



WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

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BORN TO WIN



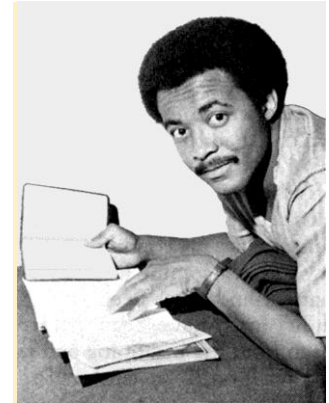
OVER 2 MILLION DISTRIBUTED

Since 1977, Emmaus Correspondence School has distributed more than 2 million copies of *Born To Win*, the anchor and first book of our prison curriculum for inmates. Write-Way has distributed more than 176,000 in just this last decade. This course, written by the late theologian, William MacDonald, is designed to assess our students' spiritual status and to confront them with the claims of Christ. The majority of our professions of faith, an average of 48 per month, come from *Born To Win*. In addition, we are reaching about 100 Spanish students per month with the Spanish translation, *Nacido para Triunfar*. We invite you to support us in this fruitful evangelistic effort.

"I have examined other religions... *Born to Win* has opened my eyes to the true gospel. This course has helped me see that Christ is all I need for salvation."
– *Terrance, inmate in Georgia*

OUR FIRST TESTIMONY

Steve Thompson, whose testimony is still in the front of *Born To Win*, was 18 when he joined the Navy and was stationed in Japan. Under the influence of drugs he killed his girlfriend and was sentenced to a Japanese prison. Bewildered, he was visited by two missionaries who led him to the Lord. He went on to study more than 20 ECS courses.



Upon release, he returned to Chicago, joined a church, and then attended Emmaus Bible School. While there he ministered at Cook County Jail. Upon graduation he was commended by his local church to serve as chaplain. That began 23 years of service with *Good News Jail and Prison Ministry*.

Steve has established a lawn care/property maintenance business in Chicago called New Creations Services. He hires paroled inmates, provides them work, and - more importantly- gets these guys together for Bible study.

BTW TESTIMONIES

"I really enjoyed *Born To Win*. The course has opened my eyes to the time I have wasted and how sin has separated me from my own family. I guess if sin separated man in the beginning from his Creator, certainly it will separate man from his family. And this is what has happened to me." – *Donald, inmate in Texas*

"I love what Jesus is doing in my life through ECS courses. Others are being led to the Lord because of *Born To Win*. I think this is the best Bible course I ever took!"
– *Harry, inmate in Florida*

"I got *Born To Win* from my cellmate. He had it under his mattress for about a month or so. He never messed with it, so I asked him for it. I have since turned my life to God to save me from my past. I'm ready to change."
– *Paul, inmate in Texas*

"I just want to tell you guys that I have done a few Bible studies and this one [*Born To Win*] is by far the best one. I have learned so much in this one study. I can't wait to receive more and learn more. I also have a few friends requesting your Bible studies. Please enroll them"

– **Barbara, inmate in Texas**

"I was assigned to clean an empty dorm. In the trash I found a copy of *Born To Win*. The cover was all dirty and ripped up. On my lunch break, I read the testimony of Steve Thompson and wow . . . this book is for me! I am the last of 11 children. I'm 35 years old and have definitely been a loser all my life. I never killed anyone, but I did lose contact with 10 brothers and sisters due to drug and alcohol use that lead me to getting locked up five times in prison. In a lot of ways this guy, Steve, is just like me. So, I gave the book a try and man, let me tell you, I am so glad I did! I understood everything I read in *Born To Win*. It opened my eyes wide to what I could not understand in the Bible. I thank Jesus Christ so much for this book I found in the trash. I love my Lord for saving me!"

– **Luis, inmate in Florida**



I'M BORN TO WIN

Locked-away and left to rot,
 I blamed the world for the time I got.
 Mad at life, I'd curse, then cry:
 'How could you, God? Why, oh why?'
 My days were marked by fits of rage,
 As I fought and kicked against my cage.
 My nights were marred by fit-full dreams,
 As I plotted future, vengeful schemes.
 Then finally one day I let God in,
 When I found a book called *Born To Win*.
 Unsure at first, I had my doubts,
 'Til I cracked the book to check it out.
 I read each chapter one-by-one—
 My walk with Jesus had begun.
 He took my hand and lifted me,
 From the bowels of hell and set me free!
 Now His word I study every day,
 From the books ECS sends my way.
 And, like the Berean's before me, too—
 I search to prove each word is true.
 In my cell I sit upon my bed,
 And thank the Lord for my Daily Bread,
 For the blood that Jesus shed for me,
 And for His work on Calvary.
 And now that I'm hip to Satan's lies,
 I will my faith not compromise.
 I'm no longer bound to death and sin,
 For now I know, I'm Born To Win!

By *Travis, an inmate in Colorado*

"This study helped to revitalize my faith! I am in prison, so it is easier to get off course with all the negativity around than to live by faith. Thank you, fellow disciples of Jesus!" –**Shane, inmate in Texas**

"I had been saved but didn't understand much of the Bible. These stories in *Born To Win* helped me understand more about sin and being saved. Thanks! Please send more." - **Valdemar, inmate in Texas**

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Ministry Statistics	FEB	YTD
Institutions Served	326	Avg. 331
Enrolled Students	7,413	Avg. 7435
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	705	1,587
Professions of Faith	42	98
Course Books Mailed	5,651	11,749
Course Exams Completed	4,228	9,586

Student Achievements	FEB	YTD
36 Course Units Completed	36	111
48 Course units Completed	25	94
60 Course Units Completed	17	53

Operation Finances	FEB	YTD
Funds Received:	\$14,316.48	24,482.33
Funds Budgeted:	\$17,858.33	35,716.67
Short*	(\$3,541.85)	(\$11,234.34)
*December 2011 surplus:		\$11,267.64

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