## Write-Way Prison Ministries, Inc.

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Free Bible studies to prisoners since 1982

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# **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.

# "WRITE-WAY: THE BEST REHAB IN PRISON!"

# Welcome to our 34th year and all of its potential!!

Due to our faithful supporters, WPM ended the year in excellent financial condition, posting a positive balance of \$11,791.00 to carry over into 2016! That's an expression of how deeply all are committed to this greatly beneficial outreach to the incarcerated. Here are some of the numbers we are pleased to present:

2015 Donations %

200 Individuals 78.22% 16 Churches 13.90% 5 Grants 5.02% 5 LIC/United Way 2.86%



Esther Robinson, retired from Southwestern Medical School, Safety Dept, and WPM Board member and office manager, organizing a new shipment of courses from ECS. Esther has been having a difficult time keeping up with the demand for our courses from students who are going further into our curriculum. Our average monthly cost for courses was \$7,199 in 2015. Pray that every book will fill its intended purpose.

2015

Total Donations: \$280,334.71\* Active Students: 7933 (on 12/31/15)

Courses Shipped: 75,361 Exams Graded/Counseled: 54,677

Professions of Faith: 724 (60 per month)
New Enrollments: 11,778 (982 per month)

Postal Costs: \$128,206.41\*\*

2014

\$229,390.78 \*Includes \$36,795 given toward 7954 (on 12/31/14) the upgrade of the database.

79,028 53,359

633 (53 per month) 11,794 (983 per month)

\$114,941.71 \*\* Postal costs increased when we

stopped shipping multiple books

per package.

Course Costs: \$94,264.44\*\*\* \$69,286.64 \*\*\* Includes \$11,805 paid for three

years stock of Nav Press books, and \$13,708 in additional inventory and

increased course costs.

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# ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS

"I wanted to personally thank all the teachers and instructors for the time you take to not only read and grade these exams, but for the insight that your responses give me. It gives me so much strength and encouragement to read your responses. It's one of the highlights of getting the grade back. God bless all of you there at WPM. All of us offenders feel this way!" Kenneth

### A LIGHT IN A DARK PLACE

"I would like to thank all those who give of their time to grade, prepare, and mail lessons to those of us who are behind bars. Also thank you to those who assist with financial contributions. These Bible studies have been a light in a dark place, helping to bring me ever closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please continue on the path that God has called you to, knowing that I am a life that was, and still is, being changed through your obedience to the Holy Spirit. May God bless you richly and give you peace." Joshua

### NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO FIGHT

"I am here in prison because I was not strong enough to fight against Satan's drugs. I am remorseful for the problems that I have caused my wife, sons, and parents. I have found peace and salvation through my beliefs in God. I realize the reason I am here is because God saw fit to save me from bigger problems and possibly death. I would appreciate it if you would forward me your correspondence courses." Terry

# **WORK INSIDE THE JAIL GROWS**

"The Lord's work inside the jail grows every day. To the glory of God, in the pod where I am, all the Hispanics have been won to Christ. In our twice daily meetings, 14 - 16 of us gather. We have been praying for a Muslim who brought the Koran, but he has now surrendered to Christ and is reading the Bible. He told us that in one night he read all of the gospel of John.

"Last week two of the brothers left – one to his home and the other to state prison. We will miss them but with the satisfaction that they left with Christ in their hearts." Carlos

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BY THE NUMBERS				
	Dec. '15	Dec. '14		
Ministry Statistics				
Enrolled Students	7,933	7,954		
New Enrollees (Born To Win)	999	936		
Professions of Faith	75	69		
Course Books Mailed	6,887	7,134		
Course Exams Completed	4,951	5,140		
Student Achievements				
Students Graduated (72 units)	16	15		
Operation Finances				
Expenses:	\$25,759.94	\$29,833.16		
Postage: \$11,987.16				
Courses: \$ 3,693.30				
Other: \$10,079.48*				
Donations:	<u>\$47,582.80</u>	\$39,665.40		
NET:	\$21,822.86	\$9,832.24		
* Staff salary/gift and envelope	stock.			

A Gift in Memory of: James Coy Culberson (Brother of volunteer, Dug Culberson) Thank you, Jim and Sarah Goyne

### **THE BEST TOOLS**

"This is my 7th time up for parole on a 15 year sentence. I did 8 years and 2 months and made this parole. Praise God! These Bible studies are one of the best tools in prisons. Thanks!" Don

# **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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