

God's Grace

2020 Annual Report



Prison Alliance
MAKING DISCIPLES WORLDWIDE

In God we make our boast all day long, and we will praise your name forever. Psalm 44:8

CLI Allies,

God's grace was evident in 2020 and we're excited to share some of the amazing things God has done. This annual report is about Him. It's in our triune God that we make our boast all day long. **These are His achievements, and we invite you to read and praise God with us.**

We began the year with a name change to CLI Prison Alliance to give clarity to our mission. Our new name emphasizes the fact that we come together to battle the strongholds in prisons. It takes dedicated allies in Christ to win these spiritual battles and succeed in making disciples worldwide. Thank you for being allies through prayer, volunteering, and generous giving.

As you know we do battle using God's word through Christian books, Bibles, and personalized Bible studies. Richard is just one example of how God worked through our shared ministry. While he was in a holding cell, he had decided to kill himself. He carefully tore up a towel and started braiding it in an effort to end his life. Before he could go through with his plans, however, he was moved to look under his bunk.

There, under the bed, lay a Bible opened to the book of Romans. He read it carefully and was overcome with the weight of his sins. He dropped to his knees asking



God's forgiveness. He ends his letter to us by writing, **"P.S. It was a Bible you guys donated that brought me to Jesus."**

God also provided financially so we could expand into Mexico and the Philippines. Then on December 31 we were blown away. We received three gifts from three different allies that totaled a half million dollars! **This is God's amazing grace!**

God used every sacrificial gift from each of you to reach more inmates than ever before in 2020. He has also set us on a path to have an even greater impact for the kingdom in 2021. Thank you for your continued faithfulness.

To God be the Glory,

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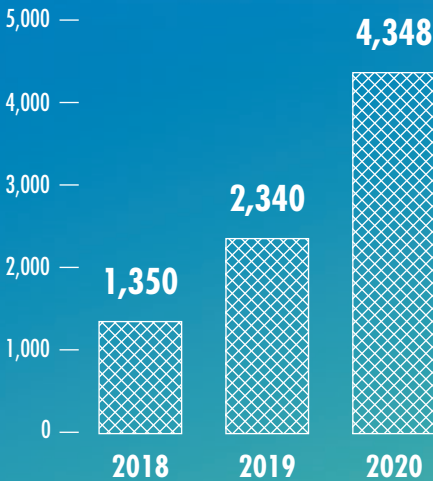
Decisions for Christ

Diana's life of substance abuse and sin finally landed her at rock bottom, and behind bars. From this place of despair, she realized "what the enemy meant for evil; God is using for good." She surrendered her life to Christ and is growing in her Christian life while incarcerated.

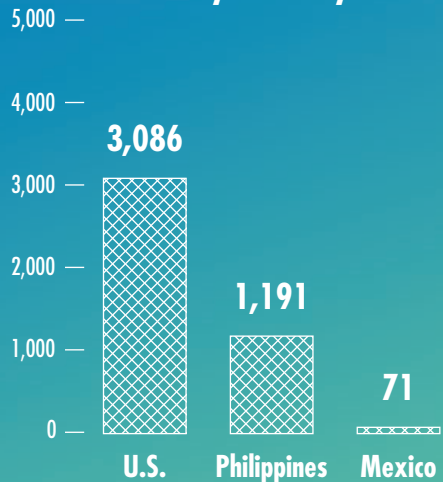
She is using this time in her life to pursue God in a way like she never has before. "In nine months, I read more than 70 Christian books, including books on prayer, which really showed me how to communicate with God," Diana wrote. "God has given me another chance at life, another chance with my kids. I will never look back."

4,348 inmates made decisions for Christ through our ministry, an 86% increase over last year.

