## **BLESSINGS FROM PRISON**

# Write-Way Prison Ministries - A Bible Correspondence School

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

When I first visited inmates in their prison environment, it became obvious to me that the system was as broken as the inmates. I was not alone. The Texas Center for Justice and Equity (www.texascje.org) is a watchdog on the system and works with state legislators. A few of their objectives are: 1) Close the five state youth prisons, due to excessive abuse; 2) Give incarcerated women equal access to programs; 3) Improve conditions of confinement, such as video visitation, child support, and substance abuse programs; 4) Pursue local community alternatives to prison terms, such as probation reform, minor drug possession, bail reform, victim /offender mediation, and mental health treatment; 5) Parole reform, such as, reentry housing, voting rights, occupational licensing, landlord protection, and food stamp eligibility. In addition, their web site offers resources of education, health, housing, treatment programs, and legal for every county in Texas. Check it out. Rodger Turley, Director

## Gifts To Honor the Memory of:

## Delwin Rettig

Counselor and Write-Way Board of Directors From: Don and Annette Johnson

## Bonnie Howell

Counselor/assist at Garland office

From: Betty Nail

## Lou Spencer

Charter Counselor, Branch 073, Amarillo

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## Dorothy Simmons

Counselor, Branch 073, Amarillo

From: Connie Wooten and Carol Carter

## **Gift to Honor:**

## David and Karen Verinder

(David, retired WPM Board director; Karen, retired Branch 053 Manager)

From: The Verinder Family Fund

#### **He Knows Our Needs**

"I just wanted to write a short letter to thank the ministry for the studies and the guidance with my walk/relationship with the Lord. It's amazing how He knows just what each of us needs and when we need it. I asked for prayer on giving my all to Him. Parts I have already given to Him and assumed the others would fall into place. I have turned over and allowed Him to deal with all my addictions and stuff. It's all been done through His strength. Amen! " Adam

### Thank You in These Years of Studying

"Thank you for your time, patience, and assistance in these years of studying courses. I really do appreciate all the insight, wisdom, and knowledge that was gained through this time. These years had their ups and downs, and we made it through them with God's love and care. I hope and pray that all of you enjoy your service for God and your families are blessed from your efforts. I am going to stay with this walk with Jesus and try my best with the Spirit's help to progress further along. May God answer your prayers for the good of those who are in them. Amen." Aaron

#### **OUR MISSION**

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

#### **Another Great Study**

"May the Lord bless us all with a shred of His holiness to prepare us for paradise. Another great study! I tried to slow down a little. I really enjoy the structure of the study. It also takes me back to not just the basics, but for sure, fundamental elements that should always be made afresh – God the Creator and Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost. When I get off into my own studies, sometimes I can lose focus of the love and meekness of Christ. You guys are in my prayers for an abundance of laborers in a new harvest to bring truth and righteousness on earth as it is in heaven. God bless you- all grace and peace rule our hearts." **Michael** 

#### **Change of address**

"I'll be looking forward to continue to receive my studies; thank you guys so much. I thank God for your ministry, and as well pray for you all. Through your studies and through the Holy Spirit, I really feel myself getting closer to our Lord and Savior. Keep up the awesome!" **Jimmy** 

BY THE NUMBERS	APR 2023	YTD 2023	
<b>Ministry Statistics</b>			
Enrolled Students	4,281	4,364	ā
Enrollees - Born To Win	403	1,439	
Professions of Faith	6	44	
Course Books Mailed	2,729	11,892	
Course Exams Completed	1,654	7,584	
Graduates 72+ units	16	47	
Program Gifts and Exp			
Expenses:	\$11,786.86	\$61,725.18	
Postage:	\$5,142.98	\$24,627.39	
Courses:	\$2,499.61	\$19,860.43	
Staff support:	\$1,684.37	\$3,992.37	
Qtrly Insurance	\$0.00	\$1,451.75	
Paper/Envelopes	\$526.93	\$5,085.43	
Other:	\$1,932.97	\$6,697.81	
Donations:	\$11,144.66	\$65,909.03	
Acct Dividends	\$1,113.10	\$3,928.61	
NET:	\$470.90	\$8,112.46	

<u>Please pray</u>: For more enrollments (we are adding IOWA prisons in June), for more students to complete the entire curriculum, and for an aggressive outreach to prison chaplains in June.

#### **An Amazing Blessing**

"I fell back into drugs which has gotten me back to where I'm at now in my life. I very much so miss where I was at spiritually back then! Another inmate in my tank has provided me with the info for your free Bible services. So, I first wanted to inform who it may concern that this is an amazing blessing that you provide people. Inmates everywhere who are truly wanting change in their lives very much appreciate things like this so much. I am on limited income and the means for a decent Bible is a challenge for me right now. I feel the need to start placing God's word back before my eyes once again. May God be with you." **Christopher** 

#### **Comfort to an Atheist**

"Today I was given by God the words to say to give comfort to an atheist. He ended up with an open mind and hope. God also has given me the opportunity to read the Bible to a fellow inmate." **Jeremy** 

#### **Leaving in 27 Days**

"I will be leaving in 27 days! Praise God! Thank you, Emmaus, and all of you who have taken time to pray, care for, and love us behind bars. Please send my graded exams and any mail to my home address." **Curt**