus is here with us, it changes.” **Curtis**

### GOD HAS FORGIVEN

“Be encouraged in Christ! Thank you very much for the notes I get throughout my corrected studies. They bring a great ‘personal touch’ that I look forward to very much. I do over ten such studies and now I’m enrolled in three college credit courses. Yours I’d like to continue, even upon release, because of the personal time you take for me!!! God has forgiven, renewed, and shown His mercy on me!!!”

**Jan**

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