

WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

# **BLESSINGS FROM PRISON**

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"Yet for all that (unfaithfulness, desolation, despising), when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, nor shall I abhor them..." Leviticus 26:44

Prison is the end of the line, the land of enemies. Yet for all that, the human spirit is resilient and resourceful when there is love and hope. For even there, God promises His faithfulness and loving kindness.

Listen to the joy and devotion coming through this month's student testimonies. It is as though God Himself has spoken to each one, reassuring them that He will never leave them nor forsake them (Hebrews 13:5) and that He cares for them (I Peter 5:7). When we know our Lord is devoted to us, then we more readily become devoted to Him.

Thank you for your prayers, your gifts, and your work that help us extend peace into "the land of their enemies."

Rodger Turley, Director

# GIVEN ME A HUNGER AND THIRST

"I have never failed to complete an exam of the studies. In fact, I cannot get more back quickly enough. I enjoy them so much. I've been a Christian since age 14 and now 71, but nothing has ever equaled these Bible studies. I thought I knew the Bible very well, but you have enlightened me and given me a hunger and thirst I cannot quench." **David** 

### IN TEARS AND THANKING GOD

"I loved this chapter so much (Ch 8, *Walkin the Walk*). It confirmed what I already knew. My 2019 New Year's resolution was to get me all the way right with God. I went to jail on January 15, 2019. At first, I didn't understand why, but seven months through my journey I learned that He answered my New Year resolution. I had to come here to be isolated from my distraction to see Him fully. And I thank God for it and know He had a purpose for all this. I read this whole chapter in tears and thanking God. God bless the man who wrote this. Amen." **Justine** (The author is an ex-offender, turned chaplain.)

### I THANK YOU, FATHER

"I thank you, Father, for these wonderful people that respond to me with an open heart. By receiving these studies, I get to learn more and more of you. Every study I complete I grow closer and closer to Jesus and learn more about my purpose that You have for me. I ask in Jesus name, would you bless them. Lord, help me get through my journey to Christ!" **Rodger** 

### **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.

### **Prayer Corner**

The Texas prison system, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, is expanding their mail restrictions as of March 1, 2020: no greeting cards, no card stock, no colored paper, and no glue, stickers, or tape. Please pray we may always be in compliance in order to serve these students.

### A MANUAL

"I really like this booklet (*Walkin the Walk*). Thanks for sending it. I told the brothers in Christ about it, that it stands as a manual for Christians in prison. I thank God for all the brethren who make this ministry possible." **Daniel** 

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"To be honest with you all, after I'm done with the booklet, I pass it on to other brothers so they could get a good understanding of what it is teaching. I really appreciate you guys for your help. May the Lord bless each one of you. You are a true blessing". **William** 

### LIVING LIFE NOW FOR GOD

"I enjoy the guidance of my Christian growth with the lessons you provide. I'm 54 years old now, wishing I would have started younger living my life by God's Word instead of rebelling against the world. My marriage would have been better, living life for the Lord our Savior. I am living life now for God." **Shawn** 

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<b>BY THE NUMBERS</b>		
	JAN 2020	JAN 2019
<b>Ministry Statistics</b>		
Enrolled Students	6,939	6,890
Enrollees - Born To Win	805	596
Professions of Faith	48	35
Course Books Mailed	6,490	4,689
Course Exams Completed	3,906	3,362
Graduates 72+ units	12	6
Program Gifts and Expenses		
Expenses:	\$19,247.37	\$22,162.84
Postage:	\$8,890.98	\$7,482.00
Courses:	\$6,793.30	\$9,980.00
Staff support:	\$525.00	\$925.00
Qtrly Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other:	<u>\$3,038.09</u>	<u>\$3,775.84</u>
Donations:	\$15,306.22	<u>\$19,215.01</u>
Acct DIV, CR	<u>\$2,156.82</u>	<u>\$526.35</u>
NET:	(\$1,784.33)	(\$2,421.48)

## PUSHES ME... WALKING ME

"This correspondence course pushes me to go back and double check Scripture to make sure I answer correctly. It is walking me through the Bible and helping me to digest and absorb the material. All the questions hold me, the reader, accountable!

"It feels like the booklets are holding a conversation with me; the literary style is encouraging, engaging, and on point to my situation of incarceration. It's geared with that understanding. Each booklet seems to provide an avenue of Christian growth. Each study supersedes the last in some way. In other ways it overlaps or interlocks. It pushes me to actually read my Bible and learn. I'm hungry for the Word." **Johanna** 

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