



WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

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The planting of the Lord...

Upon His return to His hometown of Nazareth in Galilee Jesus stood in His local synagogue and read from Isaiah 61, verse one through the first line of verse two (Luke 4:16-21). He spoke of good news to the poor, healing for the brokenhearted, liberty to the captives, and opening of the prison to those bound.

Isaiah summarizes the amazing results of such sovereign anointed work at the end of verse three: *“That they may be called trees of righteous, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”*

Again, I am reminded that Jesus loves the prisoner and He desires to give them hope. He plants the seed of faith in their hearts and obtains trees of righteousness. The result is that even behind the walls “He may be glorified.”

This is very encouraging to me. Our Lord does all the work, from proclamation to healing, from liberating to consoling, to the end that He may be highly esteemed and glorified. I pray you can see this and will join us in this special labor of tending “trees of righteousness.”

Rodger Turley, Director



This large, beautiful and aromatic Vitex tree, planted by Helen May Nichols at the east end of our ministry building is illustrative of the above Isaiah text. It is a visual of His glory. May our students glorify their Savior as well.

That He may be glorified

NO REGRETS

“I gave my life to the Lord on October 8, 2011 after being a Satanist and a practicing witch for 15 years. It is a decision that I do not regret, and for the first time in my life, I look forward to each day. A couple of the other inmates I know are taking your correspondence course and have recommended it to me.” **Christopher**

LOOKING AND HOPING

“I give all praise and glory to God as I thank Him for His blessed Spirit that dwells within me. I give thanks to God for His Son, Jesus Christ, Who took my sins upon His person so that I may have everlasting life with Him and the Father.

“I received this lesson a couple of days before Christmas. I had been looking and hoping to receive a letter from family, or if nothing else, a Christmas card. I did not receive a card or a letter from any of my family. Anyway, Lo and Behold! What do I get in the mail? A lesson from Write-Way and a completed certificate with a grade of 98%! So during Christmas I studied and did the lesson pertaining to the Holy Spirit. Thank you for sending this lesson.” **Devin**

I TRUST GOD

“After being behind bars I cried out to God. It did not take long for God to start moving in my life. Don’t get me wrong; I felt like I was not going to make it. Everyday I read my Bible and I listen to God speaking to me through His Word.

“He has given me peace, Godly wisdom, and understanding. I’m learning to be patient and love one another (very tough in prison). I am a new creature in Christ. So all this is new to me. I can say first hand that I see a change in my life. I wake up praying and talk to God all day long. He has a plan for my life. I trust God.” **Dana**

“I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Your name forevermore.” Psalm 86:12

Enriched with the voice of God

“When I read the Scriptures they become living words to me. I respond as if the Lord our God is talking directly to me. Very few times in my study of His word have I considered that the Lord was not talking to me directly. And I bear witness that your lessons have been enriched with the voice of God. So I thank you all for making available to me the increase of His knowledge. Your ministry has truly been a heavenly blessing to me.” **Floyd**

No one is too bad for God

“It has really been a blessing to have an instructor to guide me through the toughest time of my life. My Lord has been a blessing and He really changed my life from the bottom to the top. Salvation means nothing unless a person accepts it for himself. No one is too bad for God; a person does not have to ‘clean up his act’ before coming to Christ. I also emphasize that being good is not good enough.

“So this is the prayer I said: ‘Dear Holy Father, I know that my sin has separated me from you. Thank you that your Son, Jesus Christ, died in my place. I ask your Son Jesus to forgive my sin and to come into my life. Please begin to direct my life. Thank you for giving me eternal life.’ I love you all.” **Bernardo**

Recognize His Grace

“I want to thank our Father in heaven for making all things possible through His love and giving us the privilege to recognize His grace. I want to thank your ministry and the ones involved in giving us inmates the opportunity to still find God amongst this chaotic atmosphere we inhabit. You give so much to help the ones that are lost and just need that sense of direction in life. Your ministry spends time in giving us something to have hope in. And for that alone I wanted to express my gratitude for your ministry’s work and dedication.” **Justin**

“I absolutely love all of these studies!” **Harold**

“I was a little religious and very proud because I belonged to a famous church. Today I belong to the Lord Jesus. I am no longer proud, but content.” **Juan**

Thank you for the volunteers

“Thank you Father God for the volunteers that dedicate their time to minister and take time to send us Bible studies. Through your grace they are able.” **Amber**

“I do a couple other studies now, but these here are by far my favorite. I look forward to them.” **Robert**

“Whoever offers praise glorifies Me.” Psalm 50:23

APRIL 2012

Ministry Statistics	APR	YTD
Enrolled Students	7,354	Aver. 7,422
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	788	3,233
Professions of Faith	34	167
Course Books Mailed	5,526	23,609
Course Exams Completed	4,061	18,161
Student Achievements	APR	YTD
Curriculum Completed	3	56
Operation Finances	APR	YTD
Funds Received:	\$11,826.61	52,956.06
Funds Expended	\$17,303.05	67,011.77
Postage: 46.3%	\$8,010.34	
Courses: 20.2%	\$3,498.99	
Printing: 18.4%	\$3,178.12*	
Other: 15.1%	\$2,616.70**	
Short on funding	(\$5,476.44)	(\$14,055.71)

*Includes \$1,500 special purchase envelopes. **Includes \$710 Qtrly taxes

NOTE: *The above 2012 “red ink” deficit is glaring evidence of a need to broaden our donor base. We much prefer that route to cutting courses from the program. The current campaign to raise \$10,000 for courses has just reached \$1,000. Your consideration of this need is very much appreciated.*

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