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BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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Prayers and Petitions for the Royal Priesthood

<u>Protection of prison staff</u>. A recent study shows a spike in September of staff deaths in Texas prisons and across the nation.

<u>Protection of prison inmates</u>: a reduction in staff can mean loss of control, dangers, and further lockdowns. <u>Reduction of COVID in prisons</u>: Several state prisons have gone on complete lockdown again due to an increase in positive cases. Here are some remarks from a local chaplain:

"Write-Way is doing a terrific job in Fannin County Jail where outside volunteers have had very little access to the prisoners [due to COVID]. There is a spiritual movement of great dimensions among the prisoners who are left on their own, but they have the Bible and your good studies." **Chaplain Ted**

The following are from Spanish speaking students

Tiburcio (Spanish): "The Spirit of God is directing me to do good and is transforming me with a new image. I live for Christ. When I was blind and knew not the truth, God came to me and rescued me, and the Holy Spirit showed me the right way. Before, I was an evil person and did not know the truth. The power of evil was great. But there was no one to take it out of my way. Then God came. Now I am very changed. And He sustains me from it all, because He guides me. The Holy Spirit pleases Himself in taking our thoughts away from ourselves and directs us to meditating on the Glory of God in Christ. I am touched while reading the Bible. There are times when I feel like weeping and I plead with Him to help me memorize His Word."

Daniel (Spanish): "God, through Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit comforted me when my father died last year, so I could comfort my family. I'm seeking first, Christ and His Kingdom, then sanctification from faith to faith, from glory to glory, until arriving to be like Him. This is the goal of every Christian."

Jose (Spanish): "I am so grateful for all you have done for me throughout these six years in prison. The Bible studies have helped me tremendously in my spiritual growth. It's like Jesus Himself has been instructing me in 'rightly dividing the Word of Truth.' And therefore, I can say like Paul, 'I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.' The gospel has transformed my life, and my biggest desire is to share what I have learned with others."

Francisco (Spanish): "I've learned obedience to the Lord in complete faith. I've learned that we must be humble. Without Him we are nothing. When Jesus calmed the sea, He taught them that God has power. He is King of kings and the Lord of lords. All is possible in the name of God.

"He thinks of us from the dawning of one day to the dawning of the next. Every day He is with us. He came to me and dragged me from the brinks of alcoholism and adultery. Thanks to my Father, all powerful, I am clean from sin. I want to serve Him all my life. Never in this life will I finish thanking Him for the beauty that He is to me."

Dimas (Spanish): "Friend, thank you so much for continuing to help me in my knowledge and evaluation of who Jesus Christ is and what it means to me in my salvation. I am now saved. I am still a baby spiritually, but I now have two spiritual sons in my cell. I gave them the tracts you gave me. They are interested in learning everything about the gospel!"

OUR MISSION

To introduce Jesus Christ to each incarcerated person in TX, LA, MS, and NM through a curriculum of English and Spanish Bible correspondence courses that are free, postpaid, and volunteer counseled.

Edor (Spanish): "I do not consider myself to be saved. But this is what I'm looking for. I've come to the place where I believe in Christ. And I believe that He died for my sins. And I believe that He is the Son of God. This course has changed me a lot. Since I've been studying the Bible and doing these courses, I learn more about God. I see things differently.

"My discipleship training behind bars is almost over. I will be released 7-7-22, God willing. I look forward to fighting the good fight of faith and letting the love of Jesus move me into all the good works He has prepared for me."

William (Spanish): "Brothers, today I send you this letter to give thanks to God for the commentaries of teaching on the first course that arrived... teaching on some errors that I made. Thank you for correcting me and teaching me more. I'll be counting on these teachings.

"I've been nine years a prisoner in Federal prisons, and had no idea that these courses existed. But God is marvelous with me and sent a Latin person who gave me the information to send to you. And here I am with complete faith. I want to learn more. I am thirsty for the Word of God. I send my family what I am learning, working in them for a life of dignity and peace with God. I am in His hands and the knowledge of my future is completely in His hands. Here in this country, I have no family, but I have Jesus Christ, and with Him I have everything. I have learned to trust Him. God teaches us true joy in the midst of sadness when we turn to Him."

Hector: (Spanish): "When I felt completely alone, I took notice that I was not alone in my cell. I remembered I had found a genuine friend in whom I could confide; with Him I could talk; with Him I could share my most profound sentiments. He would not judge me. This friend is our Lord Jesus Christ. He is always there to help the afflicted in spirit and the broken hearted."

Lino (Spanish): "The Bible has been a great blessing. I am trying to take time to read every day, because in the same way our body needs nourishment to be strong and same, my spirit needs its nourishment to be strong and sane."

Maria (Spanish): "Christ has transformed me in all this time that I have been in prison. And the comfort which He gives, even when there is no hope whatever, He is always with me."

In Memory

David L Miller

A gift from Glenda M Miller

| BY THE NUMBERS | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----|
| | SEP 2021 | YTD 2021 | |
| Ministry Statistics | | | |
| Enrolled Students | 5,824 | 7,029 | AVG |
| Enrollees - Born To Win | 472 | 4,342 | |
| Professions of Faith | 25 | 207 | |
| Course Books Mailed | 3,876 | 37,452 | |
| Course Exams Completed | 2,583 | 24,782 | |
| Graduates 72+ units | 13 | 124 | |
| Program Gifts and Expenses | | | |
| Expenses: | \$17,397.63 | \$146,366.24 | |
| Postage: | \$4,707.65 | \$47,144.20 | |
| Courses: | \$5,618.00 | \$61,210.56 | |
| Staff support: | \$2,107.00 | \$9,538.00 | |
| Qtrly Insurance | \$1,224.50 | \$3,673.50 | |
| Other: | <u>\$3,740.48</u> | <u>\$24,799.98</u> | |
| Donations: | \$14,584.90 | \$145,617.73 | |
| Acct Dividends | \$230.70 | <u>\$4,461.96</u> | |
| Reserves: | | | |
| NET: | (\$2,582.03) | \$3,713.45 | |

Back to English speaking students

"My name is **Joshua**, the chosen one. Send me your little curriculum. I have read the Bible 40 times. The Bible is written all on my heart. Send me your curriculum. I'm going to do it with my hands tied behind my back! LOL!"

"My name is **James** and I want to thank you all for the work you are doing, ministering to the lost and forgotten. Thank you for the love and help reconnecting with the Lord. I wanted to find a Bible study and was reading a book. This enrollment form fell out. And I don't believe in coincidences!"

Nicanor: "I would like to thank everyone at the Write-Way Ministries. I have learned a great deal from studying all the Bible courses sent to me. Bless you and thank you. I really enjoyed the study of <u>Second Corinthians</u>. It helped me to better focus on the needs of others before myself."

Ray: "I graduated from Write-Way and enrolled in Shalom Bible College. You guys have been a tremendous blessing to me."

WPM Statement of Faith is available upon request.

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