

WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

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30 years with WPM

On September 23, 2012, Write-Way completed 30 years of serving prisoners in the Lord's harvest. What started at the Nichol's kitchen table soon moved to the "attic" of Garland Bible Chapel for 19 years. In April, 2002, WPM occupied its new headquarters building with much joy. Our student body is now at 7,300 inmates, and the journey has been both challenging and very satisfying. We hope you enjoy the colorful photos of our joy in this work.



First Texas Director, Ralph and Dot Nichols at 50th Anniversary.



Grace, a Branch manager since 1983, posting student grades.

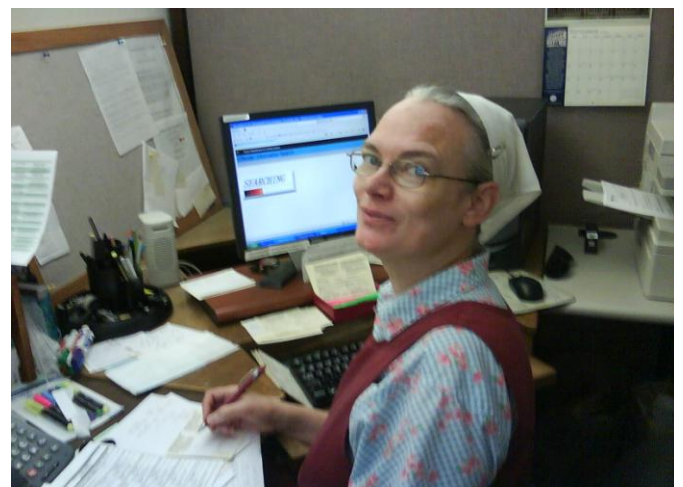
Miriam enrolls more than 700 students each month.



Nancy, Ida, Vickie, and Jenny preparing the newsletter to mail. More than 1,400 copies go to interested supporters each month.



Ralph, Dug, Alan, and Ronnie in a crowded and busy shipping area. WPM mails more than 5,800 courses per month.



ALL VOLUNTEER



Students from a local high school volunteer in the office. More than 40 volunteers come and go in the main office each week.



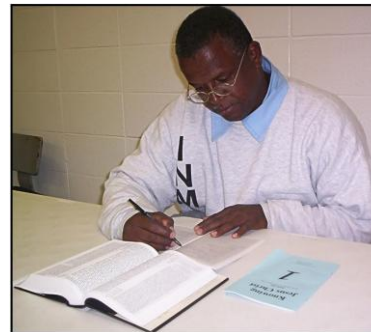
Ralph and Dot, Helen May, Alan and Judy, Grace and Dave, and Ida at an ECS Prison Conference in Dubuque.



The Write-Way display unit at a church mission conference. We are available to come to your church for a mission fair or to explain our Branch concept for volunteer counselors.

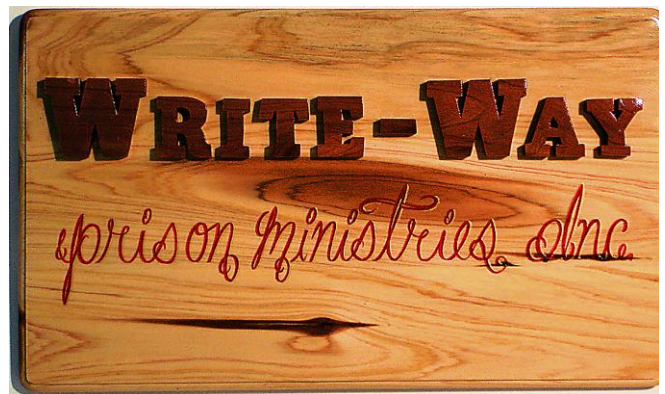


The WPM workhorse printers: Left, the old ABDick, and right, Bonnie and Bob printing forms and envelopes on the RISO.



ECS Certificate

A Louisiana inmate studying with Bible.



One of our students crafted this for us in prison.



"Remember the prisoners as if chained with them..."
Hebrews 13:3

More than 400 volunteers grade and counsel.

2008 ECS Prison Ministry Conference



ECS hosts a prison conference every two years in Dubuque.



New WPM headquarters building occupied in April, 2002.



Grading, counseling, and lively discussions at the office with Bonnie, Esther, and Gordon. More than 4,300 exams are graded every month.

Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives..." Luke 4:18

JOY IN SERVING



Rodger, Ralph, and Helen May at a local prison conference.



The WPM curriculum provides 60 Bible courses in English and 50 in Spanish. A student may take up to five years to complete.



Many students professing Christ claim they are now free even though still behind bars. WPM has an average of 41 professions of faith each month.

JOIN US FOR 30 MORE YEARS



Early on Mr. Nichols set the pace for Write-Way – hectic! He was thorough and respectful toward our students. Our courses have a colorful handsome design, our form letters are encouraging, and most importantly, our counselors and staff are compassionate and prayerful. All efforts are engaged in the liberating atmosphere of New Testament grace so that the Holy Spirit has a wide berth to labor in these wayward souls.

In addition, we are most grateful for the great arena of faithful supporters who, by the Holy Spirit, have an eye for “the least of these” and empathy that “there, but for the grace of God, go I.” They pray and they give. And they are powerful evidence that this work is on the heart of our Heavenly Father who longs for prodigals to come home.

I challenge you, your church, and your local prison/jail/parish chaplain to consider the impact of this ministry. At the present time we are reaching less than 3.7% of the prison population of Texas and Louisiana. What gifts and talents can you bring to the table to further this significant and effective work in these last days?

By His abundant Grace (Romans 5:17),

Rodger Turley, Director

MEMORIAL GIFTS

This month our students lost a faithful counselor in Branch 058, Jo Dean Weaver, who had the gift of mercy. Thank you to all who have sent in memorial gifts as of 09/24:

Gene Weaver (husband)	Marjorie Furlong
Grace Monroe	David and Patricia Stone
Rod and Polly Ann Swaffer	
Louisa Wilson	Darla and David Christiansen
Dee and Ron Wingo	J.A. and S.B. Goynes
Judith Hobbs	Joanne and Donald Wren
Billie West	Joe and Renea Knight

AUGUST 2012

Ministry Statistics	AUGUST	YTD
Enrolled Students	7,215	Aver. 7,296
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	851	6,345
Professions of Faith	41	331
Course Books Mailed	6,148	46,957
Course Exams Completed	4,237	34,796
Student Achievements	AUGUST	YTD
Curriculum Completed	4	75
Operation Finances	AUGUST	YTD
Funds Received:	\$15,430.70	119,591.52
Funds Expended	\$16,721.50	134,967.09
Postage:	42.15% \$7,500.71	
Courses:	25.44% \$3,209.13	
Printing:	9.70% \$1,656.92	
Funded Salary	5.54% \$1,695.44	
Other:	17.17% \$2,659.30	
Net	(\$1,290.80)	(\$15,375.57)

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WPM Statement of Faith is available upon request.

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VISION:

To introduce Jesus Christ to every incarcerated person in Texas and Louisiana through Bible correspondence courses.

MISSION:

To offer a curriculum of English and Spanish Bible correspondence courses, free, postpaid, and volunteer graded, to every incarcerated person in Texas and Louisiana.