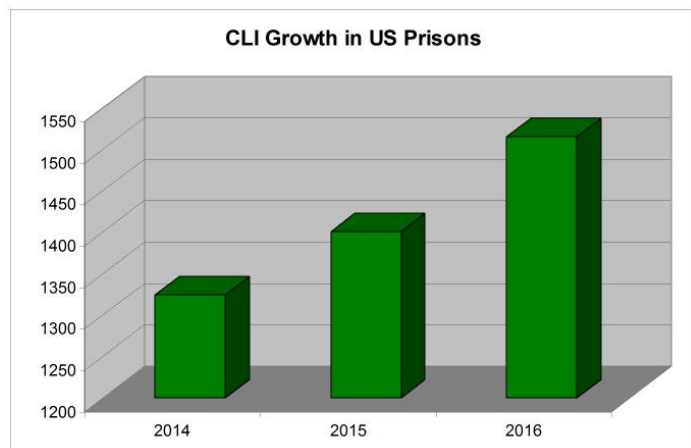


## Executive Summary 2017

**Christian Library International (CLI)** is a prison ministry serving about 1,500 prisons, jails and detention centers as a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization based in Raleigh, North Carolina. Our mission is to glorify God by making disciples of prisoners through Bible studies and Christian books. We exist because Jesus loves the imprisoned and desires a personal relationship with them. Our vision is to make fervent disciples of prisoners in the US and around the globe.

CLI has forged an effective partnership with prison chaplains. Chaplains do not have funds to purchase Christian materials, yet this is a time when inmates are spiritually open to the gospel. One book can be used by countless readers and at any time. We accept donations of new or gently used Christian materials from individuals, churches and other sources. In 2016, CLI sent 282,077 books and 37,452 Bibles to the prisons we serve. We believe prisons are the greatest evangelism opportunity of the 21st century.

All the books and Bibles are stamped with the CLI address for an inmate to write for a free correspondence Bible study. The study is especially designed for inmates to put biblical truth into action in prisons and into their communities after they are released. In 2014, 5,000 inmate lessons were reviewed. Thousands of testimonies have been received like the following two:



*CLI was my inspiration to follow my Lord Jesus. I will never forget the love your volunteers have shown me and all that you do there. Through my testimony at this new jail, 18 people have received the Lord Jesus as their personal savior. Inmate Jesus*

*I was incarcerated in the county jail, and your books were a source of encouragement and knowledge during my stay at the jail for nine months. CLI is doing a wonderful thing. I can personally say that through your book ministry I have seen three people come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. Inmate Mark*

There are over 2 million men and women incarcerated in the US and about 10.6 million worldwide. The US has the highest incarceration rate worldwide, which affords an

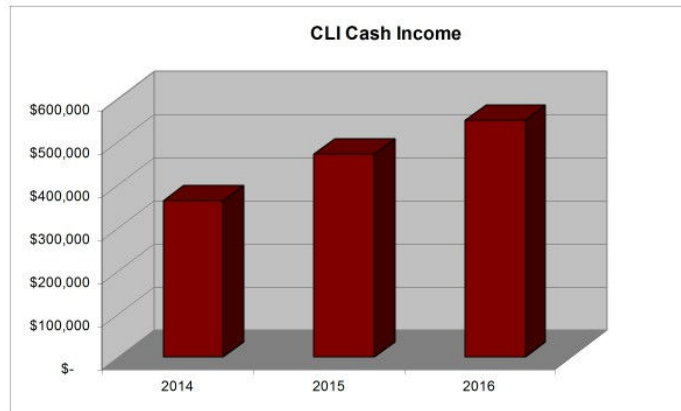
excellent opportunity to positively affect God's kingdom. Here are little pieces of real estate where thousands of desperate men and women are packed together side by side and wonderfully open to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Kathleen Skaar** (pronounced "score") is the founder and Executive Director of CLI. After trusting Jesus as her Lord and Savior in 1995, she grew in her relationship with God through reading the Bible and Christian books. Wanting others to have the advantage of these resources, she felt led to start CLI in 1996. Although CLI began by placing books in a local YMCA, the Lord led her in 2002 to offer free books to prisons. After a few years, it was evident God was working in the prisons, and CLI decided to join Him. CLI is now a prison ministry and focuses all its resources for this purpose. Kathleen has a BA from the University of Florida, an MBA from Meredith College and a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

CLI is governed by a board of directors. A short biography and photo of each board member is on the CLI website.

CLI is funded by 750 individuals, churches and foundations. Our budget for 2017 is \$550,000. Our Raleigh banquet, with its \$120,000 goal, is our largest fundraiser. We also have about 2,000 book donors. Another asset are our volunteers who logged 25,000 hours in 2016.

We are currently building a solid infrastructure to ensure a consistent flow of Christian materials and discipleship programs into the prisons. CLI is identifying activity centers, called hubs, for local partnerships in other locations. These partnerships are being developed to provide funds for shipping, to their state's prisons and jails.



The center will be set up in a convenient location for the collection and distribution of materials. Atlanta is targeted as the first hub and covers the states of Florida, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Georgia churches joining CLI to reach Georgia's incarcerated. This partnership is giving their members the opportunity to engage in prison ministry by stamping, packing, reviewing Bible studies, and partnering financially. Support from the churches will provide a team spirit for reaching the state's incarcerated.



Another benefit of the church partnerships is prison aftercare to help released inmates acclimate and become productive members of society. Churches can assist with the various needs of the incarcerated and helping reduce recidivism (relapse into criminal behavior). Currently, two-thirds of released prisoners are rearrested within three years.

**Our five-year goal** is to have seven functionally active hubs across the U.S. with our services extended to 70% of the 5,000 correctional facilities. With the increase in facilities, we project a 50% increase in Bible study and discipleship enrollment each year. Training videos and materials are to be produced for setting up the center and for ongoing volunteer needs and duties. The training materials will help ensure productivity and quality control.

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