

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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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

- 1,520 jail inmates enrolled in small group Bible study
- 250 inner-city school children learn to read using the Bible in the first year
- 21 churches & 18 ministries in partnerships to reach their community with the Bible
- 8,889 Scripture resources provided to jails, hospitals, schools and churches this year

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Partnership is the Way CBS Reaches More People

At Chicago Bible Society, we do not just distribute Bibles, we make partnerships where the Bible is used and understood. From jail ministry to youth ministry and everything in between, we work with outreach organizations and small churches to provide them with the Scripture resources that they need to impact their community.

Meeting Needs

In a world where most people have ready access to the Bible, our primary mission is to help people engage with and understand the Bible. We believe that the Bible changes lives. The change happens as we read the Scripture and attend to



A teen discovering the Bible at Youth Collision

the leading of God in our lives.

Our main programs: Project Philip, Children's Literacy, Youth Partnerships and Senior Outreach are all focused on engagement.

Providing Access

There are still areas where the Bible is not

available to those who wish to read it. Providing Scriptures through our Scripture Grant Program remains an important part of our ministry.

In 2018, Chicago Bible Society partnered with Cook County Jail, Will County Jail and numerous hospitals to provide Bibles.

GUTENBERG AWARD CONTINUES A 63 YEAR OLD TRADITION OF HONORING LEADERS

Chicago Bible Society celebrated the 2018 Gutenberg Award on October 12 at the University Club of Chicago. The award winner was Cardinal Blase Cupich. One of the highlights of this year's dinner was displays by many of the organizations with who we partner.

We are thankful for Court-side Ministries, By the Hand Club for Kids, Covenant Youth Collision, Chaplains for Christ,



Cardinal Cupich (center) receives the Gutenberg Award from CBS Executive Director Ken Oliver (left) and Rev. Thomas Baima (right)

and Chicagoland Prison Outreach for joining us in this celebration.

Chicago Bible Society has been presenting the Gutenberg Award annual since 1952. Cardinal Cupich was the fourth Catholic Archbishop to receive the award, preceded by Archbishop Fulton Sheen in 1974, Cardinal Bernardin in 1983, and Cardinal George in 1998.

ENGAGEMENT PARTNERSHIPS REACH HUNDREDS



Chaplain Nuñez teaching the Bible.

Chicago Bible Society’s Engagement Partnerships touch the children, youth and adults in crisis.

Children

Our work with By the Hand Club for Kids continues, reaching hundreds of kids in the poorest neighborhoods with the

story of Jesus and the Bible. This year, the tutoring program was one of the featured partners in our new video presentation.

Youth Partnerships

Chicago Bible Society is working with Covenant Youth Collision and its director, Josh Hibben, to provide Bibles for the Junior High School grade summer camp. Over 100 kids from mostly the north side of the city attended this week long event. Chicago Bible Society provided the easy to read versions of the Bible that were used there. We also provided a dozen study Bibles for their leadership training program for older youth.

Project Philip

Project Philip – our partnership

with the Cook County Jail chaplains – expanded in 2017. A new women’s program opened in the spring, and we are on track to expand again next year with Life Learning partnership with Chicagoland Prison Outreach.

The Life-Learning program will be a section of Division 10 that will be a “safe space” where both Christians and non-Christians can live as long as they participate in the Bible study and education program and exhibit good behavior. Inmates in the maximum security areas typically stay for 6 months or longer.

As of this year, we have seen 1,520 inmates engage with the program and 1,224 graduated, with 877 having made a first-time commitment to Christ.

PROVIDING THE BIBLE

Bible Distribution still matters. Chicago Bible Society continues to be the primary provider of Bibles to the county jail systems in the metropolitan area. This past year, we provided 4,200 Bibles to Cook County Jail and 1,220 Bibles to Will County Jail.

In addition, we provided 1,604 Bibles to area hospitals and other ministries, and 1,885 Bible portions and reading guides to churches and ministries. This represents partnerships with 39 churches and institutions in

the Chicago area.

There is still a need to provide printed Bibles to prisons, jails and other institutions where people cannot get access to Scriptures in any other way. Today, many have been too quick to dismiss the need for the Bible to be made available for all.

Using inaccurate or prejudiced stereotypes, some would say that providing Bibles is a wasteful expense. We strongly disagree. Many do not have smart phones or other devices that allow easy access. Certainly, those behind bars cannot ac-



Bibles arrive at the county jail for distribution

cess the internet. Poverty, isolation, and lack of education remain barriers. What makes us effective is our wide network of partners who work in the institutions and communities where the Bible is needed.

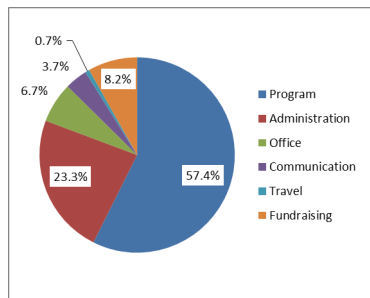
2017 FINANCIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

The financial information provided is for the 12 month period ending September 30, 2017. Final numbers for December 31, 2017 were not available at the time of the production of this report.

The financial environment remains challenging for non-profits, especially faith-based non-profits. We have seen a general decline in individual

gifts over the past decade. The difference has been made up with major donors and grants. We also rely upon our Gutenberg Award Dinner for about 15% of our revenues.

Chicago Bible Society remains a lean organization, with most of our funds going to support programs.



Use of funds

12 Months Ending Sept. 30, 2017	
Revenue & Support	
Donations	\$ 101,118
Grants	42,744
Other	41,516
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Expenses	
Programs	\$ 103,665
Administration	42,119
Occupancy	12,096
Fundraising	14,766
Other	7,993
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	\$ 180,639