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## WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.



# BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

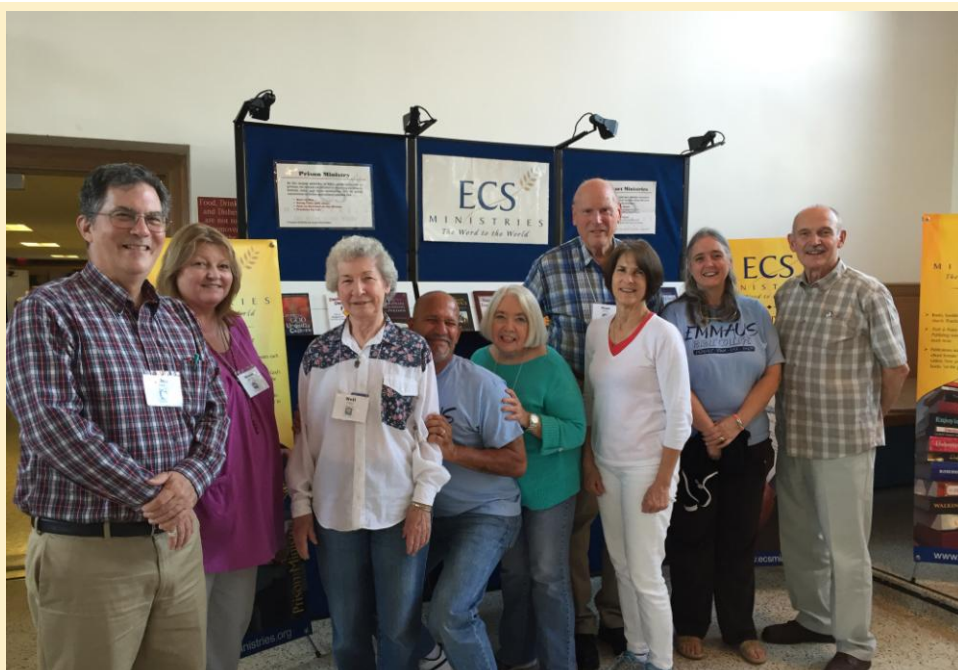
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Dear Friends,

Every two years, ECS hosts a two day Prison Conference the first week of June in Dubuque, Ia. Coordinators and volunteers come from across the country to enjoy the fresh Spring air, the engaging sessions, and the hospitality (room and board) at Emmaus Bible College.

This year four ex-offenders shared their testimonies, one from Texas. We were given a tour of the vast outreach of ECS around the world. And we visited the warehouse and were introduced to, and bought, new titles.

The newest course for prisoners is written by Missouri inmates: *Overcoming Abuse*. Anger is a major prison issue due to childhood abuse. "1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused. Only 10% are abused by strangers." Bill Harbeck  
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The "Texas Nine" at the 2016 ECS Prison Conference

"I would like to take a moment to thank all of you who are involved in my being able to receive these Bible study lessons. I am enjoying and learning immensely from these studies and I thank God for allowing me to participate in them. I received a two year set off this week and this lesson (*Doing Time with Jesus*) has helped me to realize that God is in control. When He is ready then I will be released. I anticipate all He has in store for me in the upcoming time I will be here. Oh, yeah, I was also baptized last week, so God is definitely in control of my life. Texas has my body; God has my heart, soul and mind!" **Mon**

"Correspondence courses have encouraged me and helped to restore my faith. The persons who grade the courses almost always show love and kindness in their responses and lifts me up. I can't tell you in human words how much that has meant to me in this place, when it seemed no one cared." **Peter**

"What an awesome study you are providing to me through this ECS course (*Doing Time with Jesus*). My total life is changing every time I engage these steps of study. And in turn, I am sharing in prayer circle and at our weekly chapel services the things I am learning." **Paul**

**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.

"Praise God for the lesson, *Doing Time with Jesus*! I loved it so much. You dealt with sins no other ministry I know of has ever dealt with. I love the way you did not sugar coat any of it. I teach many classes here and deal head on with a lot that is in this lesson." **Charles**

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**LIFE CHANGING**

“Could I have my next study sent to my home address? The knowledge I am receiving from them is amazing and the strength that my relationship with God is gaining is life changing. Thank you for this wonderful way to learn more about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!” **Brian**  
 (Courses are sent to home addresses upon release.)

**SERVING IN PRISON**

“Our warden here is also a local church leader and allows us to operate our own church. Our inmate pastor is Kendrick. God has blessed me with the duty of one of three deacons. I am also blessed to get to work in our kitchen. In the dorm I get to help others by sewing and fixing things. God has truly blessed me more than I could ask. Serving others is a way I show God’s love and putting others ahead of me. **Jon**

**HUNGRY FOR MORE**

“I am so grateful for the service your ministry offers us inmates all around the world. The Bible studies are the only mail I receive, so I am always waiting for my next study. Doing the studies is the only real alone time we have to study with our Lord in this prison setup. I am hungry for more; can’t wait to see what the next one will have for us.” **Scott**

**GOD’S CALLING**

“I have been told quite often in the past that I had a calling on my life. But I have ignored the tugs and ran from the opportunities and even from God. But it seems He always brings me somewhere where He can have my undivided attention. And He has once again.

“In the world I could never be happy or get enough success or drugs or anything. It was like fulfillment was just out of reach. The weird thing is I have found that being here, without the distractions of the world, I get to know Jesus. I was rescued from myself. It was only in a place like this where I would finally pay attention. I had to come here to come to the end of myself in order to become completely dependent on Christ. Fully surrendered.

“I know clearly for the first time in my life what my purpose is. That is to love God and to do His will.” **Raul**

“Thank you for sending me this lesson (*Managing Anger God’s Way*). I learned a lot from this one. I really needed it, honestly, I did.” **LeRoy**

**BY THE NUMBERS**

|                                      | MAY '16       | MAY '15     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>Ministry Statistics</b>           |               |             |
| Enrolled Students                    | 8,086         | 8,008       |
| New Enrollees ( <i>Born To Win</i> ) | 894           | 954         |
| Professions of Faith                 | 57            | 64          |
| Course Books Mailed                  | 6,366         | 6,109       |
| Course Exams Completed               | 4,510         | 4,946       |
| <b>Student Achievements</b>          |               |             |
| Students Graduated (72 units)        | 20            | 21          |
| <b>Operation Finances</b>            |               |             |
| Expenses:                            | \$26,618.38   | \$25,483.35 |
| Postage: \$ 11,159.97                |               |             |
| Courses: \$ 10,582.07                |               |             |
| Other: \$ 4,876.34                   |               |             |
| Donations:                           | \$10,559.08   | \$29,317.49 |
| NET:                                 | (\$16,059.30) | \$3,834.14  |
| From Reserves:                       | \$20,000.00   |             |

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