

## Testimonies Received In October 2013

Phillip                      Aus

Even though we are in prison we know that God is with us through the Holy Spirit, but I pray constantly that our family and children can keep this knowledge with them also, and be able to seek a better relationship with God and be comforted that we are safe.

Thank you for my Birthday Card. It was so unexpected and made me feel right at home with the studies. The encouragement and inspiration it gave helped me to see "the light in our darkness".

The same day I received this lesson, I was also given a letter from the Western Australian Parole Board stating that I had been found suitable for an Interstate Parole Transfer back to NSW (Taree). It could still be months away yet, but it helped me recognise the Lord's grace and confirmed my prayers and transformation.

Steven                      PNG

Dear Instructor, Thank God that this was my second last study. I am looking forward to completing the last lesson. I hope to receive my certificate. I am happy that CBI has reached me in prison and helped me to know the truth of the bible. Without this sort of study I may not have known some of the great truths of the Bible. Once again I want to thank God and CBI staff

Karl                              PNG

I do really want to thank CBI for giving me this bible course. By doing this lesson I really accepted Jesus as my personal Lord and Saviour. I enjoyed the lesson. My big and wonderful thanks go to you my instructor for your encouragement and your support. May God bless you.

Adi                              Aus

Praise the Lord. I thank the Lord for giving me encouragement and being with me throughout the studies. And now this is the last lesson. I have seen so much of God inside me growing day by day while I am decreasing day by day. Please enrol me in the next level of studies and send me the study materials ASAP Amen!

Jim Aus

I would like to start off by saying thank you very much to you and all of the other CBI instructors out there. I know that there are quite a few. This is a really nice thing that you are doing. I am sure that every one that is taking the 'Great Truths of the Bible' lessons, including myself, are really grateful for you taking time out of your days to help others to learn and understand about God, and to get to know the Lord.

As you would have gathered I am currently in a Remand Centre. This is a place I never seen myself being in, but unfortunately, here I am, at the age of 28 years. I have never been a religious person, although I have always followed the story of Jesus, and he has always had a role in my life. During the nine months I have been in custody, I have attended Chapel service almost every Sunday. This has helped my state of mind and lifted my spirits a lot. I enjoy doing the GTB course and I intend to complete it.

Freda Aus

I am grateful for this opportunity to grow closer and learn about our Lord.

I am grateful for all the food and water that I receive each day when so many others go without.

I am grateful that I have shelter and comfort when there are so many that suffer.

I am grateful for all of the beautiful flowers and trees that surround us.

I am grateful and truly blessed to have the best husband and wonderful children for their love and support.

I am truly grateful to the Crossroads Institute Instructors for giving their time to share my journey.

Sam PNG

While going through all twelve lessons, I came across this bible text: Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you HOPE and a FUTURE. Then you will CALL UPON ME and come and pray to me and I will LISTEN to you. You will SEEK me and FIND ME when you SEEK me with all your HEART."

I know that God has a hope and a future for me. I have found the conclusion and the climax of my desire and know that God really cares for me. My 10 years prison term is not a burden to me anymore. The barbed wire fence and cell

cannot take away my birth-right in Jesus. I am happy that I'm not in hell, but in prison, alive and well. In my living, God sustains me. Gone are the days of doubts, ifs and buts. I give all credit to CBI and my blessed instructors and the Holy Spirit who gives me the power and will to accept Jesus.

Hilmer                      Aus

I was involved in the major importation of drugs. Five days after I left the syndicate, I got arrested. At the interview I confessed all that I did. The police then let me go. Scared that the syndicate would think that I had spoken to the police, I left Australia with my wife and daughter. However, I got arrested in Los Angeles and was extradited to Australia. I decided to plead guilty to what I had done. I decided to trust God and not fear man. My decision was based on Romans 13, Proverbs 28:13, 1 Peter 2:13-17, Titus 3:1-2. I am glad I made the decision to face reality. I felt so much relief. I experienced the feeling of freedom within the walls. I know this has been a big step of faith and one of many to come. I may get 6 to 7 years, but at the end of the day, my times are in God's hands Psalm 31:15

Matthew                      Aus

I have been in custody since I was 16 years old. I have just completed my twenty-fifth year in prison and am sentenced to life with no release date. I believe if I study God's word I may find some hope. I have not studied the bible but I have read through it. I believe the Lord has a plan for me in the future. Whatever direction he wants me to go, I will follow him. With the Lord in my life, I feel I'm on an adventure. I would like to learn more of the bible so one day I may be able to do his work and to help others.

Jamie                      Aus

I may have lost my freedom, but I walk with God every day of my life and that's all I need. He will give me all I need. I will let Him steer the ship, Amen. Praise be to God!

P.S. Thank you for spending the time in marking my lesson and for helping me to learn more and more about God.

Francis                      PNG

I would like to thank the staff of CBI and more especially my instructors who have given me your precious time to view my lessons as well as those of other students. I appreciate very much your wonderful, encouraging comments. It is as if you are putting more wood on the fire to keep it alight. Please continue to correct my lesson and advise me if I miss the point. I anticipate your corrections and your explanations as it will help me to be confident when I share the message with others.

David                      Aus

I am a Jew. I grew up in a Jewish community. I held the belief that God is not man. How lonely I was. How sad I was. Although I tried to appear that all was well, I was dying inside. I pretended I had it all under control. God slowly brought me to my knees; my marriage collapsed. I lost my daughter. Stubbornly, I thought, well, I am going to die. And even then, God had His hand on me. He whispered in my soul, Come home. I am Jesus the Messiah, your Messiah, your God. I got on my knees and said, Father, forgive me, for I don't know what I've done. I repent of this life. Jesus, you are my Christ. Jesus you are my Messiah. I denied you, not a three times, but a thousand times. How ungrateful I have been. Take me into your hands, nurture me, make me grow, give me your affection, give me your treasures, give me your love! And that's how I came home! Hallelujah!

Jonathan                      Aus

Dear Sister, I wish to thank you for the birthday card I got from you today. It was a breath of fresh air to have nice words written to me. I can tell you, I feel very blessed at this moment. There is nothing in this world that I love more than my God. His amazing love shows itself in the strangest ways and I see His hand in the good and the bad in my life. To know Him, my Creator and His Son, my King, personally means that nothing in this world compares to what will be at Christ's return. The joy I get from knowing this, from believing this, and from living this daily, is far greater than anything I know.

Again I thank you for the blessing of the kind words you wrote.