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## New Institute Offers Tuition-Free Courses to Inmates

TUCSON, AZ. Genesis College and Seminary has announced the formation of a new ministry that offers tuition-free Bible-based courses to incarcerated persons. Genesis Bible Institute, the new prison arm of Genesis College and Seminary, delivers distance learning courses in three different levels, giving its learners an opportunity to participate in advanced biblical studies. Courses are also designed to prepare inmates for their lives upon release.

Genesis Bible Institute was created to serve prisoners in U.S. states whose restrictions and parameters on inmate education prevent access to certain Bible college programs.

"We are excited about our curriculum and its potential to promote rehabilitation and spiritual transformation," said David Johnson, the school's Chairman of the Board. "We offer programs in Biblical studies, leadership, and also practical courses to meet specific needs such as parenting, overcoming substance abuse, and job-skills training, all in order to help inmates successfully reenter society."

Johnson said the job skills curriculum includes courses on creating a resume, finding a job, and excelling at a job interview, each one with instructive guidelines on how to succeed in these areas of reentry despite a criminal record.

"Our primary concern is the spiritual and practical welfare of inmates both during their incarceration and in preparation for their assimilation back into society," said Board Vice Chairman Fred Bayer. "Many inmates desire to leave behind their lives of crime, and we are eager to help every repentant individual get a new start for his or her life. We teach students how to make life-lasting changes that benefit both the learner and our communities, helping



students become blessings to society, not burdens."

Federico, a former gang member, plans on being one of these blessings. "Ever since I started Genesis courses, how I think has been more joyful, positive, and optimistic. I am more aware of my interactions with others and have improved how I speak to them and treat them. My behavior has changed since learning I am accountable to God. If I am mad, sad, betrayed, or hurt, I go to the Word of God and pray and do my best to behave in a way that will be pleasing to the Lord."

Genesis College and Seminary is a 501(c)3 formed in 2018 by an interdenominational team of pastors, teachers, professors, administrators, and inmates. A team of volunteer leaders administrate the college and donate their time and financial resources to ensure that inmates can receive a Christian education tuition-free. The oversight team consists of well-known leaders in Arizona, including Richard Luebke, Board Chairman for Pima Medical Institute, John DelHousaye, Professor of Biblical Studies at Arizona Christian University, and Retired Colonel Dick Tolliver, a Tuskegee Airmen Protégé.

"We have an amazing team of leaders and volunteers who desire to cultivate life transformation and rehabilitation for a group of people who are often overlooked by society," Johnson said. "Prisoners are near and dear to the heart of God. And they are near and dear to our hearts."

For more information about Genesis Bible Institute, visit [www.GenesisCollegeandSeminary.com](http://www.GenesisCollegeandSeminary.com).