Total Decisions for Christ (86% increase over last year)



Decisions for Christ by Country

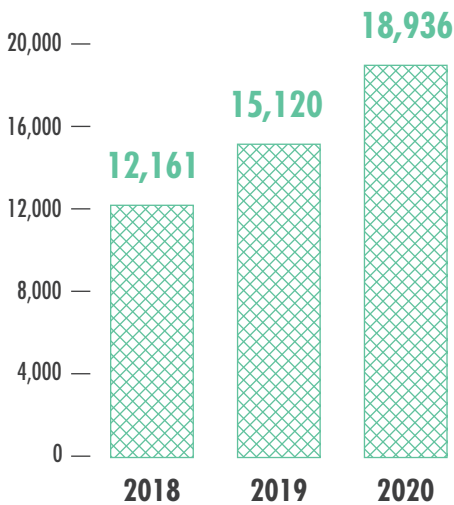


God raised up 1,024 volunteers who gave 28,016 hours to help us reach these inmates with the gospel.

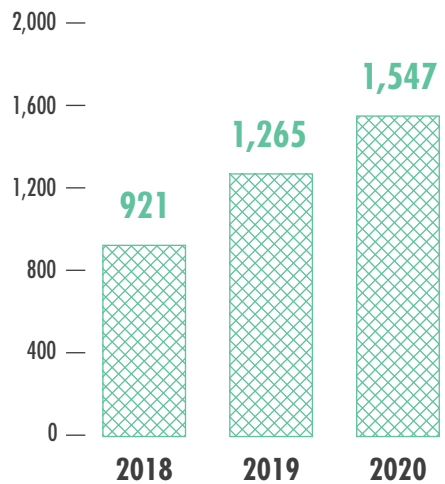
Programs

Our program includes three Bible Study courses that take inmates on a spiritual journey of discovering who God is and ultimately becoming a disciple of Christ. Each course contains multiple lessons. **The number of inmates completing Bible study courses increased 22% from last year to 1,547.**

**Bible Study
Lessons Reviewed**
(25% increase over last year)



**Inmates Completing
Bible Studies**
(22% increase over last year)



For inmates like Matthew in Tennessee, a personal discipleship relationship is formed between the student inmate and the Bible Minister reviewing their lessons. In a letter to CLI, Matthew said, "I praise God for His answered prayers in the past few months and for the Bible studies we've done in the Disciple of Christ course." "Words cannot express my gratitude for you, or how helpful you've been." He continues, "You've set such a great example of a Christian, strong in the Word, steadfast in the Lord. Thank you so very much."

Our volunteers reviewed 18,936 individual lessons this year, which is 25% more than in 2019.

Distribution and Resources

Our books and Bibles reach thousands of the two and a half million inmates in the U.S. who are desperate for God to encourage their downcast souls.

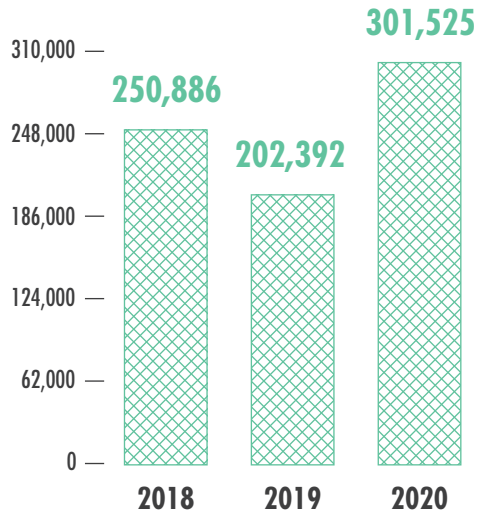
After reading a book from CLI, Richard wrote from Plainview, TX that he has the "hope and strength to believe that I am not a lost cause."

We shipped 301,525 books and Bibles to inmates like Richard, all marked with our CLI stamp inviting them to reach out to us. "I am amazed that within weeks of sending a letter to CLI," Richard wrote, "I received a wonderful card from a volunteer telling me how happy he was that I had accepted Christ, and that CLI would pray for me by name."

