

Bible Correspondence Course Has Impact

A JUST program that might not be widely known is the Bible Correspondence course. First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton administers the Bible Correspondence course to hundreds of inmates that begin with book 1 and can continue until the completion of book 6. These books are published by NavPress. Since 1989, "Barbara" and "Marilyn," along with many other friends, have given their time to the success of the program. Their guidance, empathetic feedback, and compassion for inmates seeking a

better understanding of the Bible have been instrumental in helping individuals make positive changes in their lives. Barbara enjoys reading the many comments that inmates express in their completed coursework because they make her smile. In particular, she is especially fond of Book 2 because three pages are devoted to reflection upon how

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you met Christ and how your life has changed now that you know Christ. An inmate stated, "You know these books tell me that the Lord tells me that I am worth a whole lot more than spit." Inmates who complete the course often feel a great sense of satisfaction because the course may be their first real accomplishment. Inmates who complete the course work also receive a certificate

of completion. Some inmates even request to have all their books mailed home for them because they want to keep them forever to help remind them of how they have overcome.

For many years JUST has purchased the books for the course, but First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton has now stepped up to supply not only the volunteers but the materials, as well. We are very grateful for this church's increased commitment to help people grow in their Christian walk through the Bible correspondence course.