

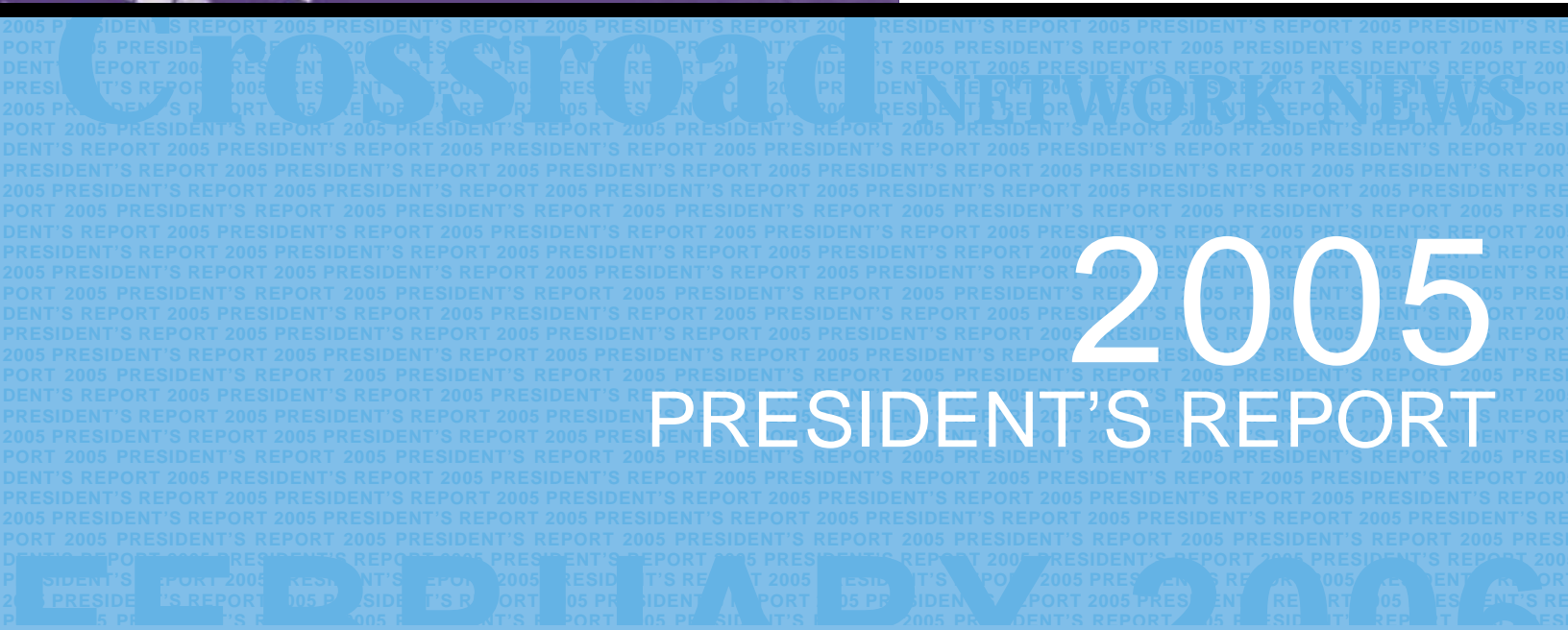
Crossroad NETWORK NEWS



FEBRUARY 2006



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2005 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Mission of *Crossroad Network News* is to promote partnership in the ministry of CBI through communication



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Dear Friends:

This annual report is designed to give you an overview of the ministry in 2005. Above all, I can emphatically say that we have enjoyed another year of God's favor as the church continues to reach more and more inmates with the truth of God's Word and the love of God's people.

For you donors, CBI continues to be an excellent Kingdom Investment Opportunity as a ministry that ensures every penny is spent wisely, prayerfully and for optimum results in lives touched and changed. Only the Holy Spirit, through the Word, can change lives, of course. But that is precisely how ministry money is used—to bring God's Word to those who desperately need a ray of hope.

