



WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries

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Dear Friends,



It's time for a new look – more color, more pictures! It's time to name this "Newsletter" – the space above is blank! But we need your input. Either by mail, email, or fax-to-email (214-919-3688), please send us your best name for this WPM "Newsletter." The judges will be nine of our loyal staff volunteers here in the office. The winner will be awarded a \$50 gift card/certificate good at the restaurant of their choice and will be announced in our September "Newsletter." The deadline is September 14th. See contact information on the backside.

We want this communication piece to be informative and useful. We hope to hear on occasion from the Director, what is going on in the WPM office or the world of incarceration. Perhaps you'd like to know what a chaplain does? Or what are the challenges for a prison warden or county jail sheriff?

Accountability and stewardship are important for public non-profits. So there will always be a Financial Report. We want you to see the numbers of WPM – number of students, those completing the curriculum, and those who make a profession of faith.

But if you're like me, the highlight of this monthly letter is the testimonies. Who better so say what the value of this ministry is? You will glean the heart of Jesus in the words expressed from our students. We do very little editing so you can feel the raw impact of a prisoners thoughts as they try to put on paper what God is doing in their life. Truly, a letter from a prisoner is hard evidence of the work of God.

If you've got suggestions to make this piece of paper more interesting, please let us know. We truly appreciate your participation and your prayerful support.

Rodger J Turley

Director

*"The Spirit of the LORD GOD is upon Me,
Because the LORD has anointed Me
To preach good tidings to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound."*

Isaiah 61:1 (quoted by Jesus in Luke 4:18)



During the first seven months of 2013 Write-Way honored 44 students who finished our curriculum. Their transcripts were forwarded to the Emmaus Correspondence School office (ECS) in Dubuque, IA for further studies. Also:

133 students completed 36 units of study.
97 students completed 48 units of study.

The graduates below have been transferred to ECS:

- 17 students completed 60 units of study.
- 71 students completed 72 units of study.
- 34 students completed 84 units of study.
- 21 students completed 96 units of study.
- 6 students completed 108 units of study.
- 1 student completed 120 units of study.

You may see all these student names, some with Honor and Distinction, listed on our web site at:

www.writewaypm.org

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HELP

"It has been a while since I completed your correspondence Bible study courses and wanted to write and tell you how I'm doing. The answer is great! I've moved units and like this unit a whole lot better. I finished college and now have a degree in general liberal arts. I now work as a cook and have an on the job certification in that field. I'm still doing the Emmaus Correspondence School studies [out of Dubuque, IA] and am now at 85 units of study.

"I've come a long way. My relationship with family and friends has become closer. But most importantly, my relationship with Christ has become closer. I love Jesus and thank Him for everything He's done for me. I couldn't have done my prison time without Him. I also see parole in May of next year, so keep me in your prayers. Thank you for all the help you've given me." **Jonathan**

THANK YOU FOR SHARING GOD'S WORD

"I'm so excited I've now earned my 30-unit certificate through ECS [WPM]. I want to say Thank You for sharing God's Word with me. Now with the Bible knowledge I've learned I can share God's Word with others. May God continue to bless you." **Kunta**



Beginning August 1, 2013 you may enroll your Kroger Plus Card online at www.kroger.com. Go to either "Sign in" or "Create an Account." Be sure your Kroger Plus card is registered. Then click on "Community Rewards" and "Enroll" for TX or LA. The WPM NPO# is 81606. Starting September 1, 2013, every time you shop at Kroger, 1% of your purchase will accumulate for Write-Way. **To get assistance call Kroger Customer Service at 1-866-221-4141 To have Kroger actually enroll you, call 1-800-409-4438.** There are no letters to copy this year.



FROM A CONNOISSEUR OF BIBLE STUDIES

“I began this sentence in 1984. The prison commissary would not sell me tobacco because I was only 17 years old. I am now 46. I have taken 100’s of Bible study courses over the years so I can relate to the “Brick Wall” analogy. It was not until a year ago that I sincerely read the Bible for the third time and understood what I was reading.

“With that said and my extensive knowledge of doing time, I like to think of myself a *connoisseur* of Bible studies (even though I can’t spell!). This study [*Walkin’ the Walk*] is by far the most comprehensive study I’ve ever done and I know God is in the works and my heart rejoices.” **Danny**

PLEASE GIVE HIM THE CHANCE TO LEARN

“I want to take this opportunity to tell you how much I appreciate you and I enjoy the lessons you send. I love you with Christ’s love! The enrollment card is for a brother who is eager to learn and he seems to be ‘Walkin the Walk.’ Please give him the chance to learn as you did me. Thank you!” **Harold**

A DIRECTION TO GO WITH MY MIND

“I would like to begin one or more of your Bible study classes as soon as possible. I am being housed in a dorm where there are no jobs so I have a lot of free time. We all know too much free time is not a good thing for a sinner. Please send me something to do with my time and a direction to go with my mind.” **Ralph**

IT WAS AWESOME

“I talked to my cellie [about the Lord Jesus and His death] and at first he fought me over it. Then one day I quoted Romans 6:23 [‘For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.’] He listened after that. Then one day I found him praying when I came back from commissary. It was awesome; he had accepted Jesus.” **Cameron**

HIGHLY RECOMMEND THIS LESSON

“The reason I am writing you all this letter is that I have highly enjoyed this lesson [*Managing Anger God’s Way*]. I would highly recommend this lesson to anyone who is taking your curriculum. This lesson was very helpful to me in my life and my walk with Jesus Christ. I would also appreciate it if the staff would keep me lifted up in prayer. May the Lord bless you all.” **James**

TIME FOR ME TO TRY IT HIS WAY

“I’m currently incarcerated and trying to strengthen my faith in God. I would like to take part in your free Bible study course. I have tried it my way long enough. It’s time for me to try it His way.” **Quentin**

LONGING TO FIND SOMETHING GREATER

“Thank you for all you do to reach inmates locked up longing to find Something greater than the life they lived and their circumstance. May God bless you all dearly!” **Felicia**

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Ministry Statistics	JULY
Enrolled Students	6,902
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	718
Professions of Faith	38
Course Books Mailed	5,649
Course Exams Completed	4,090
Student Achievements	JULY
Curriculum Completed	18
Operation Finances	JULY
Funds Budgeted:	\$14,166.67
Funds Received:	\$9,311.81
Funds Expended:	\$16,218.97
Postage:	\$8,098.77
Courses:	\$3,676.94
Printing:	\$1,585.70
Funded Salary:	\$564.10
*Other:	\$2,293.46
Net MTD:	(\$6,907.16) **
Net YTD:	(\$13,082.97)

**Negative red numbers are always alarming. But at WPM we have learned to wait on the Lord to do His work in His time. Donations vary greatly during the year, but at year’s end healthy receipts generally make up for previous shortages and also put us in good position to start the next year.

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