



WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

Dear Friends,

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FAST TRACK ENROLLMENT

One of the issues educational institutions face is how to cap their student population. They may have limited facilities and faculties. Write-Way has no such problem. Enrollment is open to any inmate in a Texas or Louisiana correctional facility - Federal, State, or County/Parish. Thanks to our gracious donors, the courses are free and post-paid. And we have 350 volunteers who are ready to grade each exam and to encourage each participant.

Word-of-mouth from satisfied students is the main way we gain new students. Chaplains also often recommend our courses. As a result, over the last two years we have averaged more than 760 enrollments per month! That keeps our enrollment clerk, Miriam Martin, very busy. Miriam is our only funded employee, having come to us seven years ago with her own support base from Dallas-based Wycliffe Summer Institute of Linguistics.



As a part of her work here, Miriam has to confirm each prison location, ID number, birth date and spelling of each name. Because inmates are moved around a lot, Miriam also confirms the address before each postal shipment of courses and exams. Weekly she averages

about 30 changes of address. That is a great savings in terms of both courses and postage! Thank you, Miriam!

WPM Enrollment Card

<p>THE BIBLE HAS THE ANSWER See how the Bible can meet your needs and answer questions. Enroll in a free Bible study for prisoners only!</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I prefer the course in English. (If already enrolled, pass this card on.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> My address has changed or will change. Date of change _____</p> <p>PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY</p>	<p>LA BIBLIA TIENE LA RESPUESTA Vea como la Biblia puede satisfacer sus necesidades y responder a sus preguntas. Inscríbese en un estudio Bíblico gratis para presos solamente!</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Prefiero un curso en Español. (Si usted ya inscribió en este curso, favor de dar esta tarjeta a alguien.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mi Dirección ha cambiado o será cambiada.</p> <p>FAVOR DE ESCRIBIR CLARAMENTE</p>
<p>Name (Nombre) _____</p> <p>First (Primero) _____ Middle (Segundo) _____ Last (Apellido Paterno) _____</p>	
<p>ID No. _____ Housing _____ Institution _____</p>	
<p>Address (Dirección) _____ date of birth (fecha de nacimiento) _____</p> <p>City (Ciudad) _____ State (Estado) _____ zip code _____</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> I was previously enrolled at _____ ID no. _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Previamente fui inscrito como residente de _____ ID no. _____</p>	

NEW NEWSLETTER NAME

After poring over 63 suggested names from 14 supporters, a panel of seven office volunteers each chose their top three preferences. Then the final list went to two judges - volunteers here in shipping. Their choice:

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The winner of a \$50 gift certificate to the restaurant of his choice: James Robertson, a classmate of Ralph Nichols at Dallas Theological Seminary in 1982. CONGRATULATIONS! And thank you for your many years of support!

The title is appropriate in that from a dreary and dangerous place could come eternal riches and personal redemption. And that is exactly what we observe in our work here.

PRELIMINARY DONORBRIDGE RESULTS

The annual "Get Up and Give Day" for North Texas was last Thursday, September 19. Originally we thought the application date had passed. But we were able to be verified for the event on August 31. Since the August newsletter had already been mailed, we notified only those who had email addresses.

1,351 North Texas non-profits participated. 75,366 donors gave \$25,257,204.31, more than double of last year! WPM had 43 kind supporters whose gifts totaled \$5,445.00. The bonus is expected to be 6.4%. We will announce final numbers in the next newsletter. Thank you to all who participated!

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"I had not done one of your courses for over a year, probably two. I have kinda lost my way. Then I received a birthday card from you. Now the fact that I have sent you nothing for a long while and you still sent me a birthday card really touched my heart. I want to say, sincerely, Thank you so much.

Now listen to this. The day before I received the birthday card, I was telling a friend that I needed to get back into a Bible study program. And then I get the mail from you. Wow! If that is not an attention getter, I don't know what is! Would you re-enroll me in a study program?" **Robert**

"This is the first time I have ever done a Bible study through the mail. I really enjoyed it a lot. I would appreciate it if you would send me more. God bless you." **Jamie**

"I would like to extend my gratitude in being associated with a fine group of Godly Christians, who I admire very much in doing God's work. It is our Father Who gets all the glory. Thank God for you all and keep up the will of our Father in Heaven." **Daniel**

"The Bible courses have been my Mentor so to speak. I can refer back to them. I can let other Believers look at them for discussion." **Larry**

Thank you to Debbe and David Case for a generous memorial gift honoring her mother, Marguerite Porter Hewitt. Though absent, fruit will continue to accrue to her account.

*Visit us or donate online: www.writewaypm.org
Send us your email address to receive donor receipts and this monthly newsletter electronically.*



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AUGUST

Ministry Statistics * * * * *

Enrolled Students	7,066
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	737
Professions of Faith	30
Course Books Mailed	5,991
Course Exams Completed	4,256

Student Achievements * * * * *

Curriculum Completed	8
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Operation Finances * * * * *

Funds Budgeted:	\$14,166.67
Funds Received:	\$20,822.74
Funds Expended:	\$19,757.34
Postage:	<i>\$7,417.42</i>
Courses:	<i>\$7,567.43</i>
Printing:	<i>\$245.36</i>
Funded Salary:	<i>\$1,626.41</i>
Other:	<i>\$2,900.72</i>

Net MTD: **\$1,065.40**

Net YTD: **(\$12,017.57)**

Government employees in Texas may make designated work place payroll deductions through Local Independent Charities of Texas (LIC) at www.lic.org

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

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