



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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

- 2,186 jail inmates enrolled in small group Bible study
- 235 inner-city school children learn to read using the Bible in the first year
- 41 churches & ministries in partnerships to reach their community with the Bible
- 5,799 Scripture resources provided to jails, hospitals, schools and churches this year

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One Hundred Eighty Years: Providing the Bible to Chicagoland

For 180 years, Chicago Bible Society has provided Bibles to Chicago. Today, we are the primary provider of Bibles to the county jail systems of metropolitan Chicago – reaching not only Cook County, but Will, DuPage and Lake Counties. This year, we provided 3,246 complete Bibles and 2,553 Bible resources to the county jail systems and other Christian ministries.

At Cook County Jail alone, we have donated more than two thousand Bibles, and we recently provided Will County Jail with five hundred Bibles. In all cases we work through the existing chaplains to make sure that the Bible goes to those who genuinely desire to



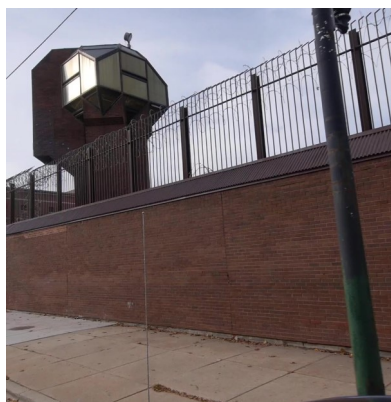
read Scripture. In 2021, we granted \$14,569 in free Bibles and Scripture resources to our partners, including \$11,672 for the jails.

In addition to the jails, we recently made a donation of 500 New Testaments to a large tutoring program on the west side for use in their back

-to-school backpacks.

This year, we also partnered with a ministry that supported orphanages in Haiti. We provided 1,425 French Bibles to the ministry at a deeply discounted cost, so that every older child could have their own copy of the Bible.

PROJECT PHILIP CHANGING INMATES' LIVES



Outside Cook County Jail

Project Philip has survived the Pandemic and seen its numbers increase. One of the exciting new things is we were able to open a second women's program. We now have 49 women participating in Project Philip in two cohorts – one English-speaking and one Spanish-speaking. We have also been able to build a good working relationship with the administration and jail personnel.

AfterCare

The Aftercare Program provides pastoral care and referral to inmates who have been released after Project Philip and/or their family members. After release, the chaplain will help the former inmate connect with a local church. For the 2021 program year that ended September 30, 2021, we visited 152 families (91 in Chicago and 61 in the suburbs) and helped 54 to find a local church.

GUTENBERG AWARD RECOGNIZES BISHOP PERRY AND STEVE GREEN



Steve Green (left) and Bishop Perry (right)

ance limited to less than seventy. Despite all of these constraints, the luncheon was a joyous celebration. Moreover, due to the generosity of our sponsors, we had one of the highest giving totals of the past few years.

Bishop Joseph N. Perry serves as auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Among his many assignments, the Bishop is on the US Conference of Bishop’s Committee on Catholic’s Use of Holy Scripture.

Steve Green is chairman of the board of Museum of the Bible. Steve has assembled a team of academics and professionals to create the 430,000 square-foot Washington D.C. based museum, dedicated to a scholarly and engaging presentation of the Bible. Part of the Chicago Bible Society’s Rare Bible Collection is on loan to the museum.



The Gutenberg Award was presented to Steve Green, founder and chair of the Museum of the Bible in Washington D.C. and Bishop Joseph Perry of Chicago. After last year’s virtual awards in the midst of the pandemic, the Gutenberg returned with a live presentation on October 12 this year.

Social distancing was practiced, with only 6 people per table the overall attend-

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The 2021 Gutenberg Awards can be viewed online at:

[ChicagoBibleSociety.org/
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PROJECT PHILIP

Project Philip by the Numbers

	English	Spanish	Women	totals	percent
current year					
total enrolled	40	74	49	163	100%
faith commitment	62	100	64	226	
mid-point	40	71	48	159	97%
graduates	37	65	43	145	89%
Cumulative (since 2008)					
total enrolled	1,680	793	180	2,186	100%
faith commitment				1,449	
graduates				1,794	82%

The chart on the left shows the progress of Project Philip at Cook County Jail. The current year had 163 enrolled and 145 graduating. The cumulative total covers the entire program since 2008.

The category “English” is English speaking men, “Spanish” is Spanish speaking men. The women’s groups are mixed English and Spanish.

Faith commitment represent all faith commitments reported – both those inmates in the program and others in their circle of friends. This is due to the desire of these inmates to share their faith with other inmates.

2017 was the first year for the women’s program. The cumulative total under English includes the former boot camp program, which was discontinued in 2014.

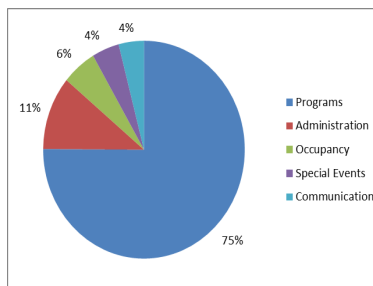
2021 FINANCIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

Chicago Bible Society finished the year in good financial health, overcoming the challenges of the on-going pandemic.

Donations from individuals continue to be an important part of our support. The Gutenberg Awards has helped us grow our overall contribution level. In addition we received grants and restricted gifts

totaling \$140,656 Finally, we were able to receive funds from the Payroll Protection Program. This is included with program income in the Other category.

We kept expenses under control and were able to reduce Administrative costs to 11% of expenses. Special Events covers the cost of the Gutenberg Awards.



Use of funds

12 Months Ending Dec. 31, 2021	
Revenue & Support	
Donations	\$ 66,695
Grants	140,656
Other	51,490
	\$ 258,750
Expenses	
Programs	\$ 153,252
Administration	22,308
Occupancy	11,298
Special Events	8,932
Communication	8,270
	\$ 204,060