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## Here are the Heroes

by H. David Schuringa

The Bible characters listed in Hebrews 11 are frequently referred to as the “heroes of faith.” The chapter begins with a definition of faith—“being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see” (11:1)—and then provides examples of those who lived by faith throughout redemptive history.

And so we read the stirring stories of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses and even all Israel, who “by faith... passed through the Red Sea as on dry land” (11:29).

On through Bible history the author races, summarizing the great sacrifices, even of life itself, that heroes made for the faith. They trusted in the One who was *promised* to come.

We readily call these “heroes,” but can we live heroic faith today? According to the inspired author, we can and we must. These biblical heroes of faith are a “cloud of witnesses” (12:1) cheering us on in the race we are

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called to run today. God calls you and me to sacrifice, overcome sin, endure hardship, be strong—to live by faith. In fact, we are in a better position to live by faith than our biblical forebears because we trust in the One who *has* come (11:39)!

In that light, I hereby nominate CBI volunteers as heroes of faith. The faith and faithfulness they demonstrate is nothing short of inspired. Week after week, they correct the Bible studies of God’s people in prison and write letters of encouragement to them. Though the circumstances of the students appear hopeless—they are the forgotten ones and throwaways of society—Instructors are “sure of what they hope for and certain of what they do not see.” This commitment to the least over the long haul takes significant sacrifice, but CBI Instructors everywhere testify to the blessing *they* receive reaching out in faith to the brothers and sisters of Jesus.

Without fanfare, and virtually without notice, CBI volunteers are now donating in faith more than a quarter of a million hours a year, either correcting lessons or helping in the offices. In fact, these heroes are busy on six continents! By faith, they are accomplishing the Great Commission of going into all the world to make disciples—especially among the poor and needy. Yes, the heroes are right here at Crossroad.

As redemptive history speeds forward to the day of Christ’s return, CBI’s heroes of faith will be ready to meet Him, as will the hundreds of thousands they disciplined. And the Giver of saving faith will indeed reward these good and faithful servants as they cross the finish line.



Dr. Schuringa serves as the President of Crossroad Bible Institute



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# Instructor Stories

by Stacy Ladenburger



Martha J.

Upon hearing a presentation about CBI in her prison ministry group seven years ago, Martha knew she wanted to be an Instructor. Before long, she was correcting lessons and training other Instructors as well. She explains her motivation by referencing Matthew 25:36: “I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” CBI Instructors, she notes, obey this command as they visit prisons through the written word.

Regarding the personal impact of serving as an Instructor, Martha reflects, “Spending time with the students has truly enhanced my Bible study time. How can you read a lesson to help someone understand the Scripture and not become a better student yourself?” Ultimately, she explains, “It means the most to me to know that I am being of service, as Jesus taught us to be.”



Christina D.

Christina has been an enthusiastic CBI Instructor and promoter for nine years. She feels a strong calling to this ministry and remarks, “I love the fact that when we are called to minister, the load is light because the Holy Spirit is leading and guiding. Instructors are merely the hands and feet of Christ. We are open to being the hand that holds the pen, the tongue that licks the stamp.”

Along with correcting Tier 1, Tier 2 and Center courses, Christina serves as an Instructor coordinator for her church. She has grown tremendously from her experiences with CBI and notes, “My relationship with the Lord has flourished. I am sure every Instructor serving in this ministry can agree that when we serve God from a pure place, we are the ones who are blessed.”



Mike C.

Nearly ten years ago, Mike became a CBI Instructor. “It helps me stay connected to God,” he explains, “but in the process, I am helping others to connect with God as well.” Last year, when his eleven-year-old son had a new volunteerism requirement for school, Mike thought of Crossroad Bible Institute as a meaningful service opportunity. Mike’s son helped him correct lessons and, through the experience, learned the importance of ministry to those in prison.

Mike notes, “We are all sinners. There are Christians in prison who have made mistakes, and there are Christians outside of prison who have made mistakes. The only difference is the severity of the sin in terms of the law.” He reflects, “What if I had made a poor decision that resulted in doing time in prison? I would be grateful that someone would be willing to study God’s Word with me.”



Haydee R.

Haydee has served as an Instructor for CBI’s Spanish program for just over a year, contributing to the effort to provide Spanish-language curriculum and instruction to Hispanic individuals incarcerated in the United States. Originally from Peru, Haydee accepted Christ three years ago, and she heard about CBI from a woman in her Bible study group. She recalls, “The first time, I told her that I was not prepared; the second time, I said that it wasn’t for me. The third time, I felt that I ought to do this and accepted her invitation with the security and confidence that only God can give.”

