

WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

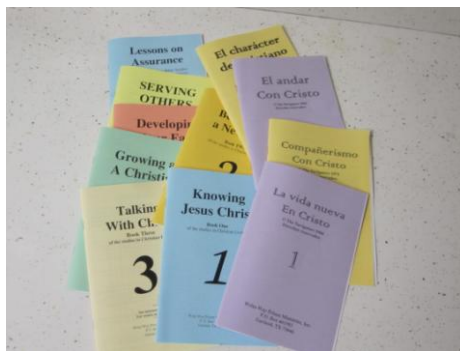
Dear Friends,

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DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know WPM has its own “print shop”? All of our materials except the Emmaus courses, some tracts, and a few other items are printed at our headquarters. The materials printed “in house” include Navigator courses, envelopes, all of our forms and other support materials. God has been faithful to provide several “workhorse” machines that meet our print needs.

About 25% of the courses that we mail out are Navigator courses. Seven English and four Spanish courses are printed on a leased photocopy machine that collates, folds, and staples the books together. The company that we lease from is so generous that the average cost per book is less than 24 cents!!! This brings down the cost of our courses tremendously. Last year we printed and shipped 17,792 English Navigator courses and 482 Spanish ones. The answers to the Navigator questions are found by looking up specific Scripture references. The cost for printing the Navigator courses is included in the Operation Finances statement under “courses.”



We have permission through our California coordinator to print these Navigator courses.

Another “workhorse” machine we use is the RISO which we purchased six years ago. This machine is a duplicator and makes a “master” for each page. It has been extremely reliable and its cost per printed page is about 1 cent. It is used for all mass production items. This includes envelopes, forms, and other materials needed. Each course generally requires the

printing of three envelopes; one to mail the course, one for the student to return his/her exams to us, and one for us to return the graded exams to the student. Last year over 150,000 envelopes were printed to mail the courses that were shipped, exams returned, and exams graded. Other envelopes are printed for newsletters (about 30,000 per year) and to mail other items like transcripts, donor receipts and letters, etc. Forms and support materials printed on this machine includes such routinely needed materials such as the curriculum, welcome letter, guidelines, information requests, enrollment forms, certificate forms, doctrinal papers, etc. This machine has printed approximately 453,000 copies per year since we purchased it.

We also have several printers that are used for customized/specialized materials. These items include mailing labels for students and newsletter recipients, students’ individualized certificates, post office manifests, transcripts, and the color page of newsletters and letterhead.



*Bob and Bonnie Cathey make these “workhorses” work!
Bonnie is also Manager of Branch 045.*

HAVE YOU HEARD?

GOD SAW I WAS IGNORING HIM

“This study (*Daniel*) has meant so much to me. In the last six weeks I have undergone some of the hardest trials of anytime I have been in prison. I got three major disciplinary cases in two weeks.

“God saw that I was ignoring Him. He takes His children He loves and chastises them when they turn from Him. Psalm 23 says, ‘Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.’ David knew that the ‘rod’ was a weapon and could be used as an attention getter!

“I carried the two Bible studies, Hebrews and Daniel with me for four years, ignoring them. But God did not let me throw them away. I believe He knew there would come a time when this child of His would need them. Pray for me.” **David**

MEANING AND PURPOSE IN MY LIFE

“I would like to take this time to write a letter to thank you for letting me be a part of your Bible study courses. I would also like to continue these studies when I am released from prison. But for now I enjoy every study course and hope you’ll send me another as soon as possible. I like to stay busy and these wonderful courses have enlightened me to my Lord and Savior. Now I’m spreading the news as to why I’m always happy and joyful and smiling. Your ministry, by the grace of God, has put meaning and purpose in my life.” **Alberto**

I AM ETERNALLY PREPARED

“I want to thank you for helping me learn more about God through His holy word. I have almost finished 18 months. Time has passed and seems like nothing. Thanks to God – and you- I am free, spiritually and physically. I am eternally prepared to carry out the Word of God and do good wherever I go.” **Jose**

PRISON CHANGED ME

“Just a few lines to say hello and update you. I am no longer in TDCJ! I am in a halfway house. My studying will continue and I hope I can still receive the studies from Write-Way. There are many things that I am thankful for and your encouragement and compassion are among the greatest. Being in prison changed me in many ways. I came to know God who helped me grow up. I also learned that I can do anything I set my mind to. Thank you for everything you have done for a poor soul like me.” **Anthony**

STATISTIC: “73% of prison chaplains say they consider access to religion-related programs in prison to be ‘absolutely critical’ to successful rehabilitation of inmates.”

Religion in Prisons: A 50-State Survey of Prison Chaplains
Pew Forum on Religion

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2013 - MARCH

Ministry Statistics	March
Enrolled Students	6,817
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	780
Professions of Faith	44
Course Books Mailed	6,149
Course Exams Completed	4,332

Student Achievements	March
Curriculum Completed	20

Operation Finances	March
Funds Budgeted:	\$14,166.67
Funds Received:	\$14,686.60
Funds Expended:	\$18,675.35
Postage:	<i>\$6,752.41</i>
Courses:	<i>\$2,928.89</i>
Printing:	<i>\$1,807.89</i>
Funded Salary	<i>\$1,962.44</i>
Other: *	<i>\$5,223.72</i>
Net MTD	(\$3,988.75)
Net YTD	(\$4,978.94)

*Includes qtrly ins/annuity, and \$2,600 repairs

Government employees in Texas may make designated work place payroll deductions through Local Independent Charities of Texas (LIC) at www.lic.org

Our annual certified CPA audit is available upon request.
WPM Statement of Faith is available upon request.

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