



Dear Friends,

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A MEMORIAL

*Away from the body... at home with the Lord
II Corinthians 5:8 NIV*



RALPH MARION NICHOLS

May 30, 1918 - July 5, 2010
Des Moines, Iowa – Mesquite, Texas

For 28 years Ralph Nichols led Write-Way Prison Ministries from a kitchen table in his home to a spacious headquarters building sitting on an acre of land in Garland, Texas. He started with a handful of inmate exams. He lived to see the correspondence school grow to minister to more than 9,700 students per month housed in Texas and Louisiana Federal and State prisons and County and Parish jails. He was resourceful and intense in his endeavor to serve the “least of these.”

He knew the task of reaching over 300,000 Texas and Louisiana prisoners with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and discipling them was daunting. He tackled this challenge

with his wife, Dorothy M. Nichols, by developing “Branches.” Volunteers from local churches form a support group to grade and counsel each exam in order to provide the student with personal and positive feedback. Write-Way began with an all volunteer staff and non-profit status in 1982. It continues to this day, now with volunteers numbering over 400. Ralph performed his duties as President of the WPM Board and Director of the school to his last moment. He celebrated his 92nd birthday on May 30, 2010.

“...after he had served his own generation by the will of God, [he] fell asleep...” Acts 13:36 NKJV



At the WPM 2007 Banquet with daughter, Helen May Nichols, and Emmaus Correspondence School U.S. Prison Director, Al Stoltz

MEMORIAL BULLETIN

Further information is available on the WPM web site where there is a link to the Memorial program bulletin which lists the order of service as well as the words to a favorite song of Ralph’s. You will also appreciate the essay, “Going Home” (from *Interest* magazine, author unknown). www.writewaypm.org

You may also access the web site of the New Hope Funeral Home for the obituary and a link to leave a personal message for the family. www.newhopefh.org

A TESTIMONY

On April 25, 2010 Ralph Nichols met with a group of interested volunteers from Believers Chapel here in Dallas. It would be the final grading/counseling Branch in which he would oversee its formation. This would be Branch #78, and would bring to 31 the number of active Branches.

Mike Amis, an elder at Believers Chapel, encountered the Write-Way courses while teaching at the Moore prison unit in Bonham, Texas. While there he met and taught an inmate who was a WPM student. That inmate has now been paroled, lives in Dallas and has a full time job. Recently he applied to be a grader counselor. To quote Mr. Amis:

“Terry was recently released from the prison unit located at Nacogdoches. Prior to that, he had been at Choice Moore Unit, Bonham, where he actively participated in the Experiencing God class Rick Kingsley and I lead.

Terry attended our class weekly for about two years, and I learned that he was a sincere student of the Bible, often indicating a mature knowledge of God’s Word and doctrinal truth in alignment with the Write-Way Statement of Faith. Terry informs me he has completed all of the Write-Way courses... I believe that Terry’s role as a grader/counselor would benefit both him and the students involved.”

Mr. Nichols was proud to hear one of his students graduated the courses, got out of prison, and then wanted to join WPM. Terry officially became a WPM counselor exactly one day before Mr. Nichols went home to rest in His Savior’s arms.

MEMORIALS

In the July Newsletter we will present Memorials we receive. Each donor will be sent a personal letter of thanks with a copy sent to the Nichols family. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in honoring Ralph M. Nichols.

It is time to sign up for this year’s
Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor

donor program, running from 07/01/2010 to 04/30/2010. Simply go to our web site and find the Kroger link. Print out the form with the WPM bar code and take it on your next shopping trip to Kroger and allow the cashier to scan the barcode. Thank you.

Visit us or donate online:

www.writewaypm.org

Send us your email address to receive donor receipts and this monthly newsletter electronically.

REPORT FOR JUNE

Institutions Served	354
Enrolled Students	7,813
New Enrollees	872
Professions of Faith	51
Course Booklets Mailed	8,220
Course Exams Completed	5,371

Student Achievements Reached This Month:

36 Course Units Completed:	30 Students
48 Course Units Completed:	13 Students

Operational Finances Summary:

June Donations:	\$ 12,555.20
June Expenses:	14,967.14
Postage:	\$ 8,092.84
Courses:	2,528.02
Admin/Misc	4,346.28
Deficit:	\$ -2,411.94

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**Our annual certified CPA audit is available upon request.
WPM Statement of Faith is available upon request.**

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Upon successful completion of 36 and 48 units, beautiful (8 1/2 x 12") certificates are issued by the Emmaus Correspondence School. WPM does not offer courses beyond 53 units, but at its discretion, Emmaus Correspondence School may allow the student to continue up to 108 units. This plan gives the student incentive to keep on with the studies. Our graduates stand as a tribute to the more than 400 counselors who give of their time and talents to encourage students and to edify them in Christ. They are also a tribute to those who spend long hours without pay: some ministering in a business way, some donating needed goods, some giving financially, and some upholding WPM in prayer. We praise God for this high-water mark in an inmate's rehabilitation.

