

## Testimonies Received In August 2013

**Anthony Aus**

I gave my life to Christ when I was twenty-one (37 years ago). I have had many personal struggles but God has always been faithful to me. Three years ago I completely repented of all my sins, and have been closer to God since then.

**Eric SI**

Though my spelling is not correct and my written English is not right, please bear with me. I need your correction. I hope and believe that you will understand my situation. Here in the Solomon Islands we lack the ability to speak and write English. When you see the way we write, please know that we are trying our best to communicate with you through study and sharing.

**Liso PNG**

Thanks be to God!

It has been a great pleasure receiving the feedback mails that has been sent by your Christian brothers and sisters. I have been blessed through all the lessons and your encouragement.

Though the situation is very tough, through the lessons I can see clearly that Christ has lifted me in peace and humbleness, kindness and most of all, His Great Love and Grace. As 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks. For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." This is my theme and text. Thank you for your prayers.

**Robert PNG**

I thank the CBI for bringing the bible study to the prisons in PNG. It helps us to know more about our creator and to share the word of God. We are very happy to have the bible study, because this will make us believe in our Lord Jesus Christ. Studying the bible will increase our courage and will cause us to be patient with hope, and to have faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

I praise God for CBI, for we are able to learn more about the word of God and the love of Jesus. Every one of us was very happy when we heard about the

institute. I am happy to receive the bible course in prison as it will help me further in the learning of the word of God. It will also help me change my life to be a good Christian in PNG. I say thank you for your concern to us, the Buimo CIS and all other prisons in PNG

**Angelina PNG**

We have a little girl by the name of Regina in prison with her mum. She is about 4 ½ years and she's from a very isolated/remote area where people walk for a week to reach the city of Lae, Morobe Province, PNG.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August, 2013, little Regina came to my bed while I was writing the comments on the opposite page. Regina said, Aunty, and I said, hello Regina, do you want something. She said, Aunty, write my name down. I asked her, what will you say?

This is what she said, Tell them (you instructors) to pray for my family at home to come and take me. I want to go home and stay with my uncle. I want to go to school.

Regina and her mother don't have family visits in prison because of the long distance from their village.

**John Aus**

Thank you for another enjoyable study. I do look forward to these correspondence exercises, they take me out of the world to another place, where love, peace and hope reign. I love to be reminded about the salvation that awaits me and I learn something new every day. I look forward to the next follow up studies you have for me. You strengthen my faith. When I post these off I can rely on the next lessons to come. I also like your letter with comments on my work. I pray for the continuation of this wonderful service that you do for the Lord and pray that He blesses your work, that there will be a bountiful harvest for Him when He comes into His kingdom.

**Paul PNG**

I want you CBI to pray for my parents in Madang Town and for my community members at Madang. Pray for me also so that I can be totally changed and walk in the light of Jesus Christ because I am the worst person in my community. Police always go in and out looking for me.

**John**                    **Aus**

Thank you for your letter of support, your kind words and your prayers. You don't know how much it helps to keep me going. The Lord says, "I am with you always" and I see this every day with the help and support of family and friends and your wonderful ministry.

**Russell**                **Aus**

Hello my brothers and sisters! Praise the Lord! While it's not good that I am back in prison, it is great and I am overjoyed to be back in touch with the Institute and continuing my studies.

It can be a cold hard world outside of prison and for men such as myself it is second nature to take imagined control of our lives and fall back into arrogance and self-idolatry attitudes. Please pray for my humble nature to prevail and that I will be able to exhibit Jesus' love to my fellow men in Jail.

Thank you very much – God bless you all.

**Jamie**                    **Aus**

Keep up the good work. God knows we need it.

**Mark**                    **Aus**

I've been lazy!! Unmotivated!! Thank you for the bottom kick.

(Mark's response to a reminder – he wants to continue)

**John**                    **SI**

On February 14, 2013, after watching the film "Passion of Christ" the Spirit of the Lord spoke to my empty heart that I needed Jesus in my heart. That night I opened my heart to the Lord and prayed and invited Him into my life. Up until now I have enjoyed my union with our Lord and Saviour, even though I'm in jail. I could not imagine the joy I've found in him.

**John**                    **Aus**

I went to Long Bay for a short time. Life was very hard there. I was picked upon. Finally I cracked. I prayed to God to get me back to B1 pod where I knew people and felt safe. I said "tomorrow, get me back there tomorrow". B1 pod was full. I asked to talk to a Chaplain. I was crying. I couldn't stop. He got me to talk to a psychiatrist. By 4pm, I was back in B1 pod. God had answered my

prayer.

CBI Courses are filling me with knowledge. I read the bible every day. I pray to God a lot. I'm very close to God. I am not worried about my future. My instructor always answers my questions.

**Tony Aus**

I became a Christian by being brought to our Lord Jesus through God constantly telling or sending messages to people to tell me about God. So I thought that it could not all be a coincidence so I started reading the bible and going to chapel. I saw a good side of me that I thought was lost by coming to gaol. But even Paul was a prisoner, and he was doing what was the right thing even under all the heartache and stress he was under. I have been a Christian for 3 years now and I've never felt better. I will continue to grow each day and bring others to be with Christ and I know for as long as I'm honest with God and do the right thing he will be there for me. I am always here for Him too. Your brother in Christ.

**Eddie SI**

I am married and have four children. My wife and children are Christians. However, I was not. My wife tried to change me but it was too hard. The world had driven me away from God's word.

Last year in January I met a lady who wanted to give me a bible study. I made an excuse and went away. I met the lady on another occasion and when she asked me if I wanted to study the bible I made another excuse and went to Temotu province in April. In June I had an argument with my wife and punched her. She reported me and I went to the court. I was sentenced to 18 months. One Saturday morning a group of women came to visit prison and among them was the same lady. She greeted me with a smile and said, "God loves you. That's why you are here to know him and study about Him."

Through these studies I have from the Great Truth and Survey I really understand how God wants me to be. He really cares for me.

**John Aus**

Thank you for another great bible study on the gospels. I enjoyed it thoroughly. I always learn something new when I do them. You do me a great service increasing my faith and decreasing my sorrows. I cannot thank you enough.