



# 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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## Growing Partnerships Engagement Partnerships Expand in 2015

Chicago Bible Society touched thousands of lives this year. We have partnered with churches to help them acquire and study the Bible; we directly touch the lives of hundreds through our engagement partnership such as Project Philip. We also service the chaplains in jail and hospitals by providing Bibles and Scripture resources. In addition to these programs, we touch many more through our online outreach and engagement.

**Project Philip**

Project Philip is our Bible engagement program at Cook County Jail. Inmates enroll in a small group Bible study that allows them to study the Bible and in-



CBS reaches Chicago online as well as directly touching hundreds of lives through our engagement partnerships.

teract with a chaplain/ study leader who provides mentoring while they learn.

In 2015, Project Philip enrolled 152 students and graduated 114, for a graduation rate of 80%. Of those enrolled, 106 were English-speaking and 46 were Spanish speaking. Over the past eight years, 1,296 students have enrolled and 1,044 have graduated, for a gradua-

tion rate of 80%. During that time, 711 have made a first time commitment to follow Jesus.

**Children's Literacy**

The Urban Children's Literacy partnership with By the Hands Club for Kids expanded to a new neighborhood and is now reaching more children. This year, following a successful pilot project, CBS and By the Hand Club expanded the program to

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## PROVISION: BRINGING GOD'S WORD TO THOSE IN NEED

The historic role of Bible provider continues, but has changed with the times. Today, we provide Bibles to target populations that do not have access to Scriptures for various reasons,

and we work in partnership with pastors and chaplains to make sure the Bible is read and understood.

Chicago Bible Society continues its important

role as providers of whole Bibles to English and Spanish speaking inmates at Cook County and Will County jails. This year

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# EXPANDING PARTNERSHIPS (CONT'D FROM PAGE 1)

reach 120 kids in the Cabrini-Green and Englewood neighborhoods. In 2016, we will be expanding to our third site: the Austin neighborhood, working with By the Hands and the Moving Everest charter school.

### Courtside Ministries

Our partnership with Courtside Ministries continues to show results. CBS provides easy-to-read New Testaments in English and

Spanish as a part of a prayer outreach to people at county courthouses in the greater Chicago area. This year we provided more than 800 New Testaments in English and Spanish. Courtside expanded their Chicago area ministry to include Northwest Indiana.

They have reached thousands of people who come to pray and hear about Jesus.



1st-Grader improving his reading skills using the Mission:Literacy reading program.

### Small Churches

Our partnership with small churches continues to grow under the leadership of Bill Seitz, our church ministry coordinator. We added ten new church partners, helping them with literature, ordering pew Bibles, and providing consulting on outreach activities. We have provided Bibles to thirty-three churches and numerous chaplaincy ministries.

## PROVIDING BIBLES

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we provided thousands of Bibles to the county jail systems.

We also have provided Bibles to four Chicago area hospitals working with the staff chaplains at these institutions. And we continue to work with churches to make sure that can purchase affordable Bibles for their ministry needs.

This fall, CBS developed and published the daily Bible reading guide for 2016.

## 2015 YEAR IN REVIEW

Chicago Bible Society has distributed 4,467 bibles and 4,555 Scripture portions in 2015, including 1,858 bibles to the county jails and 822 New Testaments through Courtside Ministries. CBS provided a total of \$36,004 in Scripture grants to partner agencies and churches.

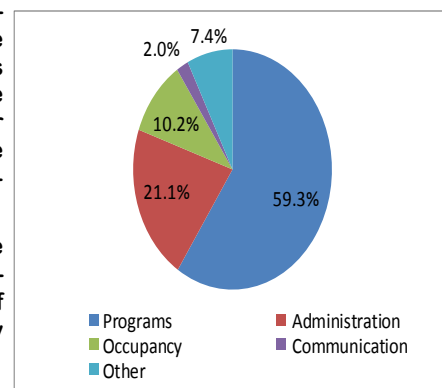
The Bible-engagement programs continue to grow, as shown in the program report above.

Financially, 2015 was a challenging year for Chicago Bible Society as we missed our income targets for the first time in nine years. We fell short of our goal by nearly \$40,000 due to the loss of two significant grant sources.

CBS continues to be good stewards of our resources, with about 60% of our expenses going directly to programs.

12 Months Ending	Dec 31, 2015
<b>Revenue &amp; Support</b>	
Donations	\$ 83,794
Grants	45,400
Other	67,326
	<b>\$ 196,520</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Programs	\$ 140,167
Administration	49,840
Occupancy	24,188
Communication	4,653
Other	17,597
	<b>\$ 236,445</b>

Use of Funds



### CBS At A Glance

#### Where we have been

- 1840** - Founded in Chicago.
- 1871** - Provided Bibles to the city after the Great Fire.
- 1876** - Started Chicago Bible Work with Dwight Moody
- 1892** - Chicago Bible House founded by Emma Dryer
- 1952** - Gutenberg Award established

#### What we are doing

- 1,296 jail inmates enrolled in small group Bible study
- 235 inner-city school children learn to read using the Bible
- 23 churches in partnership to reach their community with the Bible
- 9,045 Scripture resources provided to jails, hospitals, schools and churches this year