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BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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Before and After

At least once a year you need to read testimonies from one of our courses that asks for responses to: *Before I trusted Christ; How I trusted Christ; and Since I've trusted Christ.* Get your Kleenex out. You will see the hand of God raised against ungodliness, and then raising up new creatures in Christ.

EMMETT: "As a child growing up, I never knew nothing about God. I never even owned a Bible. The foster family I was with never introduced me to God, because they weren't Godly. My biological mother left me at the age of five for whatever reason. That left me feeling very lonely, resulted in living a very selfish and angry lifestyle, and had me feeling empty and hurting. At the age of 36 I got arrested.

"One day while sitting on my bunk at the county jail, a man approached me and told me that 'Jesus loves you, brother!' I asked him, 'How do you know this?' He sat down next to me and showed me Scripture in the Bible. On that day, August 1, 2013, I surrendered. I cried out to Jesus, confessing my sins.

"Since then, my life has changed tremendously for the good. I feel content, and most of all, loved. He's changing the way I relate to Him and to others. Because I know God will care for me, I feel more secure and willing to place the needs of others before mine, something that I did not know how to do. Not only that, but God has restored and reconciled me and my mother after 37 long years of separation. She traveled from Washington, DC twice in 2018 to come visit me here in Texas. Now I feel I have a purpose in life. He has transformed me from the inside out. I'm not the man I used to be. I'm much stronger inside. God has freed me com-



The results of your generosity on 09/19/19:

- 100,000 donors
- \$50,000,000 in donations
- 580 nonprofit agencies registered
- \$5,935 gifts to WPM
- \$189.92 Bonus dollars earned
- \$6,124.92 Total to WPM**



Monarchs passing through our garden.

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.

Prayer Corner

Thank you for your prayers and concern for this ministry, the land, the buildings, and the equipment we use. Pray for maturity in our students, patient compassion in our volunteers, and wisdom for our WPM Board of Directors.

JUAN: "I lived a very sinful life, a gangster life, and always used drugs. I hung around with bad people, never nice people. I used bad language and used ugly words to hurt people.

"I trusted Christ to keep me safe in the middle of gang fights. I trusted Christ to keep my family safe from bad people like me. I trusted Christ to keep me out of jail and prison.

"I've found such peace and happiness in my life. I've gotten closer to my family. I've been sleeping better. I've gotten along with more people, good and bad, and of different races. I've learned to not curse as much (I try not to.). Since I trusted Christ I've learned to love and pray for my enemies."

MICHAEL: "I lived a life I wanted and that involved alcohol and drugs. That started me down a path of destruction along with a lot of broken relationships with family and friends.

"That destruction led me to prison. While waiting for trial and sentencing in the county jail, I finally hit my rock bottom, knowing that the person I'd become ain't the person I wanted to be. So, I dropped to my knees in my jail cell and cried out to God to help me change who I'd become.

"God has given me a better understanding of Him and His Son. He has changed my hard heart. He has fixed some of the broken relationships in my life. The major one for me in here is that He has kept me safe. I think I really needed this so He could wake

BY THE NUMBERS

	<u>SEPT 2019</u>	<u>YTD 2019</u>	
<u>Ministry Statistics</u>			
Enrolled Students	7,164	6,980	AVG
Enrollees - <i>Born To Win</i>	731	6,064	
Professions of Faith	56	365	
Course Books Mailed	5,224	46,319	
Course Exams Completed	3,533	30,928	
Graduates 72+ units	17	108	
<u>Program Gifts and Expenses</u>			
Expenses:	\$22,611.81	\$175,186.85	
Postage:	\$7,838.89	\$67,901.19	
Courses:	\$8,821.59	\$71,458.97	
Staff support:	\$575.00	\$6,980.00	
Qtrly Insurance	\$0.00	\$2,160.00	
Other: *	\$5,376.33	\$26,686.69	
Donations:	\$15,072.17	\$153,417.35	
NET:	(\$7,539.64)	(\$21,769.50)	

*purchase of paper/envelopes on sale (\$2,288.00)

JAMES: "I was a very bad person, started being destructive at age 12. I sought the attention of people who were like me – bad people. I stayed on a downward spiral up until the age of 20. I got myself in some really bad trouble and ended up in county jail facing 99 years or life. About three weeks into the county jail, my mother bought me a really nice leather-bound Bible and I started to read it.

"Since this is a study Bible, it started out with four questions: Where have I come from? Where am I going? Why am I here? And How can I know the Truth? That was enough to draw me in. I was in a back and forth battle being in a place like prison full of dangerous people (me included) and trying to study the Word and live it. In 2013 I was placed in segregation alone for more than two years. It was me and my Bible.

"I am now a better man to be around. I am happy with who I am and Whom I serve. It makes me feel good to walk in truth and be of service to others. As a result, my family is proud to call me a son – on a journey with God."

WPM Statement of Faith is available upon request.

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