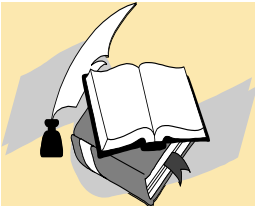


# WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.



## BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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Dear Friends,

In Matthew 27 at the trial of Jesus before Pilate, the crowd requested the release of Barabbas, a “notorious prisoner.” Mark 15 labels him a rebel and murderer. Peter, in Acts 3, explains that the crowd asked for a murderer and “killed the Prince of Life.” Have you ever met a notorious prisoner? Have you ever graded the exam of a murderer?

Those mug shots on the evening news can be rather intimidating. But the truth of the matter is that, “the guiltless one was delivered to die in order that the guilty (read notorious) go free.” There is the gospel in a nutshell. And that’s why WPM is fearless and relentless as we send life-changing studies into prisons. We are ever mindful of Paul’s insight in Romans 2: “Knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance.” The rebel heart is broken by the compassion of Jesus. We may very well see Barabbas at the pearly gates!

Rodger Turley, Director

### HAVE LEARNED SO MUCH

“I have moved to a new unit. Thank you for your help and I will include my new address at the end of the letter. I have been truly blessed by Write-Way and have learned so much. Write-Way is one of my favorite correspondence schools. Thank everyone so very much. May God bless everyone at Write-Way.” **Michael**

### A FEW NOTES IN MY BIBLE

“I began Write-Way studies last October and wanted to let you know how much I appreciate and enjoy doing them as well as the staff that grades and comments. I have learned a lot and made quite a few notes in my Bible.” **Joy**

**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, post-paid, and volunteer graded.

### THANK YOU FOR THE TIME AND PATIENCE

“I’m writing to thank you for the time and patience you take in doing what you do for us all - the incarcerated, as well as the free. I recognize it is not financially rewarding and a thankless job. I just want you to know that I truly do appreciate the time you take in doing this. I have been extremely blessed by knowledge, coupled with the will to do God’s work. This has brought me happiness.

“I hope that you too are as blessed as we are. I am currently doing several studies and somehow lost the envelope that goes with this one during a routine shake down. I lost the book that went with it also, so I merely used the Bible... to the best of my ability. If it is totally wrong, please send me the entire lesson and I will gladly re-do it.” **Rodolfo**

### ONE OF THE BEST ONES

“I really don’t have any questions. I just wanted to say that this study (Walkin’ the Walk) was one of the best ones I’ve done. I truly enjoyed doing it and it has definitely helped me. A lot of it hit home where the heart is and has nothing but truth. It is an amazing study.”

**Virginia**

### MEMORIAL GIFTS

We have received gifts from the following to honor **Eleanor Work** who died in early February in Ohio. She and her husband, Guy, who died in 1996, worked with the Garland office of Write-Way in the ‘90’s.

*Englewood Church of Grace and Truth, Ohio*

*Susan & Darrel Lloyd, Ohio*

*Lois Van Veghel, Michigan*

*Lennette & Donald Bonnell, Kansas*

*Ethel & David Bray, New York*

*LuLu Endreson, Virginia*

*Lyle & Rose Koerber, Kansas*

*Several anonymous gifts (via daughter, Linda Orr)*

## THANK YOU FOR THE STRUCTURE

"I am enclosing an extra answer sheet from a new student (Luis) He is not enrolled yet but he completed the book. So, if you could please enroll him and send him the follow up book.

"Also could you please send (Guillermo) a course so he can get enrolled. We have organized a Bible study in my unit and these people have studied the book together as a group. Your organization is great and I am so happy to be a part of what you are doing. You are such a huge part of our Bible study. Thank you for the structure you have provided us." **Luis**

## FOUND THESE BOOKS IN THE TRASH

"I have been living a life with God some years now, but I had trouble understanding the Bible. A brother started a Bible study in here and then got moved after the 2<sup>nd</sup> study. Everybody was lost again and only me and another brother remained. We didn't know how to study the Bible, so we prayed for help. Then the brother found these books in the trash and we had our prayers answered by God! Thank you!" **Oscar**

## AN AWESOME STUDY

"I want to thank you for this course (Jonah). This one and so many others have answered a lot of questions. In chapter 4 I was a little confused on the message, but O.S. Hawkins explained it in a way which made it very clear. It was an awesome study. I am looking forward to future studies. Keep up the great work!" **Thomas**

## PRAYER CORNER \* \* \* \* \*

Every Monday at noon we pray for those students who send their requests to us here. This corner will be our monthly place to let you know how you can pray for us.

*We are asking the Lord to place WPM in every one of the 67 Faith pods in Texas State prisons. It would make a great addendum to the chaplaincy program and not be any extra work for the chaplains. We do the work!*

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## BY THE NUMBERS

FEB 2017

### Ministry Statistics

Enrolled Students	8,170
New Enrollees ( <i>Born To Win</i> )	690
Professions of Faith	59
Course Books Mailed	4,204
Course Exams Completed	3,025
Students Graduated (72 units)	13

### Operation Finances

Expenses:	\$15,719.44
Postage: \$	8,242.50
Courses: \$	3,428.49
Salary: \$	1,247.25
Other: \$	1,166.35

Donations: \$11,751.89

**NET:** **(\$3,967.55)**

*January average s are covering any 2017 deficits.*

## THIS SMALL GIFT

"I want to say how much I appreciate your ministry and labor of love! I know it means a lot to many across the country who are incarcerated like me. May this small gift (\$3.00) help in some way to further the work to the glory of God in Christ. I wish I could send more." **Nicholas**

## LOVE MY BIBLE STUDY

"Thank Jesus for all you do to share His Word. Thank you! It's good learning about our Father. I really love my Bible study because I learn the Word!" **Alyssa**

*Visit us or donate online:* [www.writewaypm.org](http://www.writewaypm.org)

*Send us your email address to receive donor receipts and this monthly newsletter electronically.*

WPM Statement of Faith is available upon request.

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