



# WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

# NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

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## 2012 – GREAT NUMBERS

*Grateful thanks to our praying friends,  
faithful volunteers, and generous supporters  
for a great 2012!*

### \*Active Students - Returned Exams in 90 Days:

**7,177**

Includes new students who returned their first exam, *Born To Win*, within 90 days. Regular students who have not returned an exam within 90 days were sent a follow up letter or postcard. Those not responding within 180 days were suspended.

### \*Number of courses mailed out to inmates:

**67,149**

Most of our 60 courses in English and 50 courses in Spanish come from Emmaus Bible Correspondence School (ECS) in Dubuque, IA. ECS currently distributes correspondence courses in 124 languages. We also have permission from Navigator Press to print eleven of their Studies in Christian Living series in-house (7 in English, 4 in Spanish).

### \*Number of exams graded and counseled:

**48,372**

Currently we have about 400 volunteers in 32 Church Branches throughout TX and LA who grade and counsel on each exam. They are trained to give encouraging counsel and share Scripture. They love it!

### \*Number of Professions of Faith:

**437**

This is a very satisfying number to compile. Many prisoners, however, have had negative or poor “religious” experiences and are not yet clear about the certainty of their salvation. It is impossible for us to calculate firmly the number of inmates who grow and mature in their faith during these courses. We do read lots of testimonies, but will have to wait until Eternity to see the full fruit of our labors.

### \*Number of Graduates of our curriculum:

**106**

Each student receives a small certificate upon completion of a course. A larger certificate is given for every five units of study completed up through 30 units. ECS then issues an 8 ½ x 11 certificate for 36, 48, and 60 units. ECS offers even more courses.

### \*Donations for the year 2012:

**\$209,423.06**

The year of 2012 saw 280 faithful supporters give for the spiritual education of the incarcerated.

Individuals (261) gave 68.51% of the total.

Churches (13) gave 15.54% of the total.

LIC\* gave 9.82% of the total.

Corp. Grants (4) gave 6.13% of the total.

\*Local Independent Charities: payroll deductions from federal, state, and local employees.

### \*Expenses for the year 2012:

**\$200,230.04**

Postage 42.10%

Courses 24.58%

Printing 10.29%

Other/Misc 8.95%

Salary/Tax 7.14% (designated gifts)

Office 4.55%

Utilities 2.39%

### \*Texas and Louisiana Penal Institutions Served:

**316**

Here’s a quick look at the number of TX and LA units we serve along with the population of each. Obviously, we have a long way to go!

TX State prisons	112	156,500	population
TX Federal prisons	16	35,700	population
TX County jails	254	68,200	population
LA State prisons	12	39,700	population
LA Parish jails	64	17,301	population
LA Federal prisons	2	7,800	population
	460	325,201	TOTAL Population

## 2012 – SPECIAL PRAISE

“This is one of the best studies I have taken so far (*Doing Time With Jesus*). I really love it! I am dealing with a lot of these issues right now. I tell you the truth, this really shines the light for me. It really changed my walk with God for the better. This is great! I love the Word of God. I thank God for your Bible study courses. They are encouraging me every time I get one. I know I must continue in the Word of God because it gets hard in here sometimes, actually most of the time. But greater is He in me than he that’s in the world. God bless you.” **Adrian**

“I would like to tell you that when I came into this jail I was lower than I think I have ever been. All was lost. Then the Lord lifted me up through His Word and showed me how much He loves me. Then I found this Bible course (*What The Bible Teaches*). You have no idea how blessed I have been from this prison ministry. I thank God for you!” **Allen**

“In Jesus Christ I greet you with the love of God. My real reason for this letter is to inform you of my true identification with Jesus Christ. I have become a victim of ‘supernatural identity theft’! But my new identity in Christ is extremely valuable and must be protected! I learned how God identified us with Christ in His death, burial, resurrection, and seating in heaven. He embraced our condition so that we might live in Him and He might live in us. The same identical life, victory, joy, and blessings that are in Christ are now in you! This is the glory and the mystery of Christianity and the power of the believer’s identification with Christ.” **Larry**

“Yes, I am a child of God. I’ve asked for Jesus to come into my life. I believed it and received it. Just that simple. I didn’t even know what I had actually asked for until I started to feel convicted for every sin I committed and gained a hunger for learning the Word. I don’t feel like I’m earning my way to heaven because that can’t be done. I have a deep passion to follow Christ.” **Michael**

“In this New Year I am glad to have completed six of my twelve year sentence. I am so happy to have WPM in my life. Thank you for all your help. You have been like a drink of cold water in a desert for me. Please continue all you do with God’s help. The study, *Prisionero con Jesus* (he did the course in Spanish), has been one of the very best. It speaks of the reality of prison life. I am so thankful that even here I can occupy myself in the things of God. I invite others to study and attend the chapel services. Not many respond, but I remain faithful.” **Juan**

“I would like to let you all know that my day of release is almost here – 02/15/2013! God willing and with His blessing I pray that we keep in touch so I can keep up with my Bible courses when I get to where I’ll be.” **Rene**

“I’m writing this because I know I made a lot of mistakes on this lesson. It’s because I will be free on 12/30/2012. I have been doing time since I was 17 years old; now I’m 64. I thank God for letting me make it back to the outside world and I thank you all for helping me change my way of living. My mother and father are gone, no brothers or sisters. I will be on my own, but I thank God I’m alive. I love all of you.” **Thomas**

## 2012 – DECEMBER

Ministry Statistics	December
Enrolled Students	6,580
New Enrollees ( <i>Born To Win</i> )	532
Professions of Faith	25
Course Books Mailed	3,937
Course Exams Completed	2,545

Student Achievements	December
Curriculum Completed	6

Operation Finances	December
Funds Received:	\$30,299.20
Funds Expended	<u>\$16,158.22</u>
Postage:	\$5,766.38
Courses:	\$4,801.13
Printing:	\$1,877.49
Funded Salary	\$1,746.05
Other:	\$1,967.17
<b>Net</b>	\$14,140.98

(Surplus earmarked for reserves)

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Our annual certified CPA audit is available upon request.  
WPM Statement of Faith is available upon request.

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