

## WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

# <u>N E W S L E T T E R</u>

Dear Friends,

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#### FROM THE DIRECTOR

"...your confidence, which has great reward." Heb 10:35

The Bible frequently speaks about rewards. It's not clear whether they are gifts, a work, a place, or a Person. But the point is that neither Paul (in I Cor 3) nor the author of Hebrews wants us to lose those rewards. Even Moses "looked to the reward." (Heb 11:26)

I do not doubt that working with prisoners will earn you a reward. It just takes a lot of patience. Recidivism will try to dampen your spirit. The broken system will test your longsuffering. But the letters of testimony will thrill you.

If you would like to stuff your heavenly resume with those experiences that guarantee a return and rewards, then join us. Your gifts and your prayers will eventuate in new births and then glowing testimonies. And rewards to boot!

## **MEMORIAL GIFTS**

Below we list and gratefully thank those who have sent memorial gifts as of November 16.

#### In memory of Joel A. Durrett:

From James and Teresa Pierce, counselor in BR007

## **SALVATION HAS APPEARED**

#### IN A DARK PLACE...LIGHT

"I am currently incarcerated on a 12 year sentence and recently found Christ. Already it has changed me; my thoughts have changed and the way I react to things is different. I would like to say 'Thank you!' for your help in finding Christ. What you are doing for people is great. For the people in a dark place you bring light.

"My whole life has been about violence and crime. I am 29 years old and I'm tired of running from God. So I'm reaching out to you. God bless." **Curtis** 

#### **GREAT ASSET TO THE KINGDOM**

"I am writing to let you know that you are very much appreciated for all of the hard work you do for all of us. God has placed some wonderful individuals at WPM. May God bless you all for taking time out to grade our exams and giving us words of encouragement. You are a very great asset to the Kingdom of God! May God one day place me in a ministry that's also helping and encouraging those that are incarcerated."

Rhonda

#### A VERY GRACIOUS IMPACT

"I want to say that I hope that I make a good grade on the study of Hebrews, because I have never had a study come alive to me as this one. Martin Luther said his study of Romans changed his life. Well, I want to say that the study of Hebrews has made a very gracious impact on me. I can hardly wait to send this study guide home to my mother and sister. I believe it will be a true blessing to both. God bless your ministry!" **Kenneth** 

#### TREMENDOUSLY BLESSED

"By the time you receive this study, by the Grace of God, I will be home. Through this treatment program the Lord has granted me to go home early. I immensely enjoy these studies and desire to continue them at home. They have brought me much closer to the Lord Jesus and the Father, always led by His Spirit. Through these studies, these last 20 months were made bearable and I feel tremendously blessed.

"'He healeth the broken in heart and bindeth up their wounds.' (Ps 147:3) All my love in Christ Jesus." **Robert** 

#### I WANT TO SHARE

"I have very serious charges and may be spending a long, long time in prison. I pray, through God's mercy, I may find the courts' mercy. I got your address from a volunteer here. This time, I don't want to just simply 'survive.' I want to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. My spirit is willing, but I need a teacher to guide me in my pursuit. Can you, and will you, help me in this new life? Blessings to you all for the selfless lives you have chosen to live." John

#### ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE WITH HIM

"My friend told me about your services. In this three month program I've learned a lot about myself and my relapse thinking and 'triggers.' I am going to change my life around and make something real positive out of my life. I miss my son so bad. I feel empty without him and cannot live like this anymore. I know it is going to be a struggle, but I know with Jesus and God Almighty Himself, it is possible. Anything is possible with Him, as the Bible says. Could you send me some study material and a study Bible?" **Paul** 

#### THE BEST COURSE

"DOING TIME WITH JESUS is the 'best course.' A lot of questions I had before have been answered. Thank you so much for your job." **Simon** 

#### SHOWS YOUR CONCERN

"Hello to the wonderful people of Write-Way. I am soon to be shipped from my parish jail to Federal prison. When I get shipped to my new address I'll be sending my work. I think it is real amazing how you check up on people! It shows your concern and it shows that you believe in people. Thanks!" **Dominic** 

#### **HOW I TRUSTED CHRIST**

"I was born in Fort Worth to a drug and alcohol family. When my parents did not want anything to do with me or my other siblings, they would lock us in a room and give us one candy bar, one soda, and one bag of chips to share. They never went to church.

"When I was two years old some people from CPS came and got us and found a new family who adopted us all. They used to take us to church, but I never understood who that man on the cross was. As I was growing up I started to be a problem to my parents. I acted up, then was suspended from school, and found myself going to and from jail.

"It was on a very cold and windy night under a bridge in San Antonio and a ministry was passing out clothes and blankets. Just think, I was one of those homeless individuals! These people had services and talked about how they used to be lost in sin until they asked the Lord Jesus to come into their heart. After the service, one of the guys ministered to us in the back of his truck and stood there with his arms stretched out. That night in Dec 2008 I finally asked God and His Son, Jesus Christ, to come into my heart and become the Lord and Savior over my life. He has blessed me in so many ways." Gerald

### **REPORT FOR OCTOBER**

Institutions Served	358
Enrolled Students	8,214
New Enrollees	937
<b>Professions of Faith</b>	43
Course Booklets Mailed	8,922
Course Exams Completed	5,658

#### **Student Achievements Reached This Month:**

36 Course Units Completed: 30 Students 48 Course Units Completed: 32 Students

#### **Operational Finances Summary:**

October Donations: \$ 15,198.69 October Expenses: 19,517.58

Postage: \$ 8,313.88 Courses: 6,789.47 Admin/Misc 2,765.41

Deficit: \$ -4,318.89

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