



WRITE-WAY Prison Ministries, Inc.

BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for our students – sequestered, quarantined, with minimal meals. Pray for the prison administration, guards, and other staff on site. Other than nursing homes, prisons have very high infection rates. Pray that each one will hear the Lord speaking.

PRAYER REALLY DOES WORK

“To whomever is reading this, may God continue to bless you and your family in these trying times. May He also keep a hedge of protection over you all at the Write-Way Ministries. I’m not sure if you have been listening [to radio or TV], but this Beto I unit has the most cases of the virus. Every wing has been infected except for one: our wing, O-Wing. No one has been infected out of 150+ men. Prayer really does work. There are a bunch of believers on this wing. But please keep praying for us. We haven’t had a hot meal in almost a month!” **Gerald**

THESE TRYING TIMES

“Thank you for your words of encouragement. I hope you are well and continuing to persevere through these trying times and I pray that God will protect you and the ministry. The Bible study on anger (Managing Anger God’s Way) was tough for me emotionally due to the fact that I am still an angry person from the things of my past. It is hard for me to move beyond that.

“Your personal notes show you are a sincere, kind-hearted Christian believer, filled with agape. I truly welcomed them as they show me there is still a spirit of Christ Jesus in a messed-up world and a hope remains. Once again, thank you from my heart and may you and the ministry team stay strong and vigilant in the Faith.” **John**

THE LORD IS TALKING TO YOU

“First of all, I want to thank you for my certificate and the encouraging letter you sent me. I have been in the county jail for about four years, five months; my case is also online if you want to read it. I have nothing to hide.

“Now people tell me that things happen for a reason, and that God lets things happen for a reason. Also, people tell me that when you read the Bible, the Lord is talking to you. Right?! Anyway, about six months ago an inmate gave me a piece of paper before he went home, but I stuck it in my Bible and didn’t think anything about it. Then I received your most welcome letter. I picked up my Bible and that piece of paper fell out and I read it and it said:

“God still keeps His promise. Trust Him. **Isaiah 54:9-10:** *‘For this is like the waters of Noah to me; for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, so have I sworn that I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you. For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall my covenant of peace be removed, says the Lord, who has mercy on you.’*

“I believe with all of my heart that Jesus Christ, who is my Lord and Savior, and God our Father, were talking to me. I know my case will be over soon and I know I will go home soon. Amen! Also, I’ve been in segregation the whole time I’ve been in jail. No one to talk to or even see. Just me and this little room. The bosses ask me how I do it, and I tell them, ‘It’s God!’”

Fernandez

*“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”*

Isaiah 91:1

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.

GOD WAS TALKING TO ME

"I pray everyone is in the best of health. I'm writing to say thank you for the card [cards now barred] and also to let you know how it impacted my faith and life. I'm going through a very, very difficult time in my life. Not only the prison term, but family, and things in here which are out of control. I decided I needed God in my life. He is the only one who can get me out of this mess, the only one who can get me through it! So, I got my Bible, prayed, turned away from the things I was doing, and I experienced things and knew I was getting closer and closer to God. But at the same time my situations were getting worse and worse! Didn't know what was happening. 'How can this be?' I would ask myself. It doesn't make sense.

"Finally, full of hurt and anger at God, I gave up! I quit. 'What's the use?' I asked. So, I just went back to – well, no, I didn't go back; I went further into the hole. I even stopped praying to God. There were plenty of days when I just wanted to end my life. I would hate it when I opened my eyes in the morning. When I would talk to God, I would ask Him to take my life. I've never spoken this to anyone. So, for a while, I have these things going on. I'm all alone in the universe; no one cares.

"Then I received your card and I opened it and the first thing I see is the verse, **Isaiah 41:10**: 'Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you.' My eyes filled with tears. Years ago, that was my "Go To" verse. It would help me so much. It moved my heart and soul. I felt like – scratch that; I KNEW God was talking to me. That spark was there again, small, but it was there.

"So, I put the card away, and yesterday I was going through my folder just looking for something to do. I pulled out the card again, read the verse, but I still have all these major problems, mountains as it says in the Bible. I closed the card and that's what I'm looking at – a HUGE mountain on the cover of the card. (Continued next column)

BY THE NUMBERS

	<u>APR 2020</u>	<u>YTD 2020</u>	
<u>Ministry Statistics</u>			
Enrolled Students	6,416	6,794	AV
Enrollees - Born To Win	499	2,453	
Professions of Faith	48	173	
Course Books Mailed	4,390	20,308	
Course Exams Completed	3,045	13,437	
Graduates 72+ units	X	24	
<u>Program Gifts and Expenses</u>			
Expenses:	\$17,196.17	\$76,657.43	
Postage:	\$4,838.04	\$29,222.59	
Courses:	\$8,461.20	\$33,441.02	
Staff support:	\$700.00	\$2,831.00	
Qtrly Insurance	\$0.00	\$1,170.50	
Other:	\$3,196.93	\$9,992.32	
Donations:	\$14,593.45	\$74,960.33	
Acct DIV, CR*	\$101.88	\$931.08	
NET:	(\$2,500.84)	(\$766.02)	

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"At the same time, a song comes on the radio as I'm looking at this mountain. It says, 'Only the Savior can remove the mountain!' I just hung my head, shook it back and forth, raised my hands, and looked up- 'God help me!' I know for sure He's calling me! When I felt I was at the end, no hope, alone, He showed up. No doubt. He's made me alive again. This is not the end; there is hope, we are not alone, ever! So, thank you; you became God's Messengers to reach out to a lost one to help bring me back where I belong. God is at work. Who else could orchestrate a move like that!"

Arturo

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