

# BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

## *Write-Way Prison Ministries*

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**“Remember the prisoners as if chained with them.” *Hebrews 13:3 (NKJV)***

### It's time for Director training

The whole country is immersed in election year angst. Some are devoted to status quo. Others are desiring new faces, new programs. There is a similar mentality in corporations and businesses and even non-profits. New faces, new ideas, and a fresh longing to serve in the Lord's harvest field is empowering to ministries. I began with ten years of part-time work and then after retirement from Hunt Oil in 2008, I joined fulltime with Ralph Nichols, the first penal coordinator for Texas. In 2010 Ralph passed on to heaven and those 12 years of apprentice work gave me great confidence when it was my time to serve.

Now 14 years later, it is time to seriously solicit new leadership for Write-Way and begin a period of training and transition. Technology has changed. Prison access has changed. And the economy has changed. We need flexible, savvy, devoted leadership to maintain the aggressive course set by Ralph in 1982.

At this time, WPM is a totally volunteer organization (about 170 strong). Optimally, a retired individual would be ideal to step in. However, we would also consider a younger individual and whatever compensation would be needed to maintain a family and good lifestyle. It would be helpful to have someone who is familiar with the criminal justice system, though not necessary. A period of part-time help would be welcome.

Please email me at [wpm@writewaypm.org](mailto:wpm@writewaypm.org) or call the office here in Garland, TX at 972-840-9798 if you believe God is calling you to serve in this capacity and have the heart to do so.

PS: I'm not planning to leave any time soon, but just looking to the future.

**Rodger Turley**, Director

### Some of us learn the hard way

“I am writing this to show my appreciation of all the times these studies have helped me when I was at my worst moments in life. I have grown and matured in the Word of God through your ministry. I couldn't thank you enough. I will continue these studies the remainder of my sentence.

“Although in life we all stumble, I've come to realize, with our Lord Jesus Christ, anything is possible. Even though some of us learn the hard way, it isn't over, and God does have a plan. When I decide to give up, God is right there helping pick up the pieces. I also found I can be the victor and no longer have to be the victim. So once again I thank you for all your time and effort in helping save my soul from the enemy.” **Francisco**

### Use my mess as my message

“On both sides that I deal with, the Authority (prison guards and admin) and fellow inmates, it is a 24/7 chore staying focused and aligned with God. It's not easy in here, but it's a lot of practice. Jesus helped me with my anger and addiction. Now I want to return the favor by helping someone else. I need to step out of this prison (releasing in 01/2025). I still need more training. I want to use my mess as my message to help others turn to Christ.” **Pamie**

### Trouble paying the bills

“My wife lives in Mesquite and her car is broke down and she is out of a job. Is there any way you can help her? She is having trouble paying the bills and I am worried she may lose the house. She is a believer also.” **James**

(repercussions of incarceration, like ripples on a pond, or waves on a stormy sea!)

## 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.

## *In Memory of*

**RICK MITTER** – *Chaplain and counselor in Branch 45, Lake Pointe Church, Rockwall*

### **Gifts from:**

Vance & Chrisana Black

Becky Crenshaw

Mr./Mrs. Daniel Jobe

Barbara Mitter

Kevin & Jonica Sauce

Mr./Mrs. Billy Webb

### I have gained understanding

“I have done several of the Emmaus Bible study books over the last year that I have been locked up. I have gained understanding of many Biblical concepts of Christian living. For that I thank you for making it all possible. This last study [*Lessons on Assurance*] though really touched home for me on several things I had wondered about in my prayer life.” *Charles*

### Life was nothing but a wreck

“Before I trusted Christ my life was nothing but a wreck. My life was full of mischief and heartache, drugs, and sex. I had no real concept of what real love and respect was. My thoughts were all about me, me, me. I had no concerns for others.

“I trusted God when He sent a Christian gentleman over to talk to me while walking the boulevard in prison. He started to speak to me about Christ. God opened my heart to receive His message about His gospel. I asked for Bible correspondence courses. I couldn’t get enough of His Word.

“Since I’ve trusted God, my life has had a true 180 degree turn around. No one from my past would know the person I am today. My life is positive, full of love.” *Ken*

## **BY THE NUMBERS**

	SEPT 2024	YTD 2024	
<b>Ministry Statistics</b>			
Enrolled Students	3,063	3,061	avg
Enrollees - <i>Born to Win</i>	293	2,583	
Professions of Faith	6	45	
Course Books Mailed	1,881	19,475	
Course Exams Completed	1,127	12,238	
Graduates 72+ units	2	55	
<b>Program Gifts and Expenses</b>			
Expenses:	\$14,035.96	\$112,366.59	
Postage:	\$4,076.57	\$41,366.11	
Courses:	\$5,437.74	\$32,331.51	
Staff support:	\$310.00	\$7,619.00	
Qtrly Insurance	\$1,510.75	\$4,532.25	
Paper/Envelopes	\$679.92	\$5,906.86	
Other:	\$2,020.98	\$20,610.23	
Donations:	\$14,467.29	\$84,092.37	
Acct Dividends	\$1,897.84	\$14,904.29	
<b>NET:</b>	<b>\$2,329.17</b>	<b>(\$13,369.93)</b>	

### Keep up the good work

“I appreciate so much your studies with the comments and grading. Knowing that there is someone on the other end who is concerned and praying means a lot to us inmates. We are treated with disdain most of the time by those on the outside as a sub-culture, certainly not God’s creation. God bless you all and keep up the good work and ministry to us.” *Steven*

### Somebody is interceding

“Thank you for the letter you wrote me in the last course I received. It made me feel good to know that somebody is interceding for me in prayer. I needed to hear that. It has not been easy to be incarcerated. The Lord Jesus Christ has been faithful to comfort and to strengthen me in my afflictions. He is using all this to transform my life, and to show me His power.

“In this place we have a group of ten men. We worship together, read the Word of God, and sing praise songs. I and another brother share the Word of God with them. I am sharing with others what I have learned from the Bible studies from you guys. The Lord Jesus Christ is working in this place, adding more people. Thank you for your concern for my well-being.” *Fernando*