Our Georgia Hub has been successfully operating since 2016. We have strong allies in Georgia who provide storage space, books, Bibles, and funds. **This year our Georgia Hub shipped a total of 87,739 books and Bible to inmates.**

Total Books/Bibles Shipped

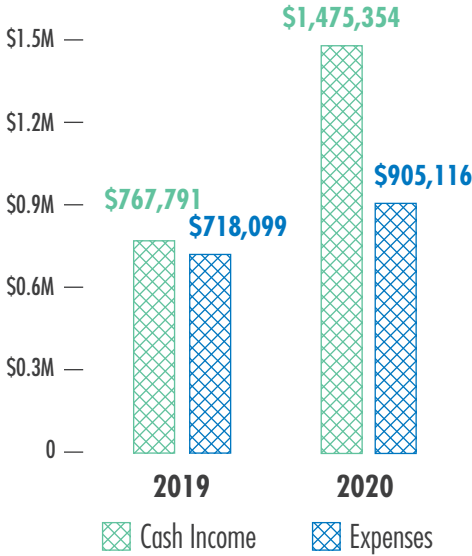
(49% increase over last year)



Financial Stewardship

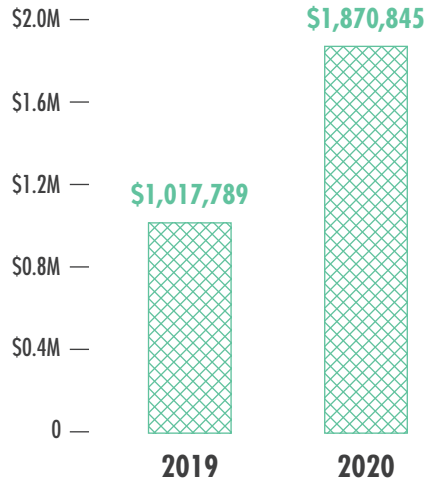
Cash Income/Expenses

(92% increase in cash over last year)

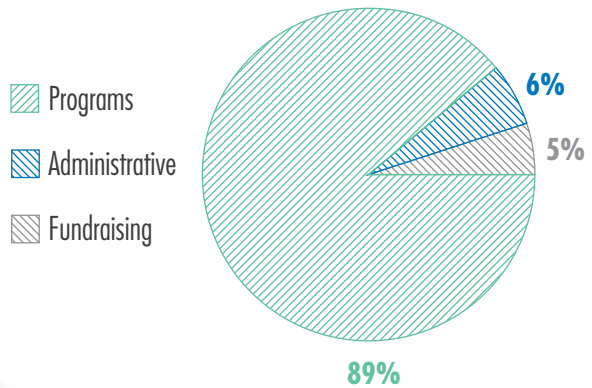


Gift-in-Kind Donations

(83.8% increase over last year)



Program Ratio



In recognition of our compliance with Standards of Responsible Stewardship, CLI Prison Alliance has been accredited by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.

Global Missions

God perfectly orchestrated our expansion into Mexico and the Philippines this past year. He connected us with local partners who align with our vision to evangelize and disciple inmates.

Bibles Provided	
Mexico	Philippines
1,350	1,650

Mexico

Just before Christmas, 71 women trusted in Christ as their Savior. CLI Mexico Director, Linda Rodriguez, said, “The year 2020 has been very difficult for everyone, but if we have learned anything from the CLI Prison Alliance team, it is to think creatively and continue to bring the Good News of the Gospel into prisons.”

Prayer at the Prison Gate

In 2020, we were joined for the first time by our global partners in Mexico and the Philippines for Prayer at the Prison Gate. This virtual event was streamed live and gathered around 300 participants.



Philippines

At the end of 2020, CLI was partnering with 18 leaders who had entered 30 jails in the Philippines. Using our CLI Bible Study Courses, 1,191 inmates began receiving biblical discipleship from these local outreach teams.

Pastor Jonnel Suyat, along with his family and church, has been instrumental in building our alliance throughout the country. He hosted a one-day conference for pastors from nearby provinces to begin laying groundwork for further expansion in 2021.

With over one thousand already saved, we firmly believe God's hand is on us as we take His Word to despairing and lost men and women in Filipino jails.



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