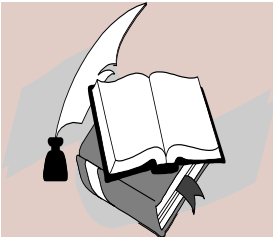


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BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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Greetings to our friends and supporters,

Were you aware that many offenders and ex-offenders have written books? Probably the most famous (other than Peter and Paul) was Chuck Colson of Watergate fame. In his best-selling memoir, *Born Again*, Chuck wrote, "I found myself increasingly drawn to the idea that God had put me in prison for a purpose and that I should do something for those I had left behind."

One of our courses, *Walkin' the Walk*, was written by a chaplain who got saved while incarcerated: Lennie Spitale. He has also written an excellent ministry guide called, *Prison Ministry*.

Or perhaps you have read, *Twice Pardoned*, by Harold Morris, an "ex-con" from the Georgia State Penitentiary. Other books we've received here are: *Real Strength 4 Real Men*, *How NOT to Be Like I Was*, and *How to Get Out of Prison and Stay Out!*

The point is that God's intention is in making a New Life, a New Creation, and New Hope. And our courses help men and women meet the Author of the Bible. Your support could ignite the vision of a new and noted author!

Rodger Turley, Director

ENCOURAGEMENT

"I just wanted to say how thankful and grateful I am. First, for your ministry; then for yourself, and the other volunteers that assist in bringing encouragement and hope for my future and my faith in Christ."

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

Michael

STARTING THE PILGRIMAGE

"Never had I requested studies; neither was I enrolled in any program; never had I been in jail. This is my first time. But now I understand Psalm 139:16:"

"Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them."

Oswaldo (Saved taking *Nacido para Triunfar* in Spanish)

"It's never too late to repent! He wants people like me who are lost and in trouble and locked up to be saved. And believe me, He saved me!"

Robert (Saved taking *Born to Win*)

"It took me losing everything I had, and almost my life, to give everything to the Lord. Yes, He has saved my life and so much more. Only He is the One capable of doing what was done for me."

Hunter (Taking *Men Who Met the Master*)

"Instead of giving me my deserved punishment for sin, God chose to offer me a way out. Back in 2014 another prisoner noticed that I was very sad. He told me that your Bible studies had helped him greatly, and he gave me your address. Learning what God's Word says has changed my life. I know now that it was God speaking through that man. I'm so thankful!"

Juan (in Spanish)

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.

TESTIMONIES OF GRATEFULNESS

"I just wanted to take the time to thank each and every one of you who took time to help me out with this booklet. I'm 39 years old, been to prison two times, tattooed from head to toe, and an ex-skinhead. My girlfriend is a full-blooded Indian and she is a Christian. So I started changing my ways. I'm not in trouble, but I'm going to keep my faith and keep my head up. So I'm praying that I get to go home next week [he did!]. I still would like to study these courses and take these classes. Here's my home address." **Fletcher**

"God has and is doing miraculous changes in me. I no longer have to run around acting a fool or participating in conversations of fools. I have been able to sit in my bunk the last 4 ½ years studying and reading the Word of God. I have been set apart to do the Lord's work and plan to get started as soon as I touch ground around one year from now. God finally seen fit to let me go!"

Gary

"While I was in the county jail I had an inmate that was on the bunk under me who noticed me doing Bible study and asked what I got out of doing all the mail in Bible studies. I got the chance to tell him about Jesus' death on the cross and what it meant for him. After that day he began reading the Bible and doing Bible studies. All glory to God!" **Darrell**

"I am one of your students and I just wanted to say that I appreciate all the help you guys are giving me with strengthening my relationship with Jesus. Thank you and God bless!!" **Zachary**

"This course (*Men Who Met the Master*) has really helped me during a tremendous struggle in my life. Being incarcerated allows me plenty of opportunity to show my respects to God by being faithful and obedient around other men and women that have been looked down on. I anxiously await the next course. Thank you." **Jeffery**

WPM Statement of Faith is available upon request.

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BY THE NUMBERS

| | <u>May 2018</u> | <u>May 2017</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Ministry Statistics | | |
| Enrolled Students | 8,036 | 8,216 |
| New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>) | 890 | 909 |
| Professions of Faith | 50 | 88 |
| Course Books Mailed | 5,437 | 4,980 |
| Course Exams Completed | 3,899 | 3,622 |
| Students Graduated (72+ units) | 14 | |
| Operation Finances | | |
| Expenses: | \$22,298.21 | \$23,370.93 |
| Postage: | \$7,848.30 | \$9,482.67 |
| Courses: | \$8,881.21 | \$9,952.28 |
| Staff support: | \$1,025.00 | \$1,525.00 |
| Other: | \$4,543.70 | \$2,410.98 |
| Donations: | \$15,184.73 | \$13,423.10 |
| NET: | (\$7,113.48) | (\$9,947.83) |

"I want to become, no, I have become a new creation to live for God! To spread His good news, stay pure, and away from evil. If I do fail, I know He is there to help me not fail again! Every day I pray to walk like Jesus did and every day I'm getting better and better! Praise God!" **Solomon**

"Just want to write a brief note to let you know how blessed I am to have studied the book of Jonah (*Jonah: Meeting the God of the Second Chance*) and all the other Bible studies that you have sent. I have read the book of Jonah several times, but have never really understood it or looked at it the way I do now. Thank God for your ministry, for the courses, the volunteers, and for His Holy Spirit that teaches us all truths. God bless you always!" **Elisa**

"Every new Bible study helps me grow as a Christian. The truth is that I had never read the Bible, but now I constantly find verses that surprise me and touch my life. They come from the Word of God, the only One that can save me. It's just incredible. Thank you so much!" **Santos** (in Span-

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