



# WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

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Dear Friends,

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## CHANGES

A year ago we consolidated our communications and computer technology under one oversight company, Cbeyond. They handle the telephones, fax, Internet, email, website, desktop security, and remote backups. This month we announce the final changes:

1. **New** email address: [wpm@writewaypm.org](mailto:wpm@writewaypm.org)  
(Verizon will remain activated for six months until the new email is fully publicized.)
2. **New** Toll Free phone: **888-672-9508**
3. **New** Fax to Email number: **214-919-3688**  
(This fax number will deliver your form directly to a PDF file on our email. The old fax to fax number, 972-864-9692, is still good.)

*These changes are effective immediately.*

On Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, Write-Way marked 30 years by celebrating as a new member of the Urban Ministries Department of Park Cities Presbyterian Church in Dallas. Morning sessions were held at PCPC along with five other prison ministries. Helen May Nichols, the coordinator for WPM, has been working to establish a new Branch 076 of volunteers at her home church.

WPM serves a huge prison population of more than 325,200 in Texas and Louisiana, and yet our average active student count last year was 7,100. That is 2.15% of inmates. We are in an effort to raise that outreach to 9,000 students in five years. Will you join us in prayer to the Lord of the Harvest that He would be pleased to draw these dear men and women to Himself?

I am compelled by Hebrews 10:19-25, especially the phrase, "so much the more as you see the Day approaching." Can you see that Day approaching? Then we need to enter boldly, draw near, hold fast, stir up love, assemble together, and exhort one another. We are here for such a time as this. Let us labor together.

Director:

## PRAISES

"It was truly a blessing that I was sent here [FCI Three Rivers, TX]. They have a wonderful chapel and all kinds of church services. I also now run the Bible study groups on Thursday night. You guys have been with me pretty much my whole journey and walk of faith. It is truly your love to help others to get to know our Lord Jesus Christ. Your books are so awesome and they help me gain more and more knowledge. I love passing on the knowledge that you gave me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

**Chris**

"I just want to say God bless all of you who are behind this. I'm a seventeen year old boy who's finding his way to God and getting to know Him better. Thank you for sending me this course [*Born To Win*]; it opened my eyes about life. I'm an excellent study person and my favorite subject is math. But I love these Bible courses more than math! I would love to complete more courses. Say a prayer for me."

**Raymond**

"I don't know if you know this, but most very large Christian organizations that serve thousands of inmates give you a number and when they send out a letter it is called a 'form letter.' That is why I am so glad I enrolled in your ministries. Not only are your Bible studies in bigger print, but you send us personal cards and letters. Your Bible studies are the only ones I look forward to doing. The Lord bless you."

**Justin**

"This is a very powerful lesson that I am thankful for [*Walkin The Walk*]. It really goes into step by step detail to help me make efforts with prayer to follow the Spirit and 'walk the walk.' And yes, I'm now just barely standing! Thank you Jesus!"

**Patrick**

## PRAISES

“This course has helped me tremendously [*The Gospel of Mark*]. It is such a blessing to go through one of the gospels like this. I especially like the quotes by other preachers and teachers that are found throughout the study. I thank God that He has put a zeal in my heart for the study of His Holy Word. Beloved brethren, I will be praying for you. Studying what I believe.” **Roger**

“I was in prison from 1995 to 2002 and I spent a lot of my time completing Bible studies. I was guilty of being a drug dealer and I was determined that I could change my lifestyle while I was doing my incarceration. As the years went by I was gradually changed from the ugly caterpillar with my many legs of different ways of sin into a butterfly that flies above the filthy life that got me in prison.

“Your Bible studies helped me with my transformation and I sincerely thank all the volunteers who graded and kept returning new studies to continue my spiritual feeding. I have learned that sharing confirmations among believers is uplifting in our faith as we see how God can use His people to touch many others. It is one thing to be called by the Holy Spirit to do something and another to react to that calling rather than shrug our shoulders and continue down the road that we have chosen. I refer to these callings as ‘turning points’ because God gives us a free will to make up our minds to serve Him or serve ourselves.

“Within your church you have dedicated people who have chosen to take time to reach out to the prisoners to help them change their lives. I am now asking you to help me help a relative of mine who has been given a two year sentence for a probation violation. Please provide a course for one more lost soul trying to know God like you and I have.” **Terry**

“I’m glad that I have taken correspondence courses through Write-Way because they can be taken at my own pace. They provide the necessary time for me to digest what I have learned. I like the process of receiving new courses after completion of studies done. They have helped me build a solid foundation and a spiritual wall in an orderly and systematic way. Please continue to help me make progress in learning to discover how our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ wants our relationship to be with each other.”

**Robert** (comments on *Walkin The Walk*)

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## 2013 - FEBRUARY

Ministry Statistics	February
Enrolled Students	6,723
New Enrollees ( <i>Born To Win</i> )	725
Professions of Faith	42
Course Books Mailed	5,242
Course Exams Completed	3,601

Student Achievements	February
Curriculum Completed	6

Operation Finances	February
Funds Budgeted:	\$14,166.67
Funds Received:	\$10,669.17
Funds Expended:	\$13,914.18
Postage:	<i>\$6,566.33</i>
Courses:	<i>\$2,951.00</i>
Printing:	<i>\$768.51</i>
Funded Salary	<i>\$863.47</i>
Other:	<i>\$2,764.87</i>
<b>Net MTD</b>	<b><i>(\$3,245.01)</i></b>
<b>Net YTD</b>	<b><i>(\$990.180)</i></b>

Government employees in Texas may make designated work place payroll deductions through Local Independent Charities of Texas (LIC) at [www.lic.org](http://www.lic.org)

Our annual certified CPA audit is available upon request.  
WPM Statement of Faith is available upon request.

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