

BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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“Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them.” *Hebrews 13:3 (ESV)*

Graduated Seminary in 2021: “Thank you for your kind, encouraging words. Believers, especially those incarcerated, need and must have encouragement, even more so those actively engaged in daily ministry. I gave my life to Christ at the age of five in 1977. My mom divorced my dad; however, by the providence of the sovereign Lord, they remarried 18 months later. During their separation dad gave his life to Christ and he brought Jesus into our family. But dad had an overbearing, abusive demeanor and that drove me away and I began to rebel and indulge. Even through the worst of my rebellion and addiction, the Spirit never left me. He refused to let me go, always calling me back to intimacy, keeping me alive when I should be dead many times over.

“In 2016 I heard about the Field Minister Program (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary program at Dominquez – now the Memorial unit). School was intense, one of the hardest endeavors I’ve ever undertaken, especially in the chaos of prison. But I excelled, graduating in June, 2021, and was assigned to the Ft Stockton unit. I have been teaching, preaching, counselling, and leading all chapel services. I am daily writing and organizing lectures and sermons. I am flooded with the Word! So, that is basically my story. We now have tablets and you are able to send messages/emails. Thank you again for your words of encouragement.” **Chris**

Joyful testimony: “When I accepted Christ, I became precious to God, because when He sees me, He sees Jesus Christ. I was sealed, beloved, sanctified, righteous, adopted, chosen, saved, forgiven, redeemed, blood bought, not guilty! I look forward to being in heaven – no more sickness, disease, death! To put off mortality and put on immortality: I don’t think we can fully comprehend just how awesome it will be.” **Dan**

From a prison medical facility: I am recovering from breast cancer and radiation followed by a different kind of cancer in the kidney. My desire is to work at the manufacturing facility where inmates are paid for their work. But medical personnel and I have requested a medically recommended intensive release to a clinical trial treatment center. However, the parole board denied the request.

“I realize I am not in their hands, but in God’s hands, so He must have greater plans for me and a purpose I cannot see yet. I look forward to how I can be used by Him to further His kingdom with the gospel. I live day to day. Thank you so very, very much for sending me the studies and transcripts. You are a blessing to more people than you can imagine. I don’t ever want the studies to end!”

Louanne

Gifts To Honor the Memory of:

Delwin Rettig

Counselor and Write-Way Board of Directors

From: Alice Koshy

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.

Enrolled in seminary: “I hope this letter finds you all mindful of God’s great and precious promises. I have been enrolled in the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (MS prison), which was a prayer of mine that God has answered. I attend five days a week; there’s a lot to learn and a lot more of this road to walk as we all journey with our hearts and minds focused on our Creator. There is so much to read, especially in the apologetics. However, my request is to continue to keep the studies coming, because most of what I have learned today was through your courses. Please keep them coming and I’ll do my best to stay on course.” **Frankie**

BY THE NUMBERS

	MAR 2023	YTD 2023	
Ministry Statistics			
Enrolled Students	4,313	4,392	avg
Enrollees - <i>Born to Win</i>	378	1,036	
Professions of Faith	14	21	
Course Books Mailed	3,431	9,163	
Course Exams Completed	2,215	5,930	
Graduates 72+ units		21	
Program Gifts and Exp.			
Expenses:	\$20,350.06	\$49,938.32	
Postage:	\$4,620.01	\$19,484.41	
Courses:	\$8,253.72	\$17,360.82	
Staff support:	\$380.00	\$2,308.00	
Qtrly Insurance	\$1,451.75	\$1,451.75	
Paper/Envelopes	\$3,845.50	\$4,558.50	
Other:	\$1,799.08	\$4,764.84	
Donations:	\$19,837.17	\$54,764.41	
Acct Dividends	\$1,104.28	\$2,815.51	
NET:	\$591.39	\$7,641.60	

Please continue to pray: (1) That Emmaus Worldwide would be able to get the courses onto the tablets. One county jail has stopped all incoming communications unless they are on the tablets. (2) That jails using third party scanning of all communications would allow all religious mail to enter without scanning.

From life-taking to life-giving: “Thank you for the letter of encouragement. I am taking as many religious classes as I possibly can to help me, guide me, to become a better person – a God-loving God-fearing person. I am now that person. I was ‘born again’ on December 31, 2016 and my life has not been the same since accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

“Before being sentenced to life in prison (for a crime I did commit and pled guilty to), I took it upon myself to get evaluated and start my treatment. My lawyer advised not to do so, but I did it anyway. I thought that I would get probation since this was my first felony conviction and that I was a businessman in the community. My judge said life in prison instead. My life was shattered, along with my family’s lives as well.

Well, as stated above, on 12/31/16 my life sentence changed from a life-taking to a life-giving sentence. I thought I was going to die in prison. But instead, I have gained eternal life. I have been relentless in my Bible studies and treatment program. I am a new person and I do not vaguely resemble that person of old, thanks to God. Please let everyone know that what you all are doing for us forgotten citizens is making a difference. Your courses are my favorite. The insight that your graders give is greatly appreciated. Long story short: Thank you. Thank you, Thank you.” **Thomas**

Exam response: “As a true believer in the person and work of Jesus, I have seen my life transformed from a self-centered, conceited, and arrogant alcohol-porn-addicted ‘boy’ to a God-fearing, loving, and worshipping man who sees people with ‘God’ eyes” **Richard**

A sober and happy life: “I experienced seeing God’s glory, though He did not answer my prayer, when he got me off drugs, but sent me to a place I didn’t want to come. However, I’m so glad I did; now I can live a sober and happy life.” **Ashley**