As this report will demonstrate, in 2005 we added new discipleship courses, opened The Center for Advanced Studies at Crossroad Bible Institute, planned Continuing Education Seminars and laid the groundwork for new international Distribution Centers, to name just a few endeavors. Though growth was impeded due to funding constraints created by disaster relief and sluggish regional economies, **ministry expansion continued in all sectors.**

The intense dedication of Instructors, office volunteers, prayer warriors, donors, staff and board members for reaching inmates is inspiring. We can imagine that our Savior is pleased with the grateful efforts of His church to reach the least of His brothers and sisters. "Well done, good and faithful servants!"

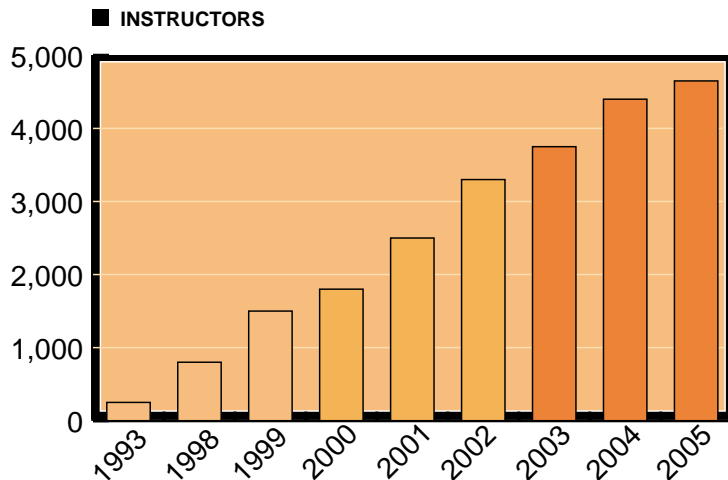
And we've only just begun! Now is time to double our efforts and reach tens of thousands more for Jesus! Thank you for your support in the past. We humbly ask that as you read this report, you will prayerfully continue and deepen that support in the future.

Your Partner in the Gospel,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "David Schuringa". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. David Schuringa
President

Instructors



I feel much more disciplined, more peaceful and better directed for my upcoming release. I know now how important it is for me to persist in learning and living the Word of God. In my Instructor, I see the difference between someone who just preaches and someone who also lives the Word. I want people to view me the way that I view her—as a good ambassador.

Tom, CBI Student, MN

In the church's ministry to prisoners through CBI, the rubber meets the road with the Instructors. Their work is the ministry in its deepest sense, because they are the ones actively discipling inmates just as Jesus calls the church to do. Everyone else at CBI simply supports and facilitates their discipleship efforts.

In 2005, we saw the all-time record shattered once again with 4,656 church members involved in correcting the lessons and writing the letters of encouragement. These Instructors serve so selflessly as they faithfully return the lessons and letters to the inmates.

Members of every denomination imaginable participate.* There are Anglo, Hispanic, African-American and Asian Instructors who disciple in either English or Spanish. They are located throughout the United States, Canada and Australia, and this past year we successfully laid the groundwork for training our first Instructors in South America. Watch future issues of *Crossroad Network News* for an announcement of the opening of this new mission field among prisoners. This diverse body of believers is having a profound effect on inmates everywhere.

* Every CBI Instructor is approved by their pastor or church board, and each signs in agreement with the Statement of Faith: The Five Solas of the Historic Christian Faith.

CBI Headquarters



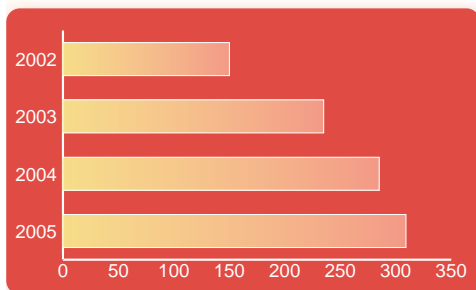
Want a double blessing? Be an office volunteer! The office staff we work with as volunteers is patient, kind, loving and dependable. Daily they turn out a ton of work. I thank the Lord for the opportunity to work with our staff. They are today's version of I Corinthians 3:5-7.

