

Testimonies Received In April 2013

From Ben, Solomon Islands

"God's presence in my life is so real whilst I am being within this particular Correction Centre. I have seen His many blessings being manifested in my life here and even out there with my family. I have had the opportunity to accept Jesus as the Lord and Saviour of my life, and in this newness of life in Christ Jesus, I have a transformed heart and life that gives me victory and blessing from the inside out. It is now "no longer I that live, but Christ that lives in me". (Galatians 2;20) And in this, Gods Holy Spirit dwells within me, leading, guiding and instructing me into all truth. This obviously is God's presence in my life through His Son Jesus Christ and by His Holy Spirit.

Those CBI courses I have already completed meant so much to me. They taught me some very important truths about God's Word and pointed me to the light of the Gospel. They do have a great impact in my spiritual life and nourish me spiritually. They opened my eyes to see the truth and reality of God's Word and equiped me to become a living witness for the gospel of Christ to all people and believers out there.

Meanwhile I would like to thank my Instructor for her time and heart, in marking, correcting and commenting on my Tier 1 & Tier 2 lessons. She gave me words of encouragement, advice and comfort that really helped and uplifted my life, despite the trials and pressures that I face in this particular Correctional Centre. She's a great mentor and tutor to me in my CBI studies. I salute her for taking me this far. Finally I thank CBI for these study lessons in Tier 1 & 2, and I am looking forward to Tier 3 Advanced Studies."

From Kanaan, AUS

"Dear Mentor, I don't know if I've told you yet, but once I get out of prison I wish to continue in my Bible college and study. I've been looking at a few options. I want God to move in my life and lead me where he wants me to go. He may have other ideas for me, whatever

way. All I want to do is serve Him with my life, from now until He comes again. But as for the studies in here I would really like to go on to the Advanced Studies. I still have two years left until parole and I so much enjoy your company and letters and mentorship. When the time comes could you please get me more material for study. Over the last few years my knowledge has grown so much in the Word of God. And also my relationship with Jesus has grown, which is the most important of all. My journey has only just begun but with all my heart I can't get enough. I thank you so much. Your brother in Christ."

From Patrick ,Solomon Islands

"I just want to testify about God's love and mercy. He brought me out from darkness to light and from death to life. I am a man with very limited or small faith, even though my parents brought me up in a Christian life. I go to Church whenever I wanted, but most Sundays, I went out with my peer group playing and doing different things. I dropped out from class six yet I was sent to a Bible Vocational school to do a carpentry course in 2010 to 2011. In May 2012, we were sent out to Makira province on practical work duties. From that time, my life was in total darkness, it was ruined by beer, night clubs, etc, etc. First I thought I had an enjoyable life because I had money and many friends. I never thought of going to Church on any Sunday.

One weekend when I was totally insane from beer, three mighty men wanted to kill me. They were armed with very dangerous weapons. They took all my money and dragged me by the neck with a chain saw chain. I could hardly breathe and I could feel the chain saw chain cut through parts of my neck and the back of my head. I thought I was dying. I grabbed hold of one of my carpentry tools, then I lost consciousness.

When I came to my senses I was informed by the Police that I had stabbed a man with a screw driver. He died on the way to the hospital. After two nights in Kirakira police station, I was flown over to Honiara by a chopper and from there I was taken to Rove prison for remand.

I thought my life would end up behind bars for life but praise God

with the encouragement from Crossroad Bible Studies and His merciful and powerful touch through faith, I was sentenced for manslaughter charge only. I will only spend four years in prison.

I thank God for bringing me close to Him through the Bible Studies from CBI and the great deliverance from my murder case.

May God continue to Bless your wonderful work to all prisoners here in Rove. God Bless"

From Kelvin. AUS

"I'm sorry for the inconvenience I have caused, by having you write me letters of encouragement. When, truth be told, I am the lost sheep, who should be left in the wilderness. There are people in this world who are not worthy of anything good or just and I am one of the wretched souls who are damned. I thank you for taking time to correspond with me, but I ask, with all due respect that you concentrate your efforts on those who can and should be saved. Thank you for your time."

From Scott AUS

"I pray that you are well. Thank you for the letter, I would like to start again as I have lost lesson two and would like to keep going on. I will send my address to you soon. At the moment I don't know where I'll be going. But will let you know as I am getting out in May and will be in touch. Thank you all for your support and with my blessings. Take care, God Bless as he is always with us."

From Clarence AUS

"Thank you for your last letter to me, I was busy at court last week so I did not complete the lesson in time. Thank you for all the words for encouragement that you had given me and for all your prayers. My committal proceedings went the way the Lord had showed me. I have now been committed to the Supreme Court to stand trial later on this year. In the meantime the Commonwealth Director of Public Persecutions had made an offer to me to plead guilty and get out sooner. I would be grateful if you would think of their offer in your

prayers, for the will of God to be fulfilled. I am looking forward to having more work from the Lord when I get out and I would be grateful if you could also think of these in your prayers. I have recently moved into a new unit and the Lord had answered my prayer to have people that I can fellowship with. There are now a few people, which I have introduced to the course and also I have a group now in which we share about God's word on a daily basis.

In about two weeks time we will have another weeks course run by Kairos prison ministry on the inside. I have introduced three new brothers to take up the course and I am thankful for the Lords favour in it all. God's love, power and hand is awesome. I see it every day and in everything I do. He has been opening doors to me on a daily basis. I am really thankful for all of your prayers and all the blessings that I am getting from the Lord. The time I spend in custody has been a blessing all around. It has made me to realise who I am and what God wants from me in life and also has given me a new perspective in life. I also come to realise the full meaning of living by the power of his resurrection and the true discipleship role both for me, for my family and the church. The Lord through His mercy and wisdom has also taught me more about His Word and His plans for the world more than I could have learnt if I had not come to AGCC. It gives me a lot of comfort when I realise that most of Paul's letters in the New Testament were written whilst he was in prison.

Someone once said 'all good things and treasures are forever locked up. The nations gold is locked up in fortified premises'. It goes therefore that some of God's most treasured people are locked up in prison throughout the world. Others are locked up within their own self imposed prisons on the outside. During these last days we must all open up, We must all acknowledge God. We must turn away from our normal ways of doing things, re assess our personal relationship with God and follow His guidance. Bless You."