



2018 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

- 1,633 jail inmates enrolled in small group Bible study
- 235 inner-city school children learn to read using the Bible in the first year
- 39 churches & ministries in partnerships to reach their community with the Bible
- 6,098 Scripture resources provided to jails, hospitals, schools and churches this year

Chicago Bible Society

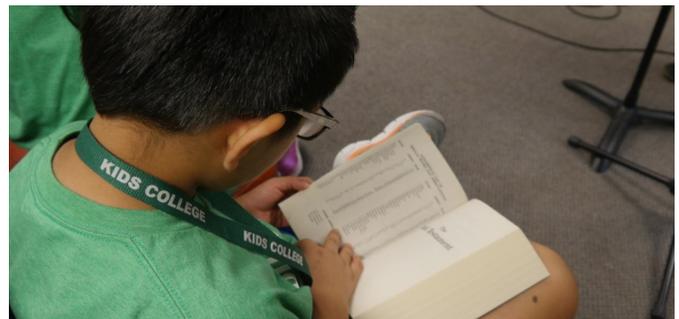
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Chicago Bible Society: Touching Many Lives with the Bible

The Bible changes lives! That belief is core to our mission at Chicago Bible Society. Too often Christians talk about the Bible, defend the Bible, and even battle for the Bible. However, the only way that the Bible can change your life is by reading it.

Sermons about the Bible, explaining the meaning of a certain text, are important; however, the true transforming experience of Bible engagement happens when we read it and allow the full text of the Word to enter into our minds. Bible reading cannot be replaced by sermons or books about the Bible. Getting the Bible in the hands of people so that they can read and understand the message is what we are about.

Chicago Bible Society is different from other Bible distribution ministries. We don't do mass distribution. Instead, we work



Young student opens his first Bible.

with the chaplains and ministers to equip them with resources to meet the Bible needs of those in their care.

This past year, we partnered with over thirty ministries and churches to help them reach more people with the message of the Bible. We provide Bibles and other Scripture resources so that they can better minister to the people

in their care.

Whether it is our Bible Provision programs that get the Bible in the hands of readers or our Bible Engagement programs that help adults and children read and understand Scripture – our core value is getting the message of the Bible into the hands, hearts and minds of those who seek God's Word.

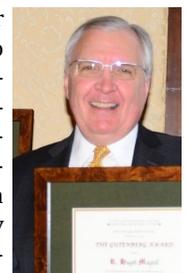
GUTENBERG AWARD HONORS PROMINENT BANKER AND WEST SIDE MINISTRY LEADER



Arloa Sutter

Chicago Bible Society honored two leaders at this year's event.

Arloa Sutter is Executive Director of Breakthrough Ministries. She has built the organization from the beginning, and today has a large and successful ministry to Chicago's west side, holistically ministering to the social, physical and spiritual needs of both the homeless and families in the East Garfield Park community.



R. Hugh Magill

Hugh Magill began his career in ministry before moving into the banking world. He is Executive V. P and Chief Fiduciary Officer for Northern Trust. However, he never left his ministry commitment behind. He serves on the board of Chicago Sunday Evening Club and guides the pension board of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

This year, the Gutenberg Award moved from an evening dinner to a lunch. The result was higher attendance and an overall positive response.

MAKING THE BIBLE AVAILABLE TO THOUSANDS



Bible shipment arrives for Cook County Jail

This past year, Chicago Bible Society provided more than 6,000 Bibles and Scripture resources to area jails, hospitals and church ministries. These Bibles were valued at \$18,000. We continue to be the primary provider of Bibles to Cook County Jail, and we also work with Will, Lake and

DuPage county jail chaplains to make sure that the Bible is available to all that desire to read God’s Word.

In addition to the jails, we have provided Bibles and New Testaments to Courtside Ministries, Crises Pregnancy Centers, and outreach ministries. We also provide Bible-base literacy material to By the Hands Club for Kids.

Our partnerships continue to grow, as we connected with a number of new churches ministries this year. They reflect the breath of our relationships, from jails, hospitals, churches in the city and the suburbs, and the Chicago Archdiocese. Wherever we work, we work in partnership with the chaplains and ministry leaders to make sure that the Bible goes to those who truly desire to read the Scriptures.

Daily Bible Reading Guide

Chicago Bible Society’s 2019 Daily Bible Reading Guide is now available. The reading guide is one way that we help people read God’s Word. Please contact our office for more information. Email us at info@chicagobible-society.org

Watch New Video About CBS Ministry

Our new video (both the 3 minute and 20 minute feature length version) is available on our website. This video tells the story of the Bible Society over the past 180 years as well as provides important information about our current work.

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LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE

Project Philip is a different kind of jail ministry. Traditional jail ministry has consisted of two things: 1) mass distribution of Bibles or New Testaments, and 2) preaching services. We think that both of these models are outdated.

The key to ministry in jails, as elsewhere, is developing trusting relationships over time. We don’t do mass distribution and we don’t do preaching services. Project Philip is different. It reaches the inmate popu-

lation by establishing relationships and teaching Scripture in the context of relationship. By emphasizing interpersonal relationships, mentoring and group sharing within the context of serious Bible study, we have achieved a much greater impact in the lives inmates.

Project Phillip started in 2007 and is now in its twelfth year. The 12-week small group Bible study has enrolled 1,743 inmates and graduated 1,375 – a nearly 80% graduation rate. We have study groups in both English and Span-



Inmates gathering for a Project Philip class ish, with about 30% Spanish and the rest English.

This year we also had 24 women participate in Project Philip in addition to the men’s groups.

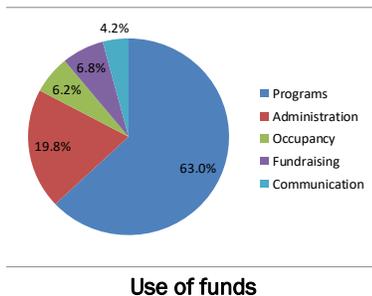
2018 FINANCIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

Chicago Bible Society had \$178,412 in revenues and \$183,468 in expenses this past year. The small deficit was due to spending down some restricted grants.

The majority of the gifts to Chicago Bible Society go to program services as shown in the pie chart to the left. For a small organization, keeping the administrative

costs under 20% is considered significant.

We continue to receive significant financial support from donors, while grants from churches and foundations remains our largest source of funds. The “other” category includes in-kind donations and our proceeds from the Gutenberg Award banquet.



12 Months Ending Dec. 31, 2018	
Revenue & Support	
Donations	\$ 35,844
Grants	78,505
Other	64,063
	\$ 178,412
Expenses	
Programs	\$ 115,575
Administration	36,310
Occupancy	11,447
Fundraising	12,518
Communication	7,618
	\$ 183,468