Dave, CBI Office Volunteer, MI

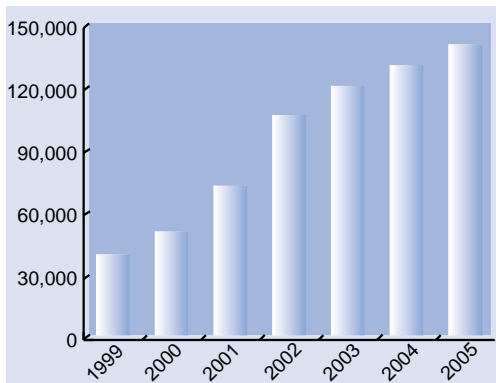
At CBI Headquarters, record numbers of office volunteers and paid staff are busy doing all the things necessary for facilitating the church's ministry to prisoners. In 2005, 319 office volunteers stuffed and addressed envelopes, processed lessons, input Instructor evaluations into student records, answered phones, assisted in printing and production and helped in many other significant ways.

To house the rapidly growing ministry, CBI once again expanded its physical plant in 2005 to include a new volunteer center as well as larger lunch and mail rooms. We will need to expand at least once more when Rev. Feddes relocates his office to west Michigan this year. As funds become available, additional space will be needed for administrative staff and volunteers.

■ NUMBER OF OFFICE VOLUNTEERS



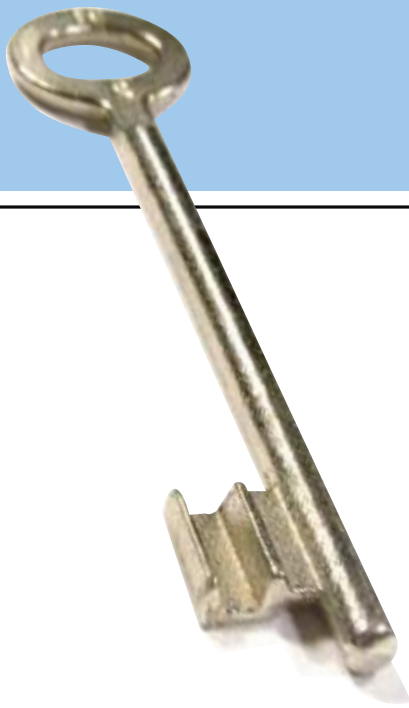
■ COMPLETED LESSONS



In 2005, a record number 134,958 lessons were processed at CBI's Headquarters and Distribution Centers. You can multiply this figure by two since every lesson is processed twice (once when it goes out to the inmate and again when it is forwarded to the Instructor). This is the clearest statistic when it comes to demonstrating ministry accomplished as a result of your prayers and gifts. Each processed lesson represents an inmate who carefully studied the Bible and completed the lesson and an Instructor who carefully corrected the lesson and returned it to the student with a full-page letter of discipleship and encouragement.

The final count of the 2005 Christmas Send-A-Card program was 43,325, up from 25,581 cards in 2004.

*EDUCATE
OUR
PRISONERS*



PRISON

NEED NOT BE A WASTE OF TIME

Crossroad Bible Institute provides inmates faith-based reentry educational programming. Scientific studies show that recidivism rates drop dramatically for inmates who participate in faith-based programs during incarceration. Please “remember those in prison” (Hebrews 13:3) by supporting Crossroad Bible Institute’s church-based discipleship program. Your tax-deductible gift will change lives.

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616.530.1300 | P.O. Box 900, Grand Rapids, MI 49509-0900

You can donate online, by phone or by sending your gift to Crossroad Bible Institute.



Students

The student body continues to grow at Crossroad Bible Institute. In order to maintain consistent and accurate statistics, we only count as students those who have actually returned lessons during the calendar year under consideration. This tally broke all records for the sixth year in a row. With 33,761 active students in 2005, CBI has become a significant and widely respected distance-learning educational institution.

Students come from not only every state in the United States, but also Canada, Australia and beyond. Our goal is to establish Distribution Centers in various nations so that, as in Canada and Australia, indigenous church members can be trained to disciple inmates from both their own countries and those immediately surrounding them.

My CBI Instructor is very helpful with my lessons and in my growth with God. In fact, I told him he was my best friend. I feel like if I would have had someone like him on the street to open my eyes to God, I would never have been in here.