April through June 2010

** Units earned with Distinction (Grade average > 95.0)

* Units earned with Honor (Grade average > 90.0)

(Sp) Spanish Curriculum

Students below have earned 36 Unit Certificates

Albright, Garry S *
 Baca, Sammy T *
 Beaty, David E *
 Blackwell, Jeremy N *
 Bocanegra, John
 Burns, Anthony J *
 Carter, Herman
 Casey, Tony W *
 Caulder, Deborah S **
 Chavez, Joe H
 Chehade, Mefreh A
 Coleman, Tim E
 Corley, Jimmy D *
 Coulson, Charles P *
 Degler, Tiffany E
 DeLeon, Franklin *
 Douglass, Paul A **
 Drosopoulos, Chris *
 Duncan, Alvin O
 Dunn, Clifford E
 Elmore, Andre L *
 Epp, Michael D *
 Ereman, Jon M *
 Escamilla, Milton
 Evans, Patrick *
 Faura, Rafael J **
 Fields, Darrell L
 Funez, Hector A *(Sp)
 Garland, Robert E *
 Garza, Mauricio P *
 Glover, Charles E
 Glover, Kenneth W **
 Gonsalves, Stanley A
 Gonzales-Olivas, Efen (Sp)
 Granville, Robert K
 Grice, Walter P
 Hall, Richard A **
 Hardison, John G
 Harris, Lynn M
 Hill, Derek W *
 Hinson, Everett C **
 Hooper, William D
 Hull, Donald W
 Ivery, Mishelle L
 Jackson, Phillip G *
 Jefferson, Marcus L
 Kalek, James E *
 Kile, Kenny E *
 Kirven, Alando

Larey, David T **
 Lopez, Antelmo V *(Sp)
 Lopez, Efrain
 Lopez, George
 Maggard, Robert R *
 Martinez, Domingo *
 McCurry, Tracy A *
 McGee, Michael E
 McKinney, Dalton R
 Medina, Luis *
 Montez, Vincente
 Moore, John L *
 Munoz, Arnoldo R (Sp)
 Nickleberry, Arnold
 Nogues-Saavedra, Juan (Sp)
 Perez, Benito *
 Perry, Curtis
 Pfeiffer, Frederick W **
 Pruitt, Jessie E
 Resler, Albert L
 Richardson, Jimmy G *
 Riley, Cordelia M *
 Sims, Michael L
 Smallwood, Herbert L
 Smith, Hoyt E *
 Stanley, Charlie R *
 Taylor, James E
 Thomas, James
 Thompson, Donald R *
 Torres, Carmelo M (Sp)
 Tucker, John C **
 Tysz, Richard S
 Wills, Douglas W *
 Wingate, Justin E
 Yeager, Danny L *

Students below have completed the WPM curriculum

Albright, Sandra R **
 Ashford, Stephen B *
 Bailey, Frank L
 Barideaux, Melvin H *
 Bergara, Brandy
 Betz, George H *
 Bidwell, Michael S
 Blanton, Mark D *
 Carpenter, Bryan A *
 Casarez, Celestino *
 Chapman, William R *
 Charles, Paul R
 Dale, Jolene O *
 David, Jimmy
 Dossett, Mike E *
 Fleming, Roger *
 Garrison, Douglas N *
 Gonzales, Fernando
 Gonzalez, Jesus
 Gribbin, Shane E *
 Hargis, William T *
 Hartgrove, John **

Hearn, John L **
 Hebron, Johnny W
 Johnson, Nathaniel
 Lamm, David W *
 Mills, Russell L *
 Moreno, Antonio *
 Morgan, Curtis L
 O'Cain, Nathaniel *
 Orr, Harvey C
 Perez, Alejandro
 Pina, Tommy
 Pritt, Angel D
 Ramirez, Filimon R
 Redwine, Vernon J
 Reynolds, Gregory M
 Sanchez, Jose L
 Sandoval, Hector R
 Scott, Michael D *
 Shugart, James P *
 Simanikas, William C
 Snyder, James A *
 Tolle, Michelle A *
 Usher, William J
 Wade, David L **
 Williams, Willie R
 Zuniga, Fernando F

The following students have gone on to earn additional Units through ECS:

Students below have earned 60 Unit Certificates

Alameda, Efrain J **
 Archie, Touni L *
 Bachelder, Edward *
 Barfield, Arnold B *
 Berry, Tyrone *
 Breeland, Richard W
 Bruner, Leland E *
 Brysch, Claude **
 Colbert, James S **
 Demouchet, Leroy J *
 Elkins, Fred L
 Fernandez, David J *
 Franklin, Michael C
 Gaskin, Alan K *
 Hadnot, David
 Hallmark, Brenda G *
 Harrison, Charles E
 Hernandez, Mario X *
 Hutton, David L **
 Ingram, Diana L
 Jackson, Raymond F *
 Jernigan, Ricardo **
 Johnson, Moses
 Kenebrew, Don L *
 Kidd, Tommie F *
 Kieley, Richard *
 Kulwicki, Russell J **

Lopez, Henry **
 Love, Marty D *
 Mahone, Clifford G *
 Mindermann, Cynthia C *
 Morgan, Roy E *
 Norman, Leland H *
 Palomarez, Rudy *
 Pense, Wayne L **
 Petty, James K
 Pina, Tommy
 Ramirez, Homero A
 Reedy, Robert J *
 Riley, Andre *
 Roberts, James T *
 Roddam, Megan *
 Rubio, James *
 Rush, Michael R *
 Serna, Joseph P *
 Shield, Ryan B *
 Sifuentes, Willie J *
 Simpson, Joycelyn R
 Slack, Reginald
 Solis, Armando O *
 Wells, Steven *
 York, Ronnie L *

Students below have earned 72 Unit Certificates

Allen, Michael D **
 Burton, Robert L *
 Golston, Sandra
 Hubbard, Curtis
 Jackson, Larry **
 McWright, Jimmy
 O'Shields, Jimmy L *
 Walker, Melvin *
 Warren, Gregory *
 Weatherspoon, Leonard L

Students below have earned 84 Unit Certificates

Beavers, Robert M
 Ford, Larry W
 Newman, Anthony Q
 Newman, Anthony Q
 Reeves, Gary A

Students below have earned 96 Unit Certificates

Ricks, Julie A **

Students below have earned 108 Unit Certificates

Miller, Mark E *
 South, Jack **

REMEMBER A PRISONER

“Remember the
prisoners
as if chained with
them...”

Heb.13:3a NKJV



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