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# BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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Dear Friends,

### SERVING THE PRODIGAL

Have you ever considered the costs to society of the prodigal? There's employer lost work time, IRS lost taxes, increased disability benefits, police costs, court costs, and incarceration costs. And there are costs to those who serve them. We gladly serve, but we do count the costs.

A Board member recently reminded me to publish to our supporters the cost per student. More than 80% of our expenses go towards Program expense; postage and books account for 72.5%. Last year the total cost per exam completed, including the book, postage, and overhead, amounted to \$4.23.

To help you plan your giving and to visualize the impact of your gift each month, consider this:

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| One course     | \$4.23     |
| Twelve courses | \$50.00    |
| 24 courses     | \$100.00   |
| 118 courses    | \$500.00   |
| 236 courses    | \$1,000.00 |

Thank you for your most considerate stewardship!

Rodger Turley, Director



It's the time of year when the Monarch butterflies linger on the WPM flowers before migrating south.



*Please pray for WPM:*

- For the health and service of our volunteers,*
- For a supportive Branch/Church relationship,*
- For the protection of our equipment/property,*
- For more students to finish the curriculum,*
- For spiritual fruit in first time students,*
- For continued generous supporters,*
- For an impact in the "Faith Dorms."*

**"It's an honor and a blessing** for someone like you all to take time out of your daily activities to converse with us as Bible students and helping us truly learn about God the Father and Jesus Christ our Savior." **Willie** \* \* \* \* \*

**"I am very grateful for the studies** and the growth I gain from your ministry." **Erik** \* \* \*

**"I found the first course, *Born To Win*,** in a pile of trash. **The Lord spoke to me that day** and helped put me on a path to a new life." **Joshua**

Please use the enclosed contribution as follows: Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
 (\_\_\_\_) The general fund to purchase and distribute Bible Study Courses.  
 (\_\_\_\_) For Staff Support: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (\_\_\_\_) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Name Address City State Zip

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**MORE PRODIGAL TESTIMONIES**

“When I was a gangster and I decided to follow Christ, many things presented themselves against me. But I prayed to God, putting my faith in Him. And **God set me free from it all...**without one hair from my head falling to the ground!” **Juan** \* \* \* \* \*

“The Lord took someone who was a drinker, who loved the party life – drugs, women, someone who could hurt another person and not care. I lived my life lost, thinking I was doing right. It took coming to prison and meeting some of God’s people to see I was wrong. It didn’t happen overnight, but the day came when I really saw the truth. **And that truth is Jesus.** So many tried to help me when I was out. But I’m glad that it wasn’t too late for me. I hope they can see that the seed they planted is now growing.” **Andrew** \* \* \* \* \*

“As I reread my answers, it shows me exactly what I need to do to have a good life, now and forever. I’m so **thankful for these studies and the Word of God** showing me the way and making me the man Jesus intended me to be. I’m also thankful for the ones who take the time to grade these. You’re in my prayers.” **Michael** \* \* \* \* \*

“I give thanks to God and to you for making possible the arrival of these studies so I can learn more and more of God’s Word. I owe you a lot because these courses come to me free, and you spend so much on the paper and ink and the postage so we can have them. I so appreciate it, since I have nothing with which to pay. And truthfully, **money cannot buy the marvelous Word of God’s grace.** May God continue to provide gracious donations so you can continue your ministry.” **Rodrigo** (translated from the Spanish) \* \* \* \* \*

“Thank you for all your continued support. My life goal is to learn that which I failed to do in my first 37 years of life. For the past six years you have helped me to gain an immeasurable amount of self-confidence in realizing **I can learn about Christ,** God the Father, and love Him!” **Steven** \* \* \* \* \*

“**I love all your courses.** I caught myself overwhelmed with classes – computer, customer service, Voyager, Anger Solutions, Overcomers, Changes II – that I put my other studies aside, even the Bible. I was so wrong and my path is back on track. Please, please continue my courses!” **Herman** \* \* \* \* \*

| <b>SEPTEMBER</b>                     |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Ministry Statistics</b>           |                    |
| Enrolled Students                    | 7,563              |
| New Enrollees ( <i>Born To Win</i> ) | 1,069              |
| Professions of Faith                 | 63                 |
| Course Books Mailed                  | 7,070              |
| Course Exams Completed               | 4,874              |
| <b>Student Achievements</b>          |                    |
| Curriculum Completed                 | 15                 |
| <b>Operation Finances</b>            |                    |
| September Budget:                    | \$14,166.67        |
| September Receipts:                  | \$33,739.04        |
| September Expenses:                  | \$29,464.76        |
| Postage:                             | <b>\$11,045.02</b> |
| Courses:                             | <b>\$14,565.58</b> |
| Printing:                            | <b>\$ 1,061.59</b> |

*“...the younger son... wasted his possessions with prodigal living... But when he came to himself...”*  
**Luke 15:13, 17**

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

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

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