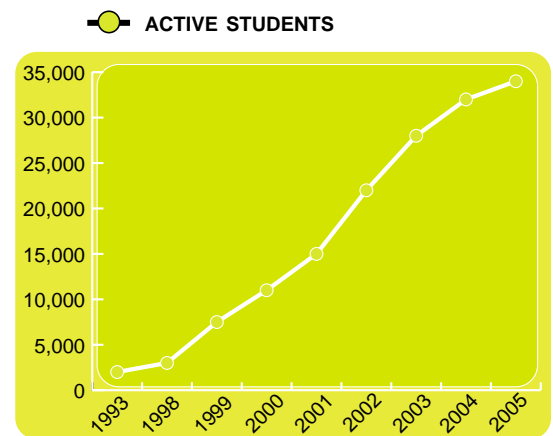
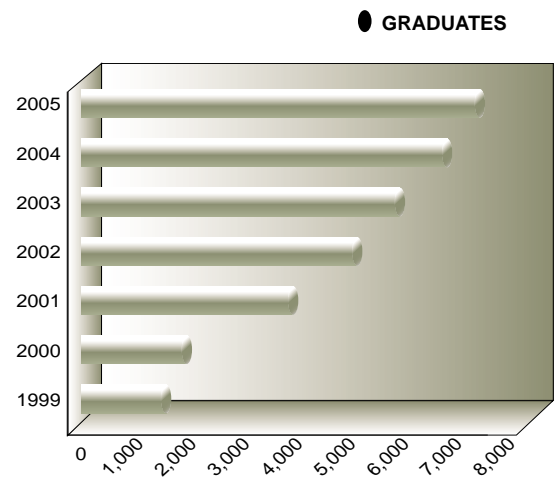
Robert, CBI Student, OH

When I was incarcerated, you visited me through your Bible studies and we shared the joy of fellowship with the Father through the finished work of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. You have been very inspirational to me and countless others; thank you very much.

Charles, CBI Student, CA



Eric, CBI Student, TN





MAKE A LASTING IMPACT

Remember to Include CBI in Your Will

"Remember Those in Prison"

Hebrews 13:3

Reentry Assistance

Rentry Profile Questionnaire

Thank you for your recent request for reentry assistance. Please fill out this form completely so we can best assist you in locating a suitable reentry ministry.

Crossroad BIBLE INSTITUTE

Personal Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____ ID # _____

Address _____
street name city state zip code

Institution _____
 Housing _____

Release Information

Earliest Date of Release _____

Location/Area of Release _____
1st preference 2nd preference

Gender: Male Female

Needs: check all that apply
 Housing Job Church Other

Special Circumstances: check all that apply
 Sex Offender Tethered Substance Abuse
 Other > please explain _____

If you feel there is additional information we need to know, please inform us on the back side of this form. Thank You!

When this form is completed, please return it to
 Crossroad Bible Institute / Reentry Program
 P.O. Box 900 • Grand Rapids, MI • 49509-0900

"Your reentry program is awesome. There are many that will take advantage of it, along with myself."

Sisco, CBI Student, IL



Once released, an ex-offender faces a mountain of challenges with respect to securing housing, finding a job, locating a church and just keeping on the straight-and-narrow. That's why we encourage our students to connect with a reentry ministry during incarceration so that, upon their release, they will have people standing ready to help them in their new, post-prison situation.

After one full year, we can safely say that CBI's new reentry program is a resounding success. As more inmates have required reentry assistance, more staff has been added. In 2005, we assisted 1,261 students by writing recommendations for their parole hearings and/or providing them with information regarding suitable reentry ministries in the area of their anticipated release. Staff members also helped CBI inmates connect with reentry ministries by contacting the ministries on their behalf.

National Referral Affiliates

Baker Book House	Prison Fellowship Ministries
Billy Graham Evangelistic Association	Project Angel Tree
Coral Ridge Ministries	RBC Ministries
Focus on the Family	The Back to God Hour
Hawthorne Gospel Church	The Navigators
Inside Journal	The Potter's House Prison Ministry
International Bible Society	Truth for Life
International Prison Ministry	Tyndale Publishing House
KeyLife Ministries	Weekend of Champions
Ligonier Ministries	Words of Hope
Operation Starting Line	Youth Direct Ministries
Paraklesis International Ministries	Zondervan Publishing House

