

WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

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BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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Surviving Prison

"Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God."

The writer of this contemporary song perceives, most likely because of his previous lifestyle, that God appears reckless in extending His mercies to fallen humanity. From our perspective, it would seem so.

Would He dare scatter the good seed on a murderer's hearth?

Would He allow that seed to fall upon the turf of a thief?

Dare He take a chance with pure words dropped in the dark night of a sexual predator?

As some see it, it would be better to "lock em up and throw away the key." But prison can be a garden of good soil for repentance. There, one is daily accosted by cursing, raucous music, perversion, isolation, bland food, and arrogant peers and staff. That kind of environment will convert the tamest offender into a monster. However, for those whom God is calling, prison is a wakeup call. The reality of depravity shocks the soul. One eventually questions all aspects of life and eagerly grasps for answers and the resolution of their tortured soul.

We have at our disposal a simple and inexpensive tool to generate spiritual remedies. How deeply satisfying to know that from your hand flows the words: "Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." We do maintain that the good seed scattered is not reckless at all, but powerful to accomplish and prosper in the matter for which God sends it.

Rodger Turley, Director

"I was saved at a young age and rededicated my life at 18. Though I've been saved, I've never lived my life as a person should who says they believe in Christ. Still don't. I've spent a lot of years questioning it all and even outright disbelieving. I've only recently admitted to myself that, yes, I do believe and always have. This course is only one of the things I've begun doing to try to make myself stay in the Word and live as I ought to. I still struggle daily. But I do know that I am a long way from where I used to be and where I want to be." **Andrew**

"I just finished rereading a Captives Corner article, "Restoring the Ten Commandments to its God-given Place and Purpose." And I found it clear, direct, and soundly Biblical. So, I thought I would write you and say, Thank you, for your work and faithfulness to God's Word.

When I first got arrested in 2015 at the age of 39, I thought my life was over. But praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ, actually, my life was only beginning. The law of the Spirit of life has set me free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death, and I live every day thankful and willing to serve my Lord to the uttermost. Thank you again for all you do to serve the Body of Christ. May God continue to bless you and make you a blessing to many." **Jose**

OUR MISSION

To introduce Jesus Christ to each incarcerated person in TX, LA, MS, and NM through a curriculum of English and Spanish Bible correspondence courses that are free, postpaid, and volunteer counseled.

"If I'm learning, I'm moving forward; and if I'm moving forward, I'm growing in Christ. I have six Bibles that are different translations and have different footnotes to cross reference things. And let's not forget all the spare time I have on my hands. So, by God allowing the consequences of my actions, He has not only made me draw near to Him, but gave me the access and time to grow in His Word. I take so much away from your Bible studies that I can't put into words how grateful I am for you. Thank you, and God bless Write-Way." **John**

"Just a quick note to say, thank you, for sharing the Good News of the Christian ministry. Your organization truly means a lot to me and other inmates.

"A thousand times I've failed; still your mercy remains." **Curtis**

"This is a beautiful study (Navigator 3: *El Andar con Cristo*). I am delighted with it and learned a lot and memorized a lot. I hope I've not made many mistakes; but little by little and with your help and that of God, I'll learn because I want to learn a lot about my God, Father, and Son." **Tiburico** (in Spanish)

"I would like to thank God for His timing, for all of the broken roads that led me to Him and His Word. I would like to thank Him for my beautiful wife and family and for His beautiful promises that He has made to us. Thank You so much for this opportunity!" **Steven**

"I want to thank God, first and foremost, for being such an awesome Father to us all. I also want to thank Him for putting it on your hearts to make this program possible for individuals like me. This is truly a blessing in so many different ways. On behalf of those who have taken the initiative to join this wonderful program, I say, Thank You, from the bottom of my heart. God bless you all!" **Brandon**

In Memory:

William (Bill) Fry

Beloved counselor for 16 years with BR050, Bethel Church, Houston, TX. A gift from:

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Schwinger

BY THE NUMBERS			
	JULY 2021	YTD 2021	
Ministry Statistics			
Enrolled Students	6,203	7,187	
Enrollees - Born To Win	563	3,888	
Professions of Faith	17	178	
Course Books Mailed	4,590	32,740	
Course Exams Completed	3,034	21,536	
Graduates 72+ units	14	90	
Program Gifts and Expenses			
Expenses:	\$20,578.36	\$114,334.07	
Postage:	\$7,296.88		
Courses:	\$10,217.09	\$49,104.56	
Staff support:	\$600.00	\$6,881.00	
Qtrly Insurance	\$0.00	\$2,449.00	
Other:	<u>\$2,464.39</u>	\$18,524.99	
Donations:	\$27,385.50	\$120,203.27	
Acct Dividends	\$374.15	\$4,085.17	
Reserves:			_
NET:	\$7,181.29	\$9,954.37	

"I was previously enrolled as a student of Write-Way. I do not know what my ID number was or the name of my teacher. I apologize for not writing you all to tell you I was on a court order. I was not allowed to have any of my property. I would like to start back taking the Bible courses. I pray you all can pull up my records of files and grades [we can] and start me back where I left off. I desperately need to get back in my studies. By the grace of God, I made it through some very difficult times and I am trying to get back building my foundation on Jesus." Clyde

"I learned that there truly are people in this world that really care what the Bible really says and means. And they care enough to teach just that. I am so happy to be able to explore my Bible – the Word of God- with you and to be able to enhance my understanding and knowledge by the graded and taught by you exams. I thank God for you all." **Phillip**

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