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## **BLESSINGS FROM PRISON**

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#### Dear Friends,

In our second Navigator course, *Beginning A New Life*, the student is encouraged to give their testimony: Before I Trusted Christ; How I Trusted Christ; and Since I've Trusted Christ. Give thanks to God as you read these wonderful, sometimes sad, stories. Of course, all end well!

**BEFORE**: "I lived a life of doing crimes, using and abusing women, living for the devil." **HOW**: "I began to trust Christ when I started reading the Bible, learning that because of Jesus I could be saved, by Him dying on the cross so that I'm able to be forgiven of my sins."

**SINCE**: "My faith has begun to believe that through Jesus' love and forgiveness God does answer prayer. He set me free from prison, a life sentence. I'm able to talk to others concerning my belief in God." **Louis** 

**BEFORE**: "I was abusing drugs, angry, and hurt. I could not forgive the man that molested me or all the people who have hurt me."

**HOW:** "I was arrested and began reading my Bible and attending chapel in county jail."

**SINCE**: "My family has been restored. My heart is full of love and forgiveness, not hate and anger. I don't crave the drugs or the fast life any longer." **April** 

**BEFORE**: "I was living my life in sin and didn't care about no one but me. I was in and out of prison."

**HOW**: "I finally realized that the only way to straighten out my life was to put God first and to find His Son."

**SINCE**: "I continue to put my trust in Jesus. But Satan attacks more now than before. When I sin he tells me that I am not worthy of God's love. But I continue to believe God's Word and the Gospel." **Samuel** 

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**BEFORE**: "I solely believed in 'self,' in my own abilities to live, obtain success, and account for my own actions."

**HOW**: "I came to trust Christ after I did everything I possibly felt was my 'best effort' and still failed. When I was at 'rock bottom' I surrendered and took a closer look at Scripture and began to receive its meaning."

**SINCE:** I now seek forgiveness and redemption for my iniquities. I strive to grow deeper in my faith and in Christ. I also have an urge to witness to many people and introduce them to Christ and His everlasting mercy and love, for their ways to be transformed and their lives to be renewed like mine." **Michael** 



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**Prayer Request:** We are asking that God would open the doors for our courses to go into the State prison Faith Dorms as part of their curriculum.

**BEFORE:** "I was lost. I didn't have an idea who I was or what was happening with me. I was always on drugs, drunk, and hanging around bad people."

**HOW:** "I trusted Christ by coming to prison. I was in a 'faith-based' dorm of 18 persons. If it wasn't for my brothers in Christ in here, I would have never trusted on Christ."

**SINCE:** "I am not the same person I was. I don't say bad words. I don't curse out people. My whole life has been turned around. I am a better person and I would say that I am a new creation since I've trusted Christ. There is no one else but Him in our life here and up in heaven where He is just waiting for us to be with Him for eternity. He is our God, our Lord, our Father. I am a child of God and a new creation. Amen!" **Elias** 

**BEFORE:** "I was a very unhappy person who always looked for the negative and the bad in people. I didn't trust anyone."

**HOW:** "I simply begged for forgiveness and put my horrible past behind me. God has given me the strength to forgive those who hurt me as a child. I know this journey is almost over."

**SINCE:** "I've found peace and comfort with who I am. I love myself today and I know 'I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13) **Amber** 

**BEFORE:** "I was a sinner in the worst ways – drugs, alcohol, and women. I stayed in trouble with the law. I had no real friends."

**HOW:** "One day as I sat alone and broke, I realized that there had to be a better way. My grandfather always said, 'Only God's way will set you free.' So I turned it all over to the Lord and had faith to let Him do as God intended for me. My confession to the Lord has set me free and now I'm reborn and a child of God."

**SINCE:** "I have salvation, hope, faith, and love in my life that no man can take away. I have a godly wife and granddaughter that stand with me. I am blessed each and every day. Thank God!" **Perry** 

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." II Corinthians 5:17

	FEBRUARY	
Ministry Statistics * * * * *	* * * * * * * * * *	
Enrolled Students	6,766	
New Enrollees (Born To Wir	ı) 794	
Professions of Faith	42	
Course Books Mailed	5,129	
Course Exams Completed	3,397	
Student Achievements * * *	* * * * * * * * * * * *	
Curriculum Completed	11	
<b>Operation Finances</b> * * * *	* * * * * * * * * * * *	
Funds Budgeted:	\$14,166.67	
Funds Received:	\$11,428.95	
Funds Expended:	\$15,673.44	
Postage:	\$6,523.75	
Courses:	\$5,290.55	
Printing:	\$391.22	
Funded Salary:	\$1,387.60	
Other:	\$2,080.32	
Net MTD:	(\$4,244.49)	
Net YTD:	(\$12,616.90)	

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