



Dear Friends,

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THE HEART OF VOLUNTEERS

A March 2010 article from AARP reported that a record number of “Boomers” and older Americans volunteered on their own, independently of formal organizations, increasing from 34% in 2003 to 57% in 2009. In addition, “the nature of civic engagement is changing, becoming more personal and more secular... less likely to join organizations.” The chief motivation given by 68% of the respondents is “feeling a personal responsibility to help others when they need it.” However, though volunteers in 2003 reported working an average of 15 hours per month, in 2009 volunteers report spending an average of six to ten hours of service per month.

Write-Way Prison Ministries has been honored to have the “cream of the crop” volunteers on board. Not only do they serve diligently, but for long periods of time. There are at least a dozen active members who have been with WPM for more than 15 years, not to mention Mr. Nichols who is in his 28th year of leading this school!

For 2009 WPM is estimated to have operated on the shoulders of more than 400 volunteers who worked 85,020 hours in various schedules and locations. That’s a \$616,395.00 labor value (at minimum wage)! Surely Paul’s prayer in Colossians 1:10 is answered: “being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”



Assembling the newsletter to 1,275 friends.

THE FRUIT OF VOLUNTEERS



Preparation for mailing 1,962 courses per week

WHAT I’VE BEEN MISSING

“You all have really and truly been a blessing in my life. My Bible lessons have helped me to realize what I’ve really been missing as far as my relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you all for your prayers and for this correspondence school. I wish that everyone could receive the type of blessings that I have.” *Rodney*

I CAN’T BE ANY HAPPIER

“I am writing to inform you that I really appreciate the material you have sent me. It has brought me closer to Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I believe in Him and He is with me in my heart. He has already started blessing with His power. I can’t be any happier than what the good Lord is doing for me. God bless.” *Trinidad*

WE SEEK HIS WILL FOR OUR FAMILY

“Please enroll my wife in your wonderful Bible studies. We are trying to stay on the same level spiritually and she is very excited about getting started with me. We hope and pray that these studies will get us to the place where our Father God needs for us to better serve Him. We have fully committed our family to Him and we seek His will for our family daily. Thank you for helping us get there.” *Trinity*

A MASTER STUDENT OF THE BIBLE

"I am proud of my 30 units of study and have learned so much about the Bible and the Truth of Divine matters. I am now a Master Student of the Bible. You have given me so much joy and happiness in my life and have given me the tools to help others to learn and become a Master Bible Student as well.

I love my duty as a Christian to help them to know Christ as I myself do. It gives me great joy to bring many new students to Write-Way. Thank you for all of your love and service to Christ Jesus and Jehovah God. Like all of us here at this unit, I see a major change for the better in all students of Write-Way and their conduct towards others. You have blessed us forever, and we are greatly blessed by your grace more than words can say." *Darren*

I SURRENDER MORE AND MORE

"I need to continue working on my pride. As a young man I was extremely filled with pride and always wanted to be where the action was. It took coming to prison and getting sober for my pride and arrogance to crumble. But through reading the Bible, praying every day, and these Bible studies, I know Christ's Spirit is guiding me as I surrender more and more to Him. My goal is to become a man powerful in the Word, but humble and broken in spirit who stands for righteousness." *Royse*

A PLACE IN MY HEART

"I want to first start by saying 'Thank you' for the courses. I'm not knowledgeable about the Bible and wish to learn as much as possible. I will not forget you guys. You will have a place in my heart when I am released." *Marco*



Recording grades for 1,248 students a week.

REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2010

Institutions Served	338
Enrolled Students	8,218
Suspended*	<u>1,090</u>
Active Students	7,128
New Enrollees	921
Professions of Faith	51
Course Booklets Mailed	7,848
Course Exams Completed	4,995

*Students returning no exams for more than 90 days.

Student Achievements Reached This Month:

36 Course Units Completed: 33 Students
48 Course Units Completed: 10 Students

Operational Finances Summary:

February Donations:	\$ 21,835.41
February Expenses:	20,550.37
Postage:	\$ 8,099.82
Courses:	8,161.59
Surplus:	<u>\$ 1,285.04</u>

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WPM Statement of Faith is available upon request.**

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