WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.



BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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Our students speak with such passion and clarity! Enjoy their poetry, art, and testimonies. Rodger Turley, Director

GOD

"I was on a road to destruction, Down the highway to hell,

Cursed with a spirit that

Constantly wanted to rebel.

So I was hiding from God,

Like a turtle in a shell.

Where I would end up,

Anyone could tell.

All it took was the ruin of my life

To finally see God clear as Comfort.

He's here in my heart,

Where He was from the start.

All I had to do was get my mind off sinning And look for God.

Ngoc Van Tran

"Lord Jesus Christ, please look after all the residents in this place and their families and the officers and their families." Ngoc



Special 3D card from a student

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.



Art work from a Branch volunteer

SO BLESSED AND SET FREE

"My dearest Brothers and Sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ, I greet you with lots of love and appreciation for your ministry. I've been so blessed and set free from many bondages and have seen the Lord and was amazed at His presence and power and true love from God's Bible studies. Thank you all a million times over.

"My son is incarcerated at this time. He needs you so very much. He told me he wrote to you (enrolled 01/31/17). Please keep him in your prayers. My daughter needs these Bible studies as well (enrolled 02/21/17). Praise God, He got hold of her and has opened her eyes to the truth and saved her! Could you please send them some of your Bible studies? I love you all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord!"

Susan (ex-offender graduate of 02/17/17)

GOD IS WORKING HERE

"I wanted to write you a quick 'Thank you' and a praise report. As always, you guys and gals at Write-Way do a wonderful job and the Bible studies from Emmaus are awesome!

"God is working here in my facility. Other men are wanting to participate in your Bible studies. Praise God!! I have included their information to get them started." **Randall**

A PRAYER ON THE BOTTOM OF THE BUNK

"I am a new follower and believer in Christ Jesus (sent first course, Born to Win, 2/17/17). When I was 14 years old, I chose the easy path and fell into the drug and alcohol life for the next 20 years. In August of 2004 I was married to the love of my life and gave up drugs and alcohol and started going to AA and NA. But I never gave in to the one thing that would save me from myself - God.

"So after 8 years of AA and NA I got complacent and figured I could do it on my own again. After two years of struggling and the passing of my wife, I fell and went back to drugs in March 2014. In June 2014 I got arrested (God's plan for me starting in motion).

"I was in jail for 9 days and was lying in my bunk and noticed a prayer on the bottom of the bunk above me. After reading that prayer I just started crying and in the presence of God and all who were in that dorm I very loudly confessed all my sins. Some looked at me crazy, but a few came and gave me a hug and one told me, 'Welcome to the family!'

"Ever since, I have had a hunger for the Word of God. I am looking for correspondence courses. Here is the prayer I read:

'I thank you, Lord, for the things you've done for me. I pray that I will always remember them and that I won't take for granted the miracles you grant me every day. Lord, take my life and do with it as you will. Amen.'"

Robert

FROM A CHRISTMAS CARD

"We love what you do and we love you in the name of Jesus. We cry out to God as beggars, having nothing to offer Him but our sins and our need of salvation. We understand our inability to save ourselves. Then He offers the grace and mercy of God and we accept it with humble gratitude."

David, Danny, Christopher, David, and Tommy

"I really appreciate you all for these Bible studies. It really means a lot to those of us who are serious about God and really getting in deeper." Joyce

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NO QUESTIONS, JUST COMMENDATIONS

"No questions, just commendations on this most precious ministry our Lord has blessed you with to bless us with this wonderful knowledge of Scripture we can apply to our new life in Christ. I loved your answer to the 'once saved, always saved' question. I am really enjoying this time we share. May our Lord open His windows in Heaven and pour an overflow of blessings your way! Love you guys!" **Omar**

"Recently I wrote concerning my course studies – two I have not received. Honestly, I have been starving for my studies. Over the past 6 years I have come to depend on my studies to keep me stable mentally and spiritually." Calvin

BY THE NUMBERS	
JAN 2017	
Ministry Statistics	
Enrolled Students 8,	404
New Enrollees (Born To Win)	782
Professions of Faith	69
Course Books Mailed 4,	571
Course Exams Completed 3,	512
Students Graduated (72 units)	15
Operation Finances	
Expenses: \$17,420	0.12
Postage: \$ 10,609.01	
Courses: \$ 3,625.41	
Salary: \$ 755.00	
Other: \$ 2,430.70	
Donations: \$69,579	9.09
NET: \$52,158	.97
Overage covered much of the 2016 deficit!!	

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