

Bruce & Liz Leary have been serving the Lord in prison education ministry since 1993. Bruce, trained as an educator & administrator, and Liz trained as a social worker & counselor – make a balanced team as they minister to the academic and personal needs of prison inmates scattered throughout the State of California. Southwest College of Biblical Studies, under Bruce's direction, develops and teaches college courses that focus on two areas: how to study the Bible accurately, and how to become a leader.

Some of the courses being offered currently in the prisons are: Bible Study Methods in Philipians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Colossians, James; Attitudes, Healthy Relationships, Equipping Other Believers, Preparation For Leadership, and Laws of Leadership.

Courses are taught on-site in two prisons: RJ Donovan Correctional Facility in San Diego, and Lancaster State Prison in Lancaster, CA. Courses are also offered through the mail to inmates at Solano State Prison, Avenal State Prison, Soledad State Prison, Corcoran State Prison, Substance Abuse Center, Chino State Prison, and San Quentin.

The college is a full-time ministry, depending on the gifts from God's people to sustain travel & operating expenses. Men's lives are changing behind prison walls. Thank you for standing with this crucial academic programming.

Bruce & Liz Leary (Southwest College of Biblical Studies) – Their 21 year-old son Bobby went on a fishing trip and woke up the next morning with a swollen face. The cause for the swelling is still undetermined but they have found out that a sidewinder's head had been thrown into the water where he washed his face and brushed his teeth. Bobby doesn't have any health insurance. Please pray that the Lord would heal him. The Leary's ministry at LACSP (LA County State Prison at Lancaster) has been very powerful. God is working in an amazing way in the hearts and lives of many men in prison. Bruce recently taught on the fruit of the flesh vs. the fruit of the Spirit and will be starting to teach on Philipians. Liz will be teaching on healthy relationships. On April 22, Liz began working for a private, non-profit agency that was formed for the purpose of giving caregivers support so that they can continue to care for their loved ones at home. It appears to be a very good fit for her. Please pray that the Lord would give her strength and safety as she juggles her work schedule, the commute, and keeps up with the prison ministry.