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BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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Dear Friends,

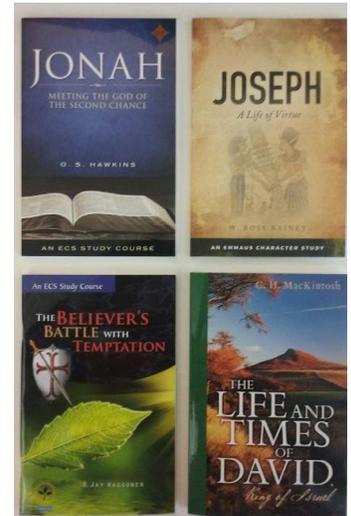
What a difference a month makes! Fires, hurricanes, and earthquakes stole the headlines from our national political unrest. Three of our nine Branches in the Houston area have shut down temporarily until their volunteers, churches, and post offices are restored. That affected 633 students!

TDCJ evacuated five of their state prisons south of Houston – 5,900 inmates. All five are being repopulated as this newsletter goes out. And that affected 150 of our students. In total, 20 of their prisons were affected, hundreds of employees unable to get to work, and homes flooded. Please see Prayer Corner below for specifics—the volunteers, the churches, and the students. Thank you for your fervent prayers.

Rodger Turley, Director



New Curriculum...



New Courses.

***** PRAYER CORNER *****

Branch 044 in Baytown: 219 students
Branch 075 in West Houston: 322 students
Branch 086 in Orange, TX: 92 students

Stringfellow prison: 26 students
Terrell prison: 39 students
Ramsey I prison: 85 students

Other Branches and volunteers affected are:

Branch 003 in Sugarland
Branch 011 in Montgomery
Branch 014 in Sugarland - Spanish
Branch 017 in Humble
Branch 050 in NW Houston
Branch 091 in SW Houston - Spanish

ECS WORLD WIDE NUMBERS in 2016

1,437,700 courses distributed in 2016.
That's 2.7 per minute, 163 per hour,
and 3,912 per day.
1,040,283 courses completed in 2016.
That's a 72% return rate.

Emmaus Correspondence School (ECS) goes back to 1942 when Belgian Congo missionary, Ed Harlow, returned to the states and wrote courses for the new Emmaus Bible School in Toronto. Others wanted access to these excellent materials and so was born the first of many correspondence courses and eventually ECS. Today ECS has 1,200 distributors in 100 countries in 80 languages.

In 1977 William McDonald wrote *Born to Win* for prisoners. Now there are 34 state coordinators who provide a curriculum (up to 94 courses available) for prisoners throughout the states.

Except for the seven Navigator booklets, all Write-Way courses come from ECS – 62 in English and 48 in Spanish. In 2016 Write-Way distributed 75,526 courses to Texas and Louisiana prisoners.

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.

Honorarium:

To celebrate the marriage of
Carolyn and Dave Ramsey
Gift from David and Kathy Humphries

Thanks to all who participated in the N TX Day of Giving! Results will be reported in October.

MATERIALS ARE SUCH HIGH QUALITY

“I’ve been enrolled in your studies for over two years now, and I just want to say how much I appreciate what you do. The materials are such high quality and I like how they become deeper in their subject matter as I progress. I share your enrollment forms with others and often leave them in the common areas. Your courses make a difference and I hope to be on the supporting end of your ministry one day soon.” **Norman**

I APPLY WHAT I’VE LEARNED

“You can’t get away from the Lord, no matter how hard you try, no matter how many drugs, women, alcohol, or whatever you put in His place. There will always be a hole that can’t be filled with anything but Him. I apply what I’ve learned every day and cling to Him. Apart from Him everything is meaningless.” **David**

GROUNDING IN THE TRUTH OF JESUS

“I don’t think I am the old Craig anymore. My life has changed in so many ways and will continue to change as long as I stay grounded in the Truth of Jesus. Thank you so much, Write-Way!” **Craig**

LEARNING SOMETHING NEW

“Thank you for all the Bible courses you have sent me. I really enjoy doing them. I’m learning something new in every one of them. I pray there are many more to come. God has done so much for me in my life, but never until now have I had the desires in my heart to learn about Jesus and to get excited about reading the Bible. It’s time for me to give back to Him.” **Trinity**

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BY THE NUMBERS

	<u>AUG 2017</u>	<u>YTD 2017</u>
Ministry Statistics		
Enrolled Students	7,776	8,127 avg
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	651	6,431
Professions of Faith	41	568
Course Books Mailed	5,123	38,704
Course Exams Completed	3,660	27,616
Students Graduated (72 units)	12	114
Operation Finances		
Expenses:	\$19,559.40	\$151,851.82
Postage:	\$6,704.97	\$66,709.31
Courses:	\$6,598.84	\$49,316.05
Staff support:	\$2,230.31	\$9,757.56
Other:	\$3,369.84	\$22,043.62
Donations:	<u>\$11,320.02</u>	<u>\$166,693.69</u>
NET:	(\$8,239.38)	\$14,841.87

HOW TO LIVE FOR JESUS

“I used to fear dying, but since I’ve come to Christ, I can’t wait to be with Him. All of these lessons help me. They are showing me how to live for Jesus. I’m not as good as I would like to be, doing these studies. I thank God that you take the time with me on these lessons, and the articles you send me are great. They clear up a lot of questions I have. You will be blessed because you have led me to Christ.” **John**

A HEART TO LOVE ALL PEOPLE

“In the past 17 years of incarceration, the Bible has cleaned my speech, set me free from my anger, hate, and bitterness, and has given me a heart to love all people, even those who claim to be my enemies. It has given me great hope and faith.” **Jerry**

WPM Statement of Faith is available upon request.

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