Regional Referral Affiliates

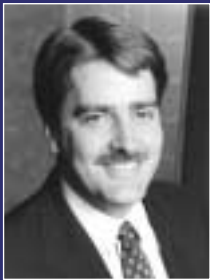
Academy Programs	Living Water Gospel Quartet
Boston Rescue Mission	Logos Prison Book Ministry
Buried Treasures Ministry	Love For Him Ministry
Cadillac CRC	Messengers Prison Ministry
Canaan Baptist Church	Miles of Smiles
Changed Lives Ministries	New Wine Church Ministry
Chicagoland Prison Outreach	North American Mission Board
Chicken Soup for the Prisoner's Soul	One to One Ministries
Christian Library International	Pilot Outreach
Conociendo Más a Dios	Pregnancy Resource Center
Division Street Bible Study	Ramon Salcido Ministry
Eagles Nest Prison Ministry	Second Baptist Church
East Texas Sports Reach	Set Free Ministries
Ex-Cons for Christ	Source of Light Ministries
First Pentecostal Assembly of God Ministry	Sports Reach
Forgiven Ministries	Sportsmen's Outreach, Inc.
Forgotten Man Ministry	Spring Valley Reformed Church
Freedom Bound Jail Ministry	Stonecroft Ministries
Golden Key Ministries	TC Sports Ministries
Guiding Light Mission	Texas Sports Reach Inc. Ministry
Heart of God Mission	The Gospel Ministry
His Healing Hand Ministries	The Narrow Way
His Place Ministries	The Way Out
Hogs in Ministry H-I-M	Times Square Church
Holland Rescue Mission	Watchmen Ministries
In Christ Ministries	We Care Program
Institute for Prison Ministries at Wheaton College	Word Prison Ministry
J.A.I.L. Ministries	

CBI is able to reach many with the help of its referral affiliates. Both national and regional ministries graciously refer their inmate respondents to us for long-term, in-depth discipleship. In 2005, we welcomed 13 new affiliates as well as numerous new prison chaplains into the CBI network. Almost a third of our students are referred by the inmates themselves.

Through Operation Starting Line, our collaborative venture with Prison Fellowship and over 31 other ministries, we visited prisons in 2005 in North and South Carolina, Arkansas, Colorado, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, Texas and Florida. Since its inception in 2000, OSL in-prison events have reached 645,000 prisoners with 38 campaigns in 23 states. 84,000 response cards have been collected so far. Many CBI Instructors have participated in the in-prison events, meeting and recruiting CBI students.

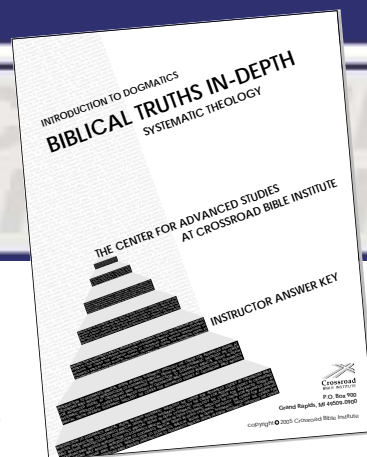
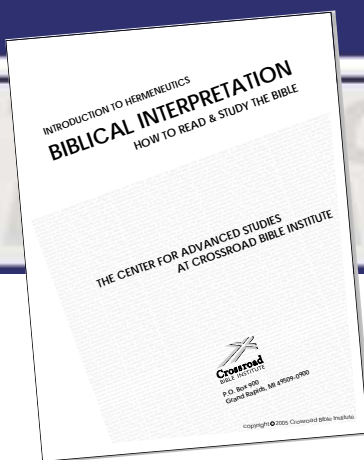
CBI processes the response cards and sends each inmate respondent an invitation to become a student, as well as an *Inside Journal* from Prison Fellowship. We have seen an average 15% response rate, which translates into thousands of new students to disciple. The OSL campaigns are expected to continue into 2012 to meet our goal of bringing the gospel to every prisoner in America and to disciple to maturity all who respond.

