

Crossroad

CONNECTION

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Reaching through the walls to unite the church

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UNTITLED

Laura C., CBI Student, TN

I pray for God's unconditional love,
He sends from above.
I know the hard times will soon go by,
and that He will lift me to a heavenly high.
I can be at rest knowing He is there,
and has plans for me because He cares.
My life is blessed with numerous good things,
all by the love that only He brings.
I am praising the Lord, my heart overflowing,
I will worship You forever and always,
continuously ongoing.

SET FREE BY GRACE

James C., CBI Student, LA

Once I was in the world,
my heart full of doubt,
the knowledge of God's Word,
I was living without.

Now I'm in this place,
where Satan loves to dwell,
locked up inside,
this dark and lonely cell.

Taken from my worldly things,
that closed my eyes and ears,
God revealed to me His truth,
and took away my fears.

Now God's love is in my life,
His words are in my heart,
once a sinner in the world,
now a Christian God has set apart.

God has called me to Him,
this is very plain to see,
to save me by His loving grace,
and by my faith He has set me free.



Richard P., CBI Student, PA

THANK YOU

Stephen A., CBI Student, GA

Dear Father in Heaven,
Our Lord God above,
thank You for faith,
for hope and for love.
For Your precious blood,
through Your perfect Son,
for the gift of Your Spirit,
and for all that You've done.



Antonio T., CBI Student, CA

WE WELCOME YOUR MATERIALS!
When submitting artwork, poetry, and letters,
please include your name, ID #, and full
address. CBI is overwhelmed with the amount
of wonderful work submitted by CBI students.
Therefore, we regret that we cannot publish
everything we receive.

LAST CHANCE

David P., CBI Student, RI

We go through this life striving to achieve
things we can't keep or take when we leave.
We put our minds on perishable things,
that's how Satan started everything.

He said to look, taste and to doubt,
when we did, we found ourselves without.
Now we are alone, hopeless and lost,
until that one day Jesus Christ came to the cross.

He gave us a second chance, a life with no end,
a life eternally with Him, that is His plan.
Now we must choose the path we will take,
either eternal life or hell, that's what is at stake.

Have you chosen? Time is running out,
choose Christ and the New Jerusalem He is bringing down.



Eddie F., CBI Student, TX

MY DAILY JOURNEY

Beverly M., CBI Student, OK

As I sit here in my solitary square,
counting each day that slowly passes by,
I think about all the people who care,
and I can find no need to cry.

But one person stands apart from them all,
He is Yahweh, Jehovah, Eloheim, God the Father
who always hears my call.
The good Lord and Master blesses me every day,
His love inspires me like nothing else can,
I read God's scriptures and every day I pray,
He shows me how to depend on Him, not man.



Romell C.,
CBI Student, OH

THIS PATH

Shane C., CBI Student, WV

I know not why that on this path my feet were made to trod,
I only know my destiny is best left up to God.
He does not lead me week by week, nor even day by day,
but step by step my path unfolds as He directs my way.

The path that I am following is called the path of faith,
the strength I need to walk this path is drawn from God's own grace.
It matters not how far away my feet are made to roam,
I rest assured the paths of faith will one day lead me home.

I believe He has a plan for me, that my life will be changed for the best,
He has washed all my sins, He has made me whole,
I am at peace, I am calm, I am blessed.
This is the day that I overcome all the burdens that weighted on my
heart,
my spirit will soar and I will succeed, for I am given a fresh new start.

I will walk with my head held high for this is the day that the Lord has
made, all is well, all is good, God is near.

PAIN IS NOT POINTLESS

John L., CBI Student, PA

Pain is not pointless,
that's how the saying goes,
It takes a little rain,
to make the flowers grow.
Growing comes through testing,
and testing we all know,
is a painful process,
but soon the gains will show.

So if you're facing problems,
and don't know what to do,
the pain is overwhelming,
you'll never make it through.
Just call on your Lord Jesus,
and He will rescue you,
but not before you've had the chance,
to learn, grow and renew.

Yes, each day has its troubles,
but you should always know,
that they're each opportunities,
for you to somehow grow.
And God is watching out for you,
so you will never go,
beyond the point of hopelessness,
so face your pain and grow.



Wilton W.,
CBI Student, TX



Thomas J.,
CBI Student, MS

STUDENTS WRITE IN . . .

"I delight in reading the poetry and seeing the artwork of such talented people who take your Bible course. Your Bible course inspires us all to share the talents God has given us, as well as those we discover as we look more closely at ourselves."

Richard, CBI Student, NY

"I really thank God that CBI is revealing the *Great Truths of the Bible* to as many as will come across these great lessons. I benefit a lot from the lessons, and they are especially useful in my daily devotions."

Hogan, CBI Student, Nigeria

"I have enjoyed my studies so much. I absolutely thirst for knowing God more and your course is filling that desire in me!"

