WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

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PAY IT FORWARD

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8

A few years ago the movie, "Pay It Forward," became popular with its emphasis on good works. The social studies teacher challenged his students to think of a way to change the world and then put it into practice. One of the young boys came up with "Pay it forward," doing something for somebody that they can't do for themselves. Do it three times, and then those you help should do it three times, that is, "Pay it forward."

Write-Way is a gigantic "Pay it forward" ministry. We send free Bible courses to those who cannot pay us back. We pay all the postage because they cannot. We have an all volunteer team that labors on pure devotion. In an exercise of faith, they "Pay it forward."

"Your service is a gift from God leading us to salvation through repentance. Please keep up your work. It is helping save lives!" **Clifton**

Included in this issue we recognize all those who have excelled in their studies. The first large certificate issued by Emmaus Correspondence School (ECS) is for 36 units of work. Another is issued for 48 units, previously our "graduate" level. Completion of our curriculum is now at about 65 units and is the benchmark before "graduating" the student to ECS for more studies.

Testimonies from Ronnie and David follow and, as advanced students, they will soon graduate. Most advanced students have studied with us for 5 or more years! In 2001 48 prisoners completed our program; in 2010 287 worked their way through 48 units. With half of 2011 behind us, we already have 201 students passing the 48 unit standard and 58 completing the entire curriculum!

"Write-Way Prison Ministries – you have done it again. Every chapter of <u>Minor Prophets</u> was more inspiring then the previous one!" **Ronnie** (student since Dec 2007)

"This was another struggle lesson [<u>Life and Prophecies of Daniel</u>], another test for my spiritual side. You have been a blessing, a counselor I truly appreciate, for all the comments and guidance you have given me. The truth is you

kept me going. At times I wanted to give up. When I finish my time, I may have no one or nowhere to go, but where ever my destiny is, I'll have Jesus with me. When I leave I won't walk out alone. PTL!" **David** (4 books to graduate)

May we suggest some new ways that you can "Pay it forward?" Our numbers over the last several years tell us that it costs about \$3.55 per course to serve a student. For \$35.50 you can start ten prisoners on the road to spiritual maturity. Or \$71.00 would support twenty new students. Perhaps you can carry a prisoner through to graduation for \$213.00?



"Yes, Jesus has set me free! Even though I am in prison, I feel His peace in my heart!" **Daniel**

Another way you as an individual can help provide financial support for WWPM is through the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program. Take the enclosed letter on your next trip to Kroger and they will scan the WPM code onto your Kroger Plus Shopper's Card. A percentage of your purchase will be sent to WPM on a quarterly basis. This program has supplied about \$700 per year toward our mission. Ask other members in your family or friends to become involved in the program for greater support.

The economy is still limping along. The debt-ceiling debate has captured our attention and ignited many fears. And the Middle East "Arabic Spring" is sending uncertain signals. But for those of us "created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them," it is time for a fervent "Pay it forward" burst of energy. This will truly exalt our Lord Jesus.

We greatly appreciate the dedicated faithful individuals who comprise 74% of our donors supporting our mission of reaching prisoners in Texas and Louisiana for Christ. We are working to increase the 8% from corporate grants and business gifts. However, we recognize that this is a very competitive area and that many businesses will not consider faith-based programs. Support from churches provides about 16% of our donations. Is Write-Way a part of your church's mission program? If not, please contact us about that option so we can pursue it together.

"Do you see that faith was working together with his works (Abraham), and by works (Abraham's) faith was made perfect?" **James 2:22**

"I'm grateful to Write-Way for helping me grow in the knowledge of God's way, which is found in Jesus. So here I am, being obedient to His calling over my life, transmitting, imparting what I learned through Write-Way to others. God bless you and keep you as you do His will." **Cesar E** (in free world)

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

"Thank you for the opportunity I was given to take the courses offered by your ministry. The Bible courses have been a great blessing and encouragement. Thank you so much for providing the materials and for caring for us prisoners. I thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart." **Cesar H**

"Thank you all for the time and consideration you folks put into us convicted prisoners. May God bless your faith in us when everyone else had turned away." **Refugio**

"This ministry loved me and encouraged me through every study you have." **Richard**

"My love for God and the will to help others continues to grow. So if I can help in any way I'd appreciate your guidance. Maybe someone I can write to?" **Jamie**

"Thank you for this wonderful lesson, <u>The Book of Acts</u>. Thanks to people like you doing this work for the Lord, we can achieve more knowledge through your lessons." **Jose**

"Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." **Philippians 2:12**

"God bless you and your organization for the opportunity and the spiritual support and guidance through this unfortunate incarceration of mine. God was there to remind me He loves me." **Jermaine**

May the Lord reward all who are involved in this ministry very richly in heaven" **Miguel**

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REPORT FOR JUNE

Institutions Served	353
Enrolled Students	8,214
New Enrollees	815
Professions of Faith	56
Course Booklets Mailed	8,075
Course Exams Completed	5,469

Student Achievements Reached This Month:

36 Course Units Completed:
48 Course Units Completed:
51 Students
60 Course Units Completed:
21 Students

Operational Finances Summary:

June Donations: \$ 12,572.21 June Expenses: 15,580.56

Postage: \$ 8,737.87 Courses: 1,797.61 Admin/Misc 5,045.08

Surplus/(Deficit): \$ (3,008.35)

Unpaid May, June Expenses: \$13,351.01

***Praise note: a generous July gift cleared these invoices. ***

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