WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

N E W S L E T T E R

Dear Friends,

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CELEBRATING

Ralph M. Nichols

Age 92 on May 30, 2010

28 years Texas Penal Coordinator

28 years President of Write-Way Prison Ministries, Inc.

<<<<<<<CHANGES>>>>>>>

INTRIGUED, INSPIRED, TAUGHT>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
"I must be honest. I've tried other Bible courses, but none has intrigued, inspired, or taught me like yours. PROVERBS FOR LIFE was very inspiring, as well as letting me know how much I've changed and how much I've grown through my Christian journey. I love doing your studies and I thank you for sending them to me." Allen

<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<HELPS ME HELP OTHERS
"This is great (BASIC BIBLE DOCTRINES)! This helps a lot. It helps me to help others that need to know. Some that I try to help are prideful, so I use books like this one. You all have been a great blessing to me and my family. This Christian life is all new to me and my family. But I know it's the right thing to do. And seeing me move in that direction has grabbed my family's attention!"
Celestino

COMMENTS ARE EXTREMELY HELPFUL>>>>>>
"These lessons are very good and helpful to further my understanding of the Bible and to help in my Christian walk. The counselor's comments are extremely helpful and I appreciate them taking the time to answer and give their comments. Thank you for your concerns."
Thomas

<<<<<<<<<THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME
"I don't know who gets this correspondence, but I would like to thank you for taking the time to grade these and to send me more lessons. These lessons came right when I was starting to get depressed about being in this 'box.' (Administrative segregation). You are truly a blessing to me." Chris

I'M STILL LEARNING>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
"Thank you for the birthday card. I know it's just a card but it means a lot. I'm 44 now, but when I was growing up, I don't remember any birthday cards. But you have been sending me cards for three years now and you don't even know me. But we will one day in heaven! You do bless me more than you know with the Bible studies. It has helped me get to know God and Jesus better, and myself, and what I'm supposed to do as a Christian. I'm still learning and it's not easy a lot of the time. But we have to keep getting up and running the race for God and people."
Michael

"He sets the prisoner free." Charles Wesley, O For A Thousand Tongues>>>>>>>>>>>

YOU HELP INMATES COPE>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
"I was introduced to Write-Way back in 2005. I just wanted to pause and thank you guys for being so faithful! I love you. You have been right there with me every step of the way, just like Jesus is. I am so grateful for your ministry. I praise God and thank our glorious Master every single day for you and others out there like you who come into our prisons and help inmates cope with their circumstances. You have no idea how much we appreciate your love, correspondence, Bible studies, and prayers. God bless you!" Poppa Bill

<<<<<<<<<SOMEONE ENROLLED ME AS A JOKE
"Your note says that, 'Several months ago you enrolled…' and my answer is 'No.' I did not enroll myself. Someone on the unit must have gotten my name and ID number and enrolled me as a joke and did it without my knowledge and approval. It did upset me at the time, but I did get over it. At the time I was involved with another prison ministry. But afterwards, when I had opened the booklet and took a quick scan through it, it caught my attention and I liked what I read. Then I decided to go on with it. And so here I am today doing and enjoying them!" Rudy

KEEPING ME FULL OF FAITH>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
"I'm enjoying getting good teaching of God's Word. I also went back over my wrong answers and studied them all over. It really encouraged me more to follow through with my studies because I see with good teaching comes good advice and guidance. Thank you for not only the courses, but the guidance of keeping me full of faith and staying in the Word." Mel

<<<<<<<<<<<<<<FROM RAVING TO RIGHTEOUS

BEFORE I TRUSTED CHRIST: "I was a violent, insolent person and did not want to hear anything anyone preached about Jesus and God. I did not believe in God's mercy because He allowed injustice of man to mankind."

HOW I TRUSTED CHRIST: "The second time I went to prison I was literally insane for two years. I was mad at God, the judge, the prosecutor, my lawyers, and myself for not knowing how I came to let myself be put in a position to where I was given a 35 year sentence. I felt it was unjustified so I was a raving mad lunatic, cussing and fighting for those two years.

"One day, Sunday, I was going to recreation, passing the gym where services were held. I heard what sounded like a choir in heaven singing. I passed on by but somehow found myself back at the door, looking in and listening to the heavenly sound. Suddenly I realized where I was standing and said, 'No! I ain't going in!' This happened three times and the third time the Spirit compelled me to go in. I made the altar call that day begging God to forgive me with tears pouring from my eyes. I was born again that day in January, 1995."

SINCE I HAVE TRUSTED CHRIST: "By God's grace I have weathered many trials and temptations, going through the 'tempering fire' so to speak. I know today that Satan is real. I know today that God Almighty is real and all-powerful, merciful, and righteous in all that He does. I do not hate anyone anymore, but I do hate the sin which defiles us. I now have compassion for all mankind, lifting them up in prayer for God's mercy. Even though I am back in prison as a mandatory supervision violator, God has used me to touch a number of men and state and county employees. I believe it is God's Spirit bearing witness with mine that I am His child." Billy

CAN'T STOP BELIEVING IN GOD>>>>>>>>>>>>>

"I want to thank you in advance for your time and effort. I used to take your Bible study course back in 2002 and I stopped because I wanted to stop believing in God. I thought it would be easier to do my time. But truth is, it's not. I can't stop believing in God and I need His help. Can you please re-enroll me or start me off where I left off. You ain't got to worry about me ever quitting again!

Agustin

<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<PLEASE KEEP IT COMING

"I'm so thankful to God first of all for putting in my spirit to rededicate my life, will, and ways back to Him. Guys here have been drawn to Him by seeing me do this study faithfully. I've learned so much! And I'm also grateful for those of you who have been patient with me on this journey in study. God bless you all and may He keep each of you filled with blessed days for what you're doing in people's lives. Like me! Please keep it coming."

Kenneth

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<<<<REPORT FOR APRIL>>>>

Institutions Served		341
Enrolled Students	8,119	
Suspended*	981	
Active Students		7,138
New Enrollees		872
Professions of Faith		**41**
Course Booklets Mailed		8,405
Course Exams Completed		5,640

*Students returning no exams for more than 90 days.

Student Achievements Reached This Month:

36 Course Units Completed:	**22 Students**
48 Course Units Completed:	**17 Students**

Operational Finances Summary:

April Donations:		$ 10,176.52
April Expenses:		14,720.30
Postage:	$ 8,308.82	
Courses:	4,127.02	
Admin/Misc	2,284.46	
Deficit:		$ -4,543.78

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