The Center for Advanced Studies



Rev. David Feddes

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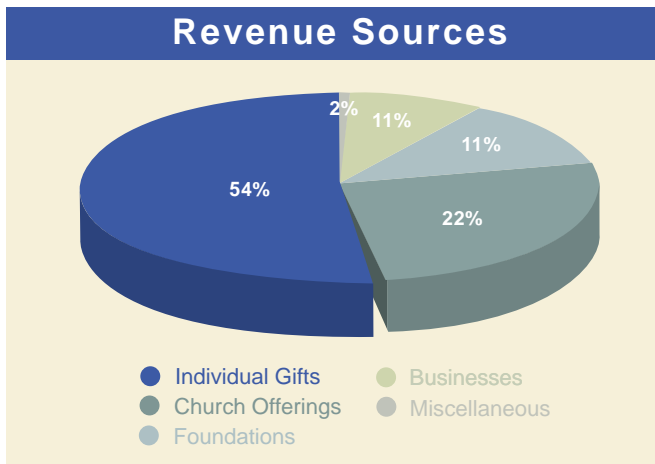
In 2005, The Center for Advanced Studies at Crossroad Bible Institute made its debut. As the academic and research arm of CBI, the Center provides advanced studies for inmates, continuing education for Instructors, curriculum development for CBI and functions as a think tank for criminal and restorative justice issues.

A second advanced course was launched in 2005, *Biblical Truths In-Depth: An Introduction to Systematic Theology*. Work began on two upcoming courses: *Christian Worldview I* and *Christian Worldview II*. Elsewhere in this special issue of *Crossroad Network News* you will find a list of Continuing Education Seminars that are scheduled in 2006.

With gratitude to God, the Center announced in 2005 the appointment of Rev. David Feddes as its Director. Rev. Feddes' installation service occurred last month. Now he, as well as Dr. Schuringa, is available for preaching and speaking engagements.



2005 Financial Overview



2006 Budget

Equipment	89,000
Telephone	10,000
Supplies/Materials/Printing	231,000
Rent/Utilities	65,000
Postage	275,000
Advertising	14,000
Insurance	56,000
Support Services	500,000
Recruitment/Training	20,000
Taxes/Social Security	55,000
Professional Services	35,000
Advancement	29,000
Addition to Emergency Fund	35,000
Total:	1,414,000

Together we have been empowered to a great work of caring for the least, the last and the lost.

In 2005, CBI experienced the financial consequences of two natural disasters. The beginning of the year brought the tsunami to South-east Asia. Hurricane Katrina landed last fall. As these disasters erupted onto the international scene, our funding suffered.

Most non-profits need to raise only a portion of their budget since major funding comes from tuition, fees or government grants. Because 99.5% of CBI's revenue comes through donations, however, it is particularly vulnerable when anticipated funds are redirected to disaster response.

It is an inspiration to see an outpouring of love in response to the television images of so much suffering. On the one hand, it is noteworthy that relief organizations can receive far more than they are able to spend when there is so much need in our own backyards. A recent newspaper article noted that not

even half of the tsunami relief donations of a year ago have yet been spent. CBI, on the other hand, had to rein in spending this past year due to revenue coming in under budget.

CBI refuses to deficit spend, and therefore has no debt. For this reason, then, please pray that the revenue base will deepen and expand in 2006. Thank you to so many who were able to increase their giving in 2005 so that no inmate would be left behind. The good news is that in spite of financial pressures, CBI still grew, breaking records in every area of the ministry!

It is our hope and prayer that you are grateful to be part of CBI's winning team! Together we have been empowered to a great work of caring for the least, the last and the lost. No other ministry equips the church better for serving others. Your participation is vital.

Now is the Time

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2006 CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINARS

CBI Instructors and the General Public Welcome

Instructor Encouragement in Acts 17

Rev. Jack Kapinga
CRC of Elizabeth, Elizabeth Vale, South Australia
9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Saturday, March 4, 2006
Registration Deadline: February 23, 2006

Making Truth Personal

Rev. David Feddes
First CRC, Pella, Iowa
1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m., Sunday, March 5, 2006
Registration Deadline: February 23, 2006

Helping Inmates Follow in the Footsteps of Jesus

Pastors Russell Huizing and Kevin Jezequel
Hawthorne Gospel Church, Hawthorne, New Jersey
9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Saturday, March 18, 2006
Registration Deadline: March 10, 2006

