

**SOUTHWEST COLLEGE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES**

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**Dear Friends of the Prison Bible College Ministry,**

**It is a privilege offering Bible college courses to prison inmates scattered throughout the state of California. There are courses**



**being taught on-site here in San Diego at Donovan Correctional Facility, on-site at California State Prison at Lancaster; courses are also being taught through the mail to inmates at Solano State Prison (Vacaville, CA), Avenal State Prison**

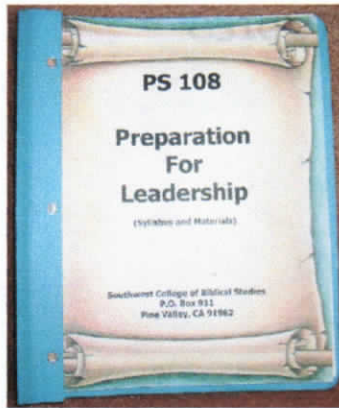
**(Avenal, CA), Soledad State Prison (Soledad, CA), CMC-West (San Luis Obispo, CA), California Substance Abuse State Prison (Corcoran, CA), and Chuckawalla Valley State Prison (Blythe, CA).**

**The exciting thing is teaching men who are interested in growing in their walk with the Lord. You cannot study God's Word in depth without impacting your life. The men we teach are the leaders on the various prison yards; they are involved in the yard church services. They are being watched by the other inmates, by staff, and by the chaplains. If we teach the leaders how to study accurately & how to reach out to the other guys, then we many inmates. Our large but the men in classes are not always comfortable sharing their course work with the class, and with being vulnerable as they apply the principles of God's Word to their personal walk. We enjoy every minute of these class sessions.**



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The exciting class in progress at Donovan is called Preparation For Leadership. It is designed for a smaller group of men who have demonstrated commitment to Bible study skills and personal growth & development. The four units in this course are: Temperament & Personality, Spiritual Gifts, Personal Testimony Development, and Doctrinal Statement Development. There are 10 men in this class. They have concentrated on **who they are** early in the class. Now, they are studying **what they believe**. Pray for these guys. They have a major impact on the men they live with, and with the church service programming in their respective prison yards.



Pray with us as we turn a new corner in our lives & ministry. The income we received through Mom Huff & Aunt Orpha has & is coming to an end. Mom Huff went to Heaven & Aunt Orpha is moving to New Mexico. Liz is beginning part-time employment in an adolescent residential drug rehab facility. Bruce is seeking additional churches & individuals who will join with us financially in this crucial academic ministry. Bruce is also writing college curriculum for the inmates as well as taking courses toward his doctorate. Our lives are busy & challenging, but our purpose is steady - teaching prison inmates how to study the Bible accurately, become men of character & maturity, and then teach other inmates the same thing.

Pray for us that God will keep the doors open in the prison system. Pray that adequate funds will come in to finance the materials we use and the required travel. Pray that the attacks of our enemy, the devil, will be subdued so that men will not be hindered by staff, work schedules, apathy, personal problems, racial unrest, and politics. Ask God for a miracle behind the prison walls.

**Bruce & Liz Leary**