# **BLESSINGS FROM PRISON**

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

### 2022 WPM Statistics

\*We served an average of 5,080 active students per month in 2022.

\*Our students were in 271 different Federal, State, and County/Parish jails in TX, LA, NM, and MS.

\*We shipped out 41,874 courses during the year.

\*We graded and counseled on 28,218 completed exams.

We shipped 4,772 Born to Win courses for new enrollees (first book shipped).

\*We posted 134 professions of faith in 2022, or an average of 11 per month.

\*To purchase and mail a course, receive the exam, and return it, cost an average of \$6.98 per active student.

\*Course costs represented about 36% of our budget.

\*Postage costs represented about 35% of our budget.

### Gifts To Honor the Memory of:

## Dr. A. Gordon Robínson

Branch Manager 054 at Cliff Temple Baptist; Mailroom volunteer, encourager, and servant to all.

From: Linda Barriga

Alan and Judy Wharry

Nell Wilson

### **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.

"Thank you so much for all your work in this important ministry! I wanted to share that we recently began including the enrollment cards in our 'hygiene bags' to inmates new to our building (FCI Seagoville). I don't know how many will return them, but our God does. We also give them out during our evening prayer meetings. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, 'I planted, Apollos watered, but only God gives the increase.' (I Cor.3:6) It takes all of us, right? Thank you." *Jim* 

According to a 2008 report released by the Pew Center on the States' Public Safety Performance Project, more than one in every 100 adults in the U.S. are in jail or prison, "a fact that significantly impacts state budgets without delivering a clear return on public safety." Five states <u>spent more on corrections than on higher education</u>! Texas surpassed California as the nation's prison leader.

"I pray this finds you blessed by the grace, mercy, and love of God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. I want to extend my gratitude for your ministry and the Bible studies. I have been working through the studies since 2018 and I believe I have completed the last one (01/06/2023). These studies have been a blessing in my growth and walk with Christ. I am amazed at how your ministry follows Christ's commands in Matthew 25 – to minister to the 'least of us.' I pray your ministry is blessed for the ages. An eternally grateful brother in Christ." <u>Allen</u>

"I've been incarcerated for over 26 years, and I have witnessed so much of the 'bad' in prison. You name it, I've seen it! I came back to God a little over a year ago; I haven't looked back. Many have bolstered my faith. I am truly blessed and loved by God! I just wanted to tell you and those at Emmaus how much I appreciate and enjoy these lessons! Keep them coming." <u>Vernon</u>

BY THE NUMBERS	-	-	_
	DEC 2022	YTD 2022	
Ministry Statistics			
Enrolled Students	4,705	5,080	AVG
Enrollees - Born to Win	417	4,772	
Professions of Faith	9	134	
Course Books Mailed	2,893	41,874	
Course Exams Completed	1,817	28,218	
Graduates 72+ units		131	
Program Gifts & Expense			
Expenses:	\$21,311.14	\$196,925.48	
Postage:	\$4,221.70	\$68,339.75	
Courses:	\$9,040.46	\$71,770.99	
Staff support:	\$1,070.00	\$12,043.00	
Qtrly Insurance	\$1,299.00	\$5,104.00	
Paper/Envelopes	\$2,477.16	\$14,323.79	
Other:	<u>\$3,202.82</u>	<u>\$25,343.95</u>	
Donations:	\$40,500.46	<u>\$187,299.36</u>	
Acct Dividends	<u>\$981.99</u>	\$5,904.81	
NET:	\$20,171.31	(\$3,721.31)	

"I'm currently enrolled in your Bible study program. I'm truly grateful for you folks, as they help keep me on the path in my time here. However, for one reason or another, the prepaid envelopes that are supposed to be supplied have come up missing in both my lessons. On top of that, our commissary store hasn't had envelopes to buy for almost four months. This facility is making it difficult to complete my lessons. Whatever aid you can offer will be most welcome." **Doug** [Most Federal prisons do not allow labels, colored paper, or prepaid envelopes. It's part of the new restrictive contraband regulations and there is nothing we can do about it, but adapt.]

"It has been and is a joy studying with you all. I have been encouraged, strengthened, and am applying what I learn. I made parole upon completion of a program, but am still here. I prayed about it, so it's in God's hand, where it's always been. He is in control. I will continue my studies. I should be done with *Win the Battle for Your Mind* in a few days [The last course of the curriculum] Thank you for your prayers and responses on my lessons." **John**  "I enjoy bettering myself and my mind with information about our Lord. It's so easy to do the wrong thing in such a negative environment. Your studies have helped me maintain my walk with the Lord, as well as keep me occupied with something positive and good. I thank you guys for doing God's will in your life and my life and taking your time to help us individuals incarcerated. One day I will be free as well." **Daniel** 

"Would it be too much trouble for a copy of my student transcripts to be sent to my grandma and best friend, who I have working with for over 22 years? My grandma is 99 years old. I have turned from my drug problem only with the Lord's help. This school has really helped me. I just would like them to see what I have been working on to change my life.

"Always in prison, I would do drugs and go right back home on them. I have realized that it is a door open for Satan to do his works. With me clean off drugs, the door is closed. I remember the struggles they bring. I would not be clean without the help from the Lord and this school. Thank you very much." <u>Gary</u>