Making Truth Personal

Rev. David Feddes
Orland Park CRC, Orland Park, Illinois
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Thursday, April 6, 2006
Registration Deadline: March 30, 2006

Combatir las sectas tras las rejas Combating the Cults Behind Bars

Sr. David P. Wilson
Standing Stones Church, Tinley Park, Illinois
9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Sábado, el 22 de abril de 2006
El plazo de entrega para la matrícula: El 13 de abril de 2006

Instructor, Student and Law Enforcement Perspectives of Crossroad Bible Institute

Pastor Henry Perez and Ms. Pauline Kuiper
Racine CRC, Racine, Wisconsin
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 25, 2006
Registration Deadline: April 18, 2006

Responding Helpfully to Muslim Students

Dr. Raymond Weiss
First CRC, Sioux Center, Iowa
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 2, 2006
Registration Deadline: April 25, 2006

How Restorative Justice Aims to Resolve the Crisis in Criminal Justice

Dr. David Schuringa
Bethel CRC, Waterdown, Ontario, Canada
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 6, 2006
Registration Deadline: April 27, 2006

Teaching the New Survey of the Bible Course

Dr. Greg Schuringa
Faith CRC, Elmhurst, Illinois
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2006
Registration Deadline: May 2, 2006

A Day in the Life of an Inmate

Chaplain Bill Wilder
Lorain Correctional Institution, Grafton, Ohio
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 13, 2006
Registration Deadline: May 4, 2006

The Healing of Abba Father

Dr. Tim Spykstra
Haven CRC, Zeeland, Michigan
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 16, 2006
Registration Deadline: May 9, 2006

Aclarar la confusión doctrinal en la prisión Clearing Up Doctrinal Confusion in Prison

El Dr. Derk Oostendorp
ICR Emanuel, Wyoming, Michigan
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Martes, el 6 de junio de 2006
El plazo de entrega para la matrícula: El 29 de mayo de 2006

Remembering Prisoners in Your Estate Planning

Mr. Don Long
First CRC, Orange City, Iowa
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 13, 2006
Registration Deadline: June 6, 2006

Making Truth Personal

Rev. David Feddes
Bethel CRC, Manhattan, Montana
1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m., Sunday, July 23, 2006
Registration Deadline: July 17, 2006

Helping Inmates Understand the Bible Better

Mr. Dan Walcott
Bethany CRC, Holland, Michigan
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 12, 2006
Registration Deadline: September 5, 2006

Teaching Stewardship While Discipling Inmates

Mr. Ted Boers
Crossroad Bible Institute, Grandville, Michigan
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 10, 2006
Registration Deadline: October 3, 2006

Remembering Prisoners in Your Estate Planning

Mr. Steve Baker
Crossroad Bible Institute, Grandville, Michigan
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 17, 2006
Registration Deadline: October 10, 2006

How Restorative Justice Aims to Resolve the Crisis in Criminal Justice

Dr. David Schuringa
Crossroad Bible Institute, Grandville, Michigan
2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 7, 2006
Registration Deadline: October 31, 2006

How Restorative Justice Aims to Resolve the Crisis in Criminal Justice

Dr. David Schuringa
Almond Valley CRC, Ripon, California
1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m., Sunday, December 10, 2006
Registration Deadline: December 4, 2006

Countering the Cults with Trinitarian Doctrine

Rev. Allen Vander Pol
Marco Presbyterian Church, Marco Island, Florida
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Monday, February 5, 2007
Registration Deadline: January 29, 2007

Countering the Cults with Trinitarian Doctrine

Rev. Allen Vander Pol
Bradenton CRC, Bradenton, Florida
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Monday, February 19, 2007
Registration Deadline: February 12, 2007

All seminars are free of charge, but advanced registration is required. You can register online at www.crossroadbibleinstitute.org or by calling the CBI Headquarters at 800-668-2450. The seminars are sponsored by The Center for Advanced Studies at Crossroad Bible Institute.

Todos los seminarios son gratis, pero requerimos matrícula anticipada. Puede matricularse online a www.crossroadbibleinstitute.org o por llamar a la oficina de CBI al 800-668-2450. Los seminarios son patrocinados por el Centro para Estudios Avanzados a Crossroad Bible Institute.