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# BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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Dear Friends,

Paul's instruction about a "laborer being worth his wages" (1 Timothy 5:18) does not apply to us at WPM. We are all volunteers! However, Jesus' words concerning prayer for workers in the Harvest (Matthew 9:38) is most appropriate for WPM. This particular Harvest field in the prisons needs workers – workers who volunteer, workers who pray, and workers who give.

The history of WPM and its parent ministry, ECS, is to lay out the needs of the ministry and allow the Lord to direct His people in their support. In light of the various TV evangelists, that seems pretty laid back! The reason for our monthly posting of operating income and expenses is to inform our supporters.

Although you cannot see it on a black and white page, our red ink is serious. For 2014 year to date we are \$32,061 over budget. Generally we can depend on shortfalls early in the year to be covered by generous gifts at the end of the year. But we don't want to test the Lord and be presumptuous. Investment income of \$9,994 has been transferred to the operating account (Funds received), and we have borrowed \$15,000 from savings. A new roof at \$9,335 is the next expense.

WPM's unique work is pretty much still the best kept secret across the state. After 32 years I think the chaplains are aware of us. But our support base in the church community needs to be expanded and more clearly informed. Every past and current counselor in our Branches knows the exceptional value of this work, value to both the inmate and the worker. Would you spread the word?

In these perilous times our desire is to press on, expanding the outreach and bearing much fruit. Would you consider your part in such a vital, educational endeavor into our prisons? Thank you!

Rodger Turley, Director



Seven of us are off to the 2014 ECS Prison Conference at Emmaus Bible College, June 4 & 5, in Dubuque, IA

"Thank you, Write-Way, for what you do – REAL REHAB! Keep'em coming!" **Patrick**

"Thank you so much for considering me for your studies. I love the course [NAV: *Knowing Jesus Christ*]. It helps me know God!" **Michael**

"I was wondering if you might be able to provide me with a Bible and some reading materials for Bible study. I want so badly to learn more and get closer to God. I'm just not sure how to do studies by myself. I am a Christian, but I have backslid and am paying the price for it now. Thank you so much in advance for reading this." **Ashley**

**Prayer Request:** Please ask the Lord of the Harvest for the resources to continue to expand this ministry - to bring prisoners to Himself, to mature prisoners in Christ, to encourage chaplains, and to be a witness to prison authorities.

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 ( ) For Staff Support:

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**No, you are not color blind! The newsletter is being printed in black and white to save money. We had a review done on our printing needs and costs. As a result, we bought a new RICOH B&W printer to replace the other six printers we were using. Our costs for printing went from \$674 to \$96.00 a month! Our contract gives us full supplies and maintenance. If you prefer the color newsletter, give us your email address and you'll see all the hues of the rainbow once again.**

“This is such a good chapter filled with positive words from God on how to live a life with adversity [*Proverbs For Life*]. Despite a place that can be cold and evil at times, God has brought joy into my life by doing in me here what I failed to do in the world. He’s given me brothers who love me unconditionally and I in return love them no matter what. I live and endure things through Jesus I would never have lived outside these walls. I’m growing in Christ daily. I have everything!”  
**Alfredo**

“Well, it’s really crazy over here in this unit. We were on lockdown. I have not heard from my family in over five months. But I’m always growing in the word of Jesus Christ. I go over the exam a lot of times and see if I got the answer right. Then I stop and read the whole lesson again. I feel good about myself because I made a good start on my exam. These lesson’s ain’t very hard, they’re just tricky!” **David**

“The Lord is always helping and working on my thoughts and ways and how I should treat others. He’s making me more responsible in my behavior and doing what’s right. I’m so thankful for the help and comfort you have given me.” **Chad**

The Kroger Community Rewards program ended April 30. But there are other ways to provide us passive income. If you use the Tom Thumb Reward Card (Randalls/Simon David), ask the clerk to link it with our ID#9840. We’ll receive 1% of your ticket. And now we introduce AmazonSmile, who gives .5% of purchases to registered agencies. Go to www.smile.amazon.com and under “pick you own charitable organization” type in Write Way Prison Ministries. Thank you so much!

<b>APRIL</b>	
<b>Ministry Statistics</b>	
Enrolled Students	6,886
New Enrollees ( <i>Born To Win</i> )	856
Professions of Faith	37
Course Books Mailed	6,656
Course Exams Completed	4,128
<b>Student Achievements</b>	
Curriculum Completed	5
<b>Operation Finances</b>	
Funds Budgeted:	\$14,166.67
Funds Received:	\$12,085.75
Funds Received (Inv. Income):	\$9,993.87
Funds Expended:	\$22,153.74
Postage:	\$7,962.73
Courses:	\$6,155.28
Printing:	\$863.65
Funded Salary:	\$988.20
Other:	\$6,183.88
<b>Net MTD:</b>	<b>(\$74.12)</b>
YTD Overage:	(\$22,067.29)
From Reserve:	\$15,000.00
<b>Net YTD:</b>	<b>(\$7,067.29)</b>
** Includes: new printer; extra yard work	

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 WPM Statement of Faith is available upon request.

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