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# WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries. Inc.

# **BLESSINGS FROM PRISON**

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Dear Friends,

**OUR MISSION**: To introduce Jesus Christ to each incarcerated person in Texas and Louisiana through a curriculum of English and Spanish Bible correspondence courses, that are free, postpaid, and volunteer graded.

## **UPGRADE UPDATE**

Goal: \$32,000.00

Donations as of 09/12/15: \$36,294.69

Thank you for your generous gifts and concern for this important campaign. The contract is being reviewed and the testing should be completed by the end of January, 2016. *Praise the Lord!* 

"He who continually goes forth... bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing." Psalms 126:6 NKJV

This Psalm begs for some reflection in light of WPM's mission. I see two very encouraging verbs and one commodity in this proclamation. The first is "continually goes forth." We are in our 33<sup>rd</sup> year of ministry to prisoners. That sort of perseverance is nothing but the hand of Jehovah Nissi to provide.

The second verb is "doubtless come again." This is an affirmation of fruit, a promise of satisfaction and closure. We count our students and keep track of professions of faith. But we have no idea of what God is doing behind the scenes. But it is good, very good.

And the commodity? It is the Word of God in fruitful profusion, seed scattered richly throughout these courses. Thank you for your participation, for sowing faithfully, and waiting patiently for that Day of Rejoicing when all the fruit shall be obvious to all and the Trinity shall be gloriously honored. Rejoice with us!

Rodger Turley, Director

# **SEEKERS AND SOWERS**

#### I WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THAT

"My name is Shawn. I'm in the same dorm as Cheddrick, a student taking your courses. He has introduced me to God in a totally different way. I see him do his Bible courses on a day to day basis. He is very humble, trusting, and also a man with a bright future.

"I would like to be a part of that. Can you introduce me to God? Can you put me in a place I really need to be? Can you send me some books to do so I can get a relationship with God? Thank you." **Shawn** 

## I STARTED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GOD

"My name is Matthew and I'm 11 years old. I've always believed God can help me, and He does. But when my uncle (in prison) sent me Bible studies in the mail and gave me some Bible verses to read, I started to learn more about God. After I started doing more of the Bible studies, I got my own Bible so I can read it whenever I want. I learned that God has a plan for everyone's life and that everything that happens, even if it doesn't seem good at first, happens for a reason and will turn out good later on.

"That made me realize that if my uncle didn't go to prison he would not have sent me those Bible studies and help me get closer to God. Even though it's sad my uncle is in prison, it has gotten him closer to God. I'm thankful God is helping my uncle and pray He continues to help him." Matthew



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## **SEEKERS AND SOWERS**

#### HELP POINT ME TO JESUS

"I thank the Lord our God for you all. Thank you for all the hard work that goes into such a ministry as this. This study course has helped to keep my mind focused on the Word and not on my situation. I'm in a good place – where God put me. He placed me where I have Christian brothers to both look up to and to help point me to Jesus. I say all this to let you all know I appreciate this ministry and will be praying for you all. Keep up the good work!" **Jon** 

#### BE THE BEST LIGHT I CAN

"My name is Adrian and I have completed the 72 units and am now taking advanced courses through Dubuque, IA. I have really come a long way in my knowledge of God, the Father, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Praise to God first, but you guys helped me so much and I just want to thank you. And may God bless you all.

"I would like to get a friend started with the courses. Would you send him the first course as soon as you possibly can? He has accepted Christ, but I don't believe he knows Him very well. I know this course will help him as I continue to be the best light I can to him." Adrian

#### I LIKED THIS ONE THE MOST

"I send this humble letter to thank you greatly for this study, *Exponiendo la Palabra* (Proclaiming the Word). All of the courses you have sent are very good, but I liked this one the most.

"A while ago the chaplain of this unit gave me the opportunity to preach and that was my first time to do that in front of other people. So you can imagine it was a bit difficult. I did not know how to prepare a sermon and I did not know how to preach it. But with this study you sent, I prepared well. The course brought much information I did not know. Again, I thank you so much for your help for the prisoners through your prayers and the Bible studies you send." Luis (in Spanish)

### AWESOME

"I believe these Bible studies are awesome and we are blessed for your instructors to take time out of their days to help us." **Christie** 

#### LEAVING SOON...NOT WITH EMPTY HANDS

"Thank you for the lessons. These studies gave me the Truth. I am leaving soon, but I am leaving very, very happy. I am going away, yes, but not with empty hands. I am going with the Holy Bible – My Weapon." **Juan** 

BY THE NUMBERS				
	August 2015	August 2014		
Ministry Statistics				
Enrolled Students	8,137	7,308		
New Enrollees (Born To Win)	1005	1,070		
Professions of Faith	54	61		
Course Books Mailed	6,315	7,666		
Course Exams Completed	4,289	5,397		
Student Achievements				
Students Graduated (72 units)	12	18		
Operation Finances				
Expenses:	\$23,307.17	\$18,352.14		
Postage: \$11,170.25				
Courses: \$ 5,327.42				
Other: \$ 4,232.31				
Donations:	\$17,109.10	<u>\$15,266.65</u>		
NET:	(\$6,198.07)	(\$3,085.49)		

#### MY 10% FOR THE MONTH

"I am sending 18 stamps for this month [\$8.82]. This is my 10% for the month. Thank you for the help your ministry has been giving me. I know I'm a better person now because of your ministry." **Jackson** 

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