# WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

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# **BLESSINGS FROM PRISON**

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"A strong hand and with an outstretched arm..." Observing God at work in our midst: Testimonies that speak truth.

# **MY HEART GOES OUT TO Y'ALL**

"Everything y'all do for y'all's students means the world to me. I know that God looks down every day on y'all and has a big smile on His face. My heart goes out to y'all. I love you guys! God bless y'all! **Brandon** 

# HELP THE NEEDY IN PRISON

"I try to share my testimony on how God has removed my cravings for drink and drugs; how He blessed me for over 35 years living with HIV/AIDS; how He continues to bless me daily through people and literature.

"My grader asked me on my last lesson how we help the needy in prison. About 3- 4 times a year we hold a gathering for about 6 hours of music, testimonies, and food. Right now we are trying to get approval to start an indigent box, where we who get money can donate toiletries, coffee, and food to pass out to people who don't get anything. Also, during that gathering we offer lots of prayer, and the last two times we've had several baptisms." **Curtis** 

#### **IT GIVES ME HOPE**

"To whoever reads this, I want to say thank you for taking time out of your life to help your brother in white prison garb. Your Bible study has changed my life, my heart, and the way I think and act. It gives me hope and keeps me from giving up on life - to keep moving forward." Jimmy

# THE HUGE SUPPORT YOU SHOW

"Thank you for all the huge support you show us in prison. You truly do honor Hebrews 13:3. You are a great people. God bless you all!" **Jason** ["Remember the prisoners as if chained with them – those who are mistreated – since you yourselves are in the body also."]





# A SERVANT'S ATTITUDE

"My old nature liked to complain and be ungrateful. I used to always think that things could be better. Peace through Christ has taught me that things could have always been so much worse – that leads to gratitude and contentment.

"'I've witnessed to many since submitting my life to God, but one in particular comes to mind. A man was waiting for sentencing after he had murdered someone. I remember how surprised I was about how receptive and thankful he was to me for spending time with him in God's Word.

"Our Lord Jesus Christ lived out perfect humility. He was willing to give up himself out of love for God and others. Like Him, we should have a servant's attitude. We must look for opportunities to serve one another. I enjoyed this lesson very much! (*Lessons for Christian Living*)." George

# HAVE A GREAT SPRING BREAK!

#### **BEING GOOD STEWARDS**

"Just want to say that I have been studying with y'all for years and have gained much knowledge that has gone from my head to my heart and then into action in my life. I thank you all for being good stewards in sharing God with me!" Shana

#### **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.



Easter ís Comíng!

# HOW GOOD IT FEELS

"I have been taking the classes you offer for two years now. I truly look forward every time I send an exam back to you of getting a certificate, but more so, to get the graded exam back. You have no idea, unless you have been here, how good it feels to get positive messages from people. Yes, I look at my certificate, hoping for a high grade. But I want you to know that I look forward to the comments your graders write to me so much more.

"It has sometimes filled my heart with such joy that I have been on my bunk with tears falling down my face. Sometimes it had been the first time I have had any encouragement from another human being since the last course that Write-Way graded for me. I will even admit, just thinking about it now is overwhelming me. I feel God's blessings come to me through your kind words. It energizes me, making me desire to learn more of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." **Richard** 

#### **MUCH JOY IN THE SPIRIT**

"It brings me much joy in the Spirit to write to you, thanking you for your ministry and the work you are doing continually for our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Concerning this ministry, I know that God will always bless those who do any ministry for the furtherance of His Kingdom. I would like to be fed even more abundantly. Please provide additional resources to aid in the individual and universal edification of this Body." Christopher

# GOD SAID, "YOU'RE GOING HOME"

"I was facing life in prison and never thought I would walk out. 41 years later, God said, 'You're going home.' Nothing is impossible for Jesus Christ. Learning to place my faith in Him has changed my whole life. I came to prison when I was 18 and now I am leaving at 59. My life has never been the same since I gave my life to Jesus. Praise His Holy Name!" Keith

WPM Statement of Faith is available upon request.

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	FEB 2018	FEB 2017
Ministry Statistics		
Enrolled Students	7,655	8,241
New Enrollees (Born To Win)	676	690
Professions of Faith	35	59
Course Books Mailed	4,544	5,402
Course Exams Completed	3,053	3,601
Students Graduated (72 units)	0	13
<b>Operation Finances</b>		
Expenses:	\$19,093.58	\$15,719.44
Postage:	\$8,256.47	\$8,242.50
Courses:	\$8,086.94	\$3,428.49
Staff support:	\$575.00	\$1,247.25
Other:	\$2,175.17	\$2,801.20
Donations:	\$13,084.35	\$11,751.89
NET:	(\$6,009.23)	(\$3,967.55)

# I'M LOST FOR WORDS

"I'm lost for words, because the great thing about these Biblical studies and exams is that they are all Bible-based, straight from my New King James Bible. I just would like to say that the material you have is what's helping me become a strong man of God, knowing who I am now, and walking it out with the Holy Spirit that now dwells inside my old sinful nature, flesh, mortal, body. This which God is stirring up inside of me and the works he's doing, I don't want to lose, because I see that there's Power in trusting in Him. He will give me what I need to defeat what's kept me from Him for all of these many, many years.

"I believe, and I now have a burning desire for more and more of Him. I'm no longer lost. I now have a purpose and now I desire to live and serve Him all of my days. I thank God for my second chance. We serve an awesome God who just wants us to know who He is. Pray for my strength in the Lord; I'm going home soon. God allowed me to lose my family, freedom, and everything I thought I had for a reason and for a season – to finish a work that He started in me long ago." Jeremy

# THE GIFT THAT GOD GAVE US

"My days are now more in tune to what the Lord is wanting to do in my life. God bless you guys for helping us prisoners learn more about the Gift that God gave us." Jerry