Haydee explains, “I give thanks to the Lord for changing my life, for teaching me to love and forgive as He has done with me and for giving me the privilege of being used for His purposes and for His glory.”

# Thank You for your perseverance

by Karen Loyd

Each day, we talk with CBI Instructors across the globe and are blessed by your unified passion, determination and resolve for the task set before you. You have a great love for the students and continually say that you feel that you are even more blessed than they are.

Even when faced with personal trials and significant obstacles, you faithfully correct Bible study lessons and write encouraging letters to your students. Your perseverance demonstrates that you labor for the prize that truly satisfies and brings lasting joy.

CBI Instructors, you fix your eyes on the prize and continue to run! As you disciple your students, you build the Lord's team. Many now run with you and, when you have finished the race, will take hold of the baton. What encouragement you pass on!

We extend our deepest appreciation for your ministry. May God continue to bless the fruits of your labor.

*Though we are extremely grateful for each and every Instructor, we specifically congratulate those who have reached their anniversary of five, seven, ten, fifteen or twenty or more years of serving with CBI.*

Karen Loyd serves as Instructor Coordinator at Crossroad Bible Institute



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Serving as a CBI Instructor may be the most meaningful ministry I am privileged to have. The direct connection between two believers – one of whom is diving into Bible study maybe for the first time and being so amazed at the jewels he or she is finding – the passion to give it all up for God...the experience humbles me and keeps me fresh.

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The prisoners' attitude is what keeps me coming back. They are, almost without fail, gracious, eager to learn and insightful – things that I don't always see in my brothers and sisters in Christ "on the outside," or even in myself! It is inspiring.

MELINDA C., ME

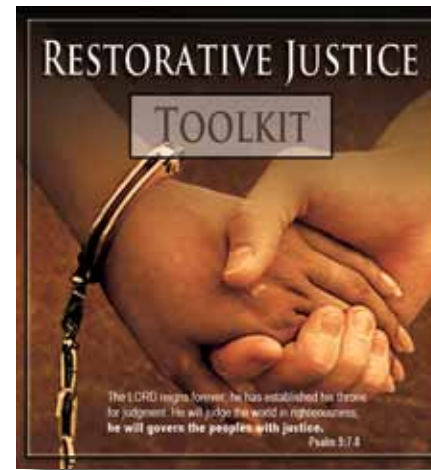
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# CBI Releases Restorative Justice Toolkit

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In preparation for Restorative Justice Week, November 14-20, Crossroad Bible Institute announces the release of a free Restorative Justice Toolkit for churches.

With this toolkit, CBI aims to help churches raise awareness of restorative justice issues and spur action among congregants.

The restorative justice movement challenges the prevailing notions of the justice system, regarding help for victims and offenders in a way that advances biblical justice and optimum care for "the least of these." Restorative Justice Week provides an opportunity for churches, organizations and individuals to celebrate and advocate for restorative justice.

The toolkit contains free, downloadable resources for churches planning special worship services for Restorative Justice Week. It includes bulletin covers and inserts, sermon starters, calls to worship, prayers and song suggestions, as well as a list of CBI representatives available to preach or speak in churches. CBI is also providing a four-week Bible study for small groups, recordings of relevant radio programs and additional educational resources.

President Dr. David Schuringa notes the importance of Restorative Justice Week to Crossroad Bible Institute, explaining, "As an organization, we are in the business of reaching out to the down-and-out, victims and offenders alike, mobilizing the church to be engaged in its mission."

Schuringa urges interested individuals to talk to their church leaders about recognizing this important week. He states, "We are praying that many churches will rally around this key issue and join with us this November to offer a glimpse of God's coming kingdom to our communities and to the world!"

Visit the CBI website today at [www.cbi.fm](http://www.cbi.fm) to access the free materials and begin planning Restorative Justice Week in your church.



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# CHRISTMAS SEND-A-CARD PROGRAM

Christmas can be one of the most difficult times of the year for those in prison. For these men and women, alone and far from home, the season may provoke depression rather than joy. The CBI Send-A-Card Program seeks to bring them the hope of Christ this Christmas.

## Instructions

- 1 Select an appropriate English or Spanish Christmas card.
- 2 Add a special greeting, encouragement or Bible verse, if you wish. (CBI will personalize it with a student's name.)
- 3 Sign only your first name or "A brother/sister in Christ."
- 4 Place the card in its blank envelope, but DO NOT SEAL.
- 5 Mail the card(s) and blank envelope to CBI between now and November 8.

## Mailing guidelines

- 1 Each card must fit into a 6 x 9 envelope.
- 2 Do not include cards or envelopes with foil, stickers, glitter, glue, pop-up parts or paint, and do not send homemade layered cards.
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