



Christians in Recovery® Donor's Newsletter

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You Make It Possible !

Executive Director's Note

(print this newsletter to read offline)

CIR is a small ministry when one considers the size of our annual budget but the impact on lives is tremendous. The web site receives over 6 million hits per year from around the world. The nations represented by those we minister to are varied and too numerous to list but here are a few:

USA	Norway	Zimbabwe
Japan	Bahrain	Mongolia
France	Bermuda	Israel
Italy	Canada	Uruguay
China	Australia	India
Namibia	Mexico	United Kingdom
Brazil	Kenya	New Zealand
Ghana	Egypt	Nepal

People all over the world are hurting and in need of Christian support and useful information to help them recover. *Don't underestimate the value of your donations to Christians in Recovery®. You make this ministry possible. Never forget: **YOU ARE CIR.***

Susan Brennan (aka Obie)



Why Christian Recovery?

Parable:

A man fell into a pit and couldn't get himself out.

A subjective person came along and said, "I feel for you down there."

An objective person came along and said, "It's logical that someone would fall down there."

A Christian Scientist came along and said, "You only think you're in a pit."

A Pharisee said, "Only bad people fall into a pit. "

A mathematician calculated how he fell into the pit & the speed of the decline.

A fundamentalist said, "You deserve that pit."

Confucius said, "If you had listened to me, you wouldn't be in that pit. "

The Buddha said, "Your pit is only a state of mind."

A realist said, "That's a pit. "

A scientist calculated the pressure necessary, pounds and square inches, to get him out of the pit.

A geologist told him to appreciate and study the rock strata.

An evolutionist said,

"You are a rejected mutant destined to be removed from the evolutionary cycle, in other words he is going to die in the pit so he can't produce any more pit falling offspring."

The county inspector said,

"Did you have a permit to dig that pit?"

A professor gave him a lecture on the elementary principles of the pit.

A self-pitying person said,

"You haven't seen anything until you've seen my pit."

An optimist said,

"Things could be worse."

A pessimist said,

"Things are going to get worse."

Jesus saw the man in the pit, took him by the hand and lifted him out.

For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost. (Matthew 18:11)

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." (John 14:6)

Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. (John 8:36)

Your Input is Important !

- † How do you think CIR can better meet the needs of those we serve?
- † How can the web site be improved?
- † What would you like to see in CIR that we are not already doing?

Contact us at any time:

<http://christians-in-recovery.org/feedback.shtml>

All links in this newsletter are "hot." Click on them!
(You must be online for them to work)

The "CIR News"

Every two weeks the CIR News is emailed for free to anyone who requests it. We now have over 3,000 subscribers and growing rapidly. It is filled with helpful information for recovery professionals, those in recovery and their loved ones.

Regular features include: Did you know?, For Recovery Pros, Answers, New on the CIR Website, Tools that Make a Difference, Christian Recovery Reading, Wisdom from CIR Members, Help for Recovery, Tips, Information and more.

Tell your loved ones & associates about this valuable resource. If you are not receiving it, make sure to subscribe today:

<http://cir1.org/resources/email/CIR-News.html>

Not a CIR Member yet? Join Us!

<http://christians-in-recovery.org/membership.shtml>

Expanded Online Library

Eight new ebooks were added to the Member's Library:

- Conquering Codependency
- Conquering Eating Disorders
- Conquering Chemical Dependency
- Moving Beyond Your Past
- Demolishing Strongholds
- First Aid for a Wounded Marriage
- The Bible's Way to Victory over ADHD and Other Childhood Challenges
- The Quest for the Best Within

CIR's Member's Library continues to grow and we all should be proud of this valuable resource. The Library may be accessed here on the web site:

<http://christians-in-recovery.org/members/library.shtml>



Needs & Meeting Them

An additional staff person must be hired. CIR friends and members participating in the **Monthly Giving Program** can provide the salary for this much needed worker.

Can you give \$10, \$50, \$100 or \$250 per month? If you have been financially blessed please consider giving at a higher level. Click here to learn more: <https://safe-id.net/christians-in-recovery/MG.shtml>

One time donations will help replace our 10 year old network server. Click below for a one time donation: <https://safe-id.net/christians-in-recovery/donate.shtml>

Changes to the Web Sites

The changes made in the past several months are too numerous to list. All 2,000 pages of the web site were redesigned from top to bottom for a cleaner look. It is now more streamlined and user friendly. The Message Boards and Chat Rooms were both upgraded. Our chat rooms now have multiple rooms, people can create their own rooms and meet at any time.

Members can now keep their own password-protected journals online. This means they can access their journals in private any time of day from any location with any computer.

<http://christians-in-recovery.org/members/journal>

Reviews of Christian recovery books made and placed on the web site. You can find them here: <http://cir1.org/resources/bookreviews.html>

Visitors to the site can now easily see how many people are currently in the chat rooms and are now using the rooms in between scheduled meetings.

A new interactive Meeting Calendar was implemented. That is available on the web site:

<http://cir1.org/members/chat/schedule.html>

Free