

# Bible Society of Maine

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Our Mission: To place the Word of God into Hands, Minds and Hearts

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## Reaching the Lost, Encouraging the Discouraged with the Word of God

The Bible Society of Maine (BSM), by the grace of God, continues to touch lives with the gospel.

From the incarcerated in jails and prisons to youth programs designed to instill the Word of God into young lives, we believe our work is more vital than it has ever been.

### Jail and Prison

The Bible Study outreach at Cumberland County Jail (CCJ) is going well. We visit weekly and have been pleased with the attendance and interest from the men there. They are engaged with the Bible and have been sharing their struggles and victories. They deeply appreciate the volunteers who visit. On any given month, we are able to reach 40 or more men with the liberating love of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. We have been doing this for seven years,



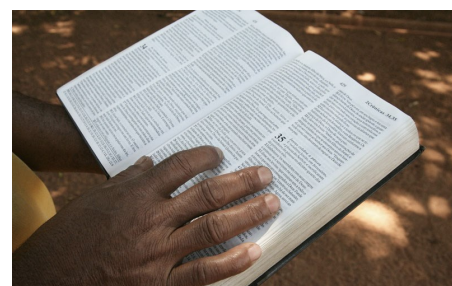
Our executive director also completed training and is credentialed to minister at Maine Correctional Center (MCC) in Windham. He has begun working with a ministry led by two other men, Yoke Fellows, which meet weekly for a Bible study/discussion group at the prison.

BSM continues to supply both CCJ and MCC with Bibles, as well.

### A Rising Generation

BSM launched a new initiative

recently to reach youth. "Teen Topics" challenges young people to be a "light in the darkness" through studying the Word of God in eight-week segments. There are three levels of achievement – Bronze, Silver, and Gold. There were nine students who just completed the Bronze and are going onto Silver. Another six new students have started the Bronze level. This outreach is vital to high schoolers who are exposed to so much distorted teaching and unruly behavior



in today's society.

### Community Outreach

We continue to provide Bibles and tracts to an inner-city ministry in Greater Portland which does street evangelism. The ministry has been connected to the First Assembly of God and its food distribution outreach. The group has had city-wide outreaches to Portland (Monument Square) and Westbrook (Riverbank Park).

We are also providing French/Portuguese Bibles to the immigrant communities in Greater Portland and Brunswick. And, we help with the Root Cellar's ESL Program by providing Bibles to the students.

### Events

*Our yearly events help us to get support for the ministry.*

\* We completed our bus trip to

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# An Adventure You'll Never Forget!



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## Ark Encounter \* Creation Museum Cincinnati Zoo & Gardens \* Riverboat Cruise

Tuesday thru Saturday

September 24 thru September 28, 2024

\$695 per person (based on double occupancy)

Airfare not included in price

For more information, please visit our website at  
[www.biblesocietyofmaine.org](http://www.biblesocietyofmaine.org) or contact Jim Duran at (207) 712-0282 or  
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Niagara Falls and Toronto October 1-7.

We had 40 “Adventurers” and many memories!

\* We are preparing a group trip to the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area in September 2024 for the Ark Encounter, including the Creation Museum, Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens and a Riverboat Cruise on the Ohio River. (See our announcement and details on this page).

\* Our 2024 Walkathon is scheduled for Saturday, October 5 at 1:00pm at Riverbank Park & Walking Trail, 677 Main Street, in Westbrook. Rain date: Saturday, Oct. 12.

As you can see, God is using this ministry (at 215 years young) to herald His goodness and His desire to draw all men to Himself through His Son, Jesus Christ. We appreciate your support in the past and look forward to many years of fruitful service until His return! \*\*\*

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Read the latest on what's happening through the Bible Society of Maine!