

Free Bible studies to prisoners since 1982



WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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Dear Friends,

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.*

A LEAP INTO CYBERSPACE

In 1985, just three years after the formation of Write-Way Prison Ministries to serve Texas inmates, the need arose for a database to maintain multiplying student records. John Daniels, then a WPM Board Trustee, started work on the initial stages of Gradesys. Written in Pascal and operating on a Btrieve database system, Gradesys, after 30 years, is still scheduling courses and spitting out reports, transcripts and postal manifests.

After a decade of attempts to find a replacement system, we have determined it is time to upgrade, update, and bring WPM into the 21st century. Not only is the current system inflexible in many ways, it no longer has the capability of “communication” with newer, high tech equipment. In addition, Mr. Daniels is no longer a youthful programmer. In fact, he is retired, though frequently called to duty to make an adjustment on his aging Gradesys. Without his expertise and faithful support we would be lost!

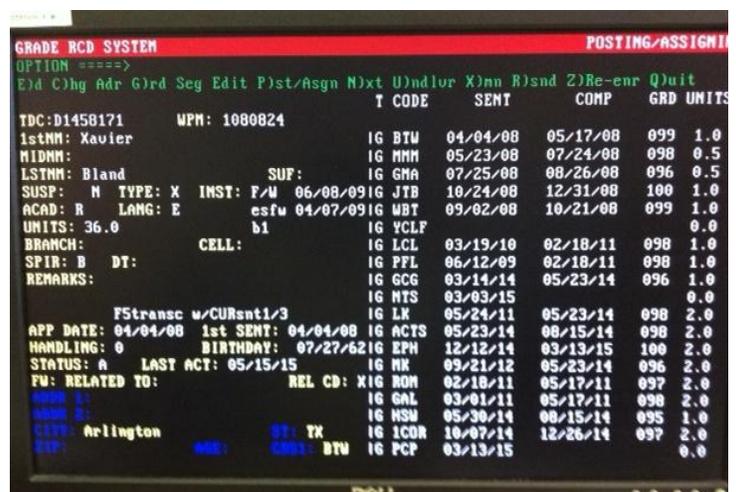
Therefore, after much prayer and with the WPM Board’s approval, we are mounting a campaign this month to modernize this essential tool of our outreach. Smooth daily operations depend upon this computer system and its multiple functions. The new system will be securely accessible from both the main office and remote Branch offices via the Internet. Odyssey Communications Group of Dallas is spearheading the design and implementation. They believe we can be up and running by January, 2016. We have budgeted \$33,000 for this project.

We are soliciting special funding, but our expectations are really from the Lord, Who has kept our mission focused and on the cutting edge of serving the incarcerated for over three decades. We are still only serving little more than 3% of our prison population. It is imperative to press on and “so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:25)

We ask for your prayers during this critical time of design. Please use the donation form on the next page to participate with us in this very special campaign.



John Daniels testing database about 1990



Gradesys and its familiar black/green screen

Please use the enclosed contribution as follows: Amount _____
 (____) The general fund to purchase and distribute Bible Study Courses:
 (____) For Staff Support: _____
 (____) Gradesys Update: _____

 Your Name Address City State Zip

(____) Please remove me from your mailing list.

Please return with your next contribution. Thank you.

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A volunteer posting grades on old system about 1995

RESPONSES FROM GRATEFUL HEARTS

Elevated My Faith In God

“I would like to begin by saying, ‘Thank you!’ You have been a great inspiration to me and very positive influence. Your correspondence course has really elevated my faith in God and given me the courage to walk upright before man. I have learned how to accept responsibility for myself without blaming others. I have learned that my pride and myself were the greatest enemies in ignorance of the Most High God. Now I not only know about God, I have a relationship with God through Christ. So I’m grateful to God for Write-Way and I pray that God continues to pour out His blessing through you to all who have been misled or lost. Keep up the good work. You are my inspiration!” **Tommie**

Share With Me Bible Studies

“I’m here for my 4th DWI. I’m 38 years old and I’ve been an alcoholic since I was 18. It helped smother my extreme pain from being sexually abused at age 7.

“But, in fully giving my life to God, I feel free, like the captives held in Babylon, then released! I feel like my captivity is for a reason; God knows. I have a giving, good, kind heart. I’m just damaged. I deeply want to continue my understanding of God’s plan for us. If you have the ability to share with me Bible studies, I’d immensely appreciate it! God, His Word, and my walk to be more Christ-like are very important to me.” **Jason**

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BY THE NUMBERS		
	APR 2015	APR 2014
Ministry Statistics		
Enrolled Students	8,008	6,886
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	894	856
Professions of Faith	70	37
Course Books Mailed	5,050	6,656
Course Exams Completed	4,590	4,128
Student Achievements		
Students Graduated (72 units)	11	5
Operation Finances		
Expenses:	\$22,599.22	\$22,153.74
Postage: \$11,971.60		
Courses: \$ 6,495.66		
Other: \$ 4,131.96		
Donations:	<u>\$12,641.92</u>	<u>\$22,079.62</u>
Net:	(\$9,957.30)	(\$74.12)

Special Gifts and Remembrances

Memorial:

James Leland Miller, husband of Kathleen Miller, counselor at Branch 044 in Baytown
 From the WPM Team at Branch 044
MaryBelle Scoggins, From friend, Sharon Currans, at Houston’s Branch 050

Honoring:

Dr. A. Gordon Robinson, Manager of Branch 054 in Dallas, on his 80th birthday, April 15th
 From brother, Robert J Robinson, in Virginia

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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