

WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.



BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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Numbers: Here's a list of state prisons with the highest number of active students, English and Spanish combined. Branch 014 counsels all Spanish.

Unit	Beds	Students	%
Coffield-M	4139	308	7.44
Plane State-F	2291	232	10.13
Murray-F	1341	225	16.78
Garza East-M	2458	222	9.03
Hobby-F	1384	181	13.08
Crain-F	2115	176	8.32
Michael-M	3305	170	5.14
Gist-M	2276	149	6.55
Marlin-F	606	138	22.77
Woodman-F	900	132	14.67
Hutchins-M	2276	123	5.40
Eastham-M	2474	108	4.37

Thank you for supporting them in prayers and funds! Rodger Turley, Director

Please Help Me Help Myself- - - - -

"I'm so happy to have heard from you. I have been blessed throughout my crazy life. I'm done with everything that's evil. I have been through a lot of pain. I was so depressed; I lost all communication with my family and kids. I don't want anything to do with gangs. I have left everything behind- all the crazy life.

"I want a new way of living. I know that God is the way I want to go on from here. I don't have to be sad anymore. I have new friends sent from the Lord. I'm ready to be a loyal, sincere man to the Lord. I know He is my Savior. I'm happy to be alive! I pray for you all every time I open my Bible." **Ruben**

I Love These Studies- - - - -

"I love how I'm learning how God is my personal Savior. I love these studies (*Journey Through the Bible*). I have decided that I am going to do God's will when I come out. I am hungry for God's Words." **Mayo**

God Speaking Directly to Me- - - - -

"I want to say that this Bible study really touched me (*Walkin' the Walk*). It was on point in so many ways! At times while I was reading, I felt like it was God speaking directly to me. Thank you so so much for these Bible studies. They are truly a blessing, so encouraging, and I feel so much closer in my spiritual walk with God.

"This particular Bible course has helped me not only in my spiritual education, but also because it focuses on my journey in prison and the struggles that I face as a Christian in prison. This Bible study... somebody always answers me back. It makes it a lot more personal and makes me feel like you really care for your students' spiritual growth." **Elizabeth**

Glad to Receive the Newsletter- - - - -

"Each month I am glad to receive the Write-Way Newsletter. The "thank you" comments from those we serve are a special blessing. Thank you for sharing their thoughts... May God bless you as you continue to share His Word and His love through Write-Way Prison Ministries." **Kay/Counselor**

In Memoriam Gifts

David Slattery by Carolyn Engholm-BR088
Aaron Krantz by Carolyn Engholm-BR088
Marion Corley by Nell Wilson-BR074
(Spanish Translator, Colombian Missionary)
Peggy Metdker by L E Elliott, EC Johnson, and
(Grader at BR053) David and Karen Verinder

Thank you for these Remembrance Gifts

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.

Prosper More In Christ------
 “Greetings in Christ Jesus. I would like to thank each and every one of you brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus for the time you take from your blessed daily lives to help us prosper more in Christ throughout our incarceration. It’s very supportive and by all means well appreciated. May you all prosper every single day more and more as our soul prospers. I will surely enjoy this Bible curriculum and the courses that come with it.” **Dominique**

Finally Loved------
 “I didn’t know the Lord because I was all about me doing what I wanted until I got into trouble. Then I asked God to take me away from all that and to help me. So He put me in prison, or rather I put myself in prison because of my way. But God placed me where I would seek him and get to know Him. So here I am getting to know my Lord and Savior more and more every day. Thank God I am safe and at peace and finally loved!” **Domingo**

Led into the Right Direction------
 “I heard a lot about what you do for inmates who are willing to reach out to your ministries and was interested in joining if possible. I would love to be led into the right direction instead of falling short of the glory of God.
 “Well, here is a little about me. I’m 21 years old, have an 8 year sentence, and have two kids – Faith, 4 years old, and Symphony, 3 years old. I’m trying to change my life and need help doing so. Is there a way for me to send prayers to the church?” **Rafael**

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PRAYER CORNER *****
 Continue to pray for funding for the courses we mail out to our students. Our supplier has implemented a price increase in recent months which will significantly increase the cost of our books.

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BY THE NUMBERS

	<u>MAY 2017</u>	<u>YTD 2017</u>
Ministry Statistics		
Enrolled Students - average	8,216	8,209
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	909	4,282
Professions of Faith	88	395
Course Books Mailed	4,980	23,615
Course Exams Completed	3,622	16,965
Students Graduated (72 units)	13	80
Operation Finances		
Expenses:	\$23,370.93	93,807.09
Postage: \$	9,482.67	
Courses: \$	9,952.28	
Staff support:\$	1,525.00	
Other: \$	2,410.98	
Donations:	<u>\$13,423.10</u>	<u>132,551.21</u>
NET:	(\$9,947.83)	\$38,744.12

Spiritually Awakened------
 “I’ve learned to view the same stories in different perspectives. The Bible’s teachings have inspired me to become better and have given me examples to live by. Bible verses come to mind during moments in my life as guidance because I’ve been spiritually awakened.” **Melessa**

Thank you! Thank you!------
 “I would simply like to take this opportunity to thank you, the whole ministry – all the workers, the preparers, the graders, the filing people, the shipping and receiving people of this ministry. I am so very blessed to be a part of these studies, to participate in this educational study of the Word of God. Thank you!” **James**

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