Jacqueline, CBI Student, BC

"Studying with Crossroad has had very special meaning to me. During this time I have learned to trust Jesus Christ and allow Him to be the pilot of my life. I used to think the Bible was hard to read and grasp the meaning of, but you have shown me that all I need to do is trust in His hand and in Him and He will give me understanding."

Mary, CBI Student, NC

"Your course really helped me realize the true meaning of life and the right way to live it. For that I am forever grateful."

Jose, CBI Student, TX

"The Tier 1 study has been an important part of my ongoing transformation. The roadmaps were particularly valuable because they called on me to take an honest look at the past to see how to take responsibility for my actions, and to apply lessons from the Bible to my new everyday life in Christ."

William, CBI Student, CA

INSTRUCTORS' INPUT

"The students' work in the Spring 2005 *Crossroad Connection* is great. It is so good to recognize these gifts of writing and drawing. It is an encouragement for all of us and a good reminder that each person, no matter what the circumstance, has been given gifts."

Gerry, CBI Instructor, KS

"I truly enjoy helping with Crossroad. Telling others of God's glory and grace is a blessing."

Doug, CBI Instructor, NC

"Being an Instructor for Crossroad Bible Institute has been a real big blessing for me. I look forward to every lesson. It is more of a blessing to me than any other program I have ever worked at—God is good! I can see from my students that they are growing in the knowledge of the Bible. My students are as grateful as I am to have CBI in their life."

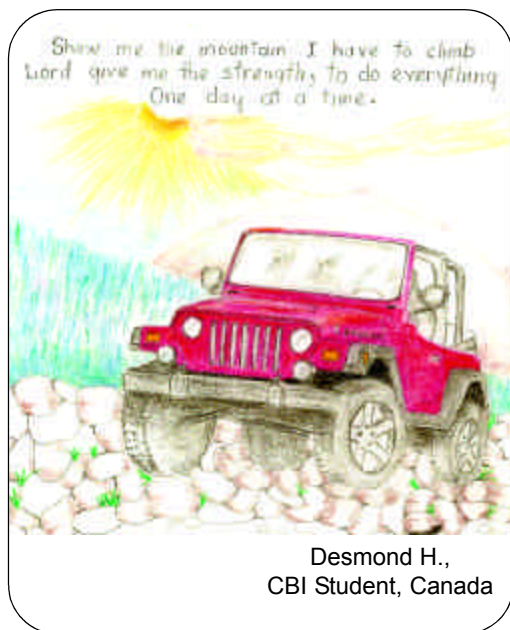
Wilma, CBI Instructor, FL

"I truly enjoy writing to the students each week. I eagerly open the lessons to see who God sends me each week. Writing to CBI students brings closeness, a sort of binding, without even knowing them."

Gladys, CBI Instructor, IL

"The opportunity to participate in your ministry is among the spiritual high points of my week."

Gerald, CBI Instructor, OH



**CORRECTION

In the Spring 2005 *Crossroad Connection*, we inadvertently credited the wrong author of "Somebody Cares." The original author of "Somebody Cares" is Helen Steiner Rice.

STUDENT QUESTIONS

Q: My Instructor is very helpful to me. Can you tell me his/her name?

A: While you are studying in the Tier 1 level, each of your lessons will be corrected by a **different** Instructor. Because of this, your Instructors do not share their names with you. This also means that students in Tier 1 are unable to continue corresponding with any one specific Instructor. Those students who advance to the Tier 2 Graduate Study Courses are placed with their own personal Instructor/Mentor, and are able to correspond with him/her on a first-name basis.

Q: I lost the lesson I was working on. What can I do?

A: If you have lost a lesson for any reason, please let us know and we will send you a new lesson to complete. There are many reasons that a lesson can be lost, and we know that you may lose track of a lesson due to circumstances beyond your control. We are more than happy to help you continue your studies by sending you any new materials you may need.

NOTE: This applies to Roadmaps too!

Q: I have a lot of time and love these lessons, so I complete them in a day or two. Can I please get more than one lesson at a time so I can work on them at my own pace, rather than waiting with nothing to do until I get the next one from CBI?

A: We receive this request from many students each week. We are excited to hear that you like doing the lessons and want more, but we want you to focus carefully on each one. Take plenty of time to work through each lesson. Look up all the scripture verses and memorize several each week. Our program is set up so that each one of our thousands of students receives one lesson at a time, and has the opportunity to carefully complete and benefit from each one. Thank you for your diligence and enthusiasm for studying God's Word.

Q: I am going to be released/paroled/transferred. How can I make sure that I keep receiving lessons from CBI?

A: If you are going to be changing your address, please make a note of your new address and the date that you will be moving, and CBI will gladly start sending your lessons to your new location. If you are going to be transferred without prior notice and do not have time to send us a note, simply keep a copy of our address with you when you move. Even if you lose your current lesson and all other materials from us, as long as we hear from you again, we can get you started up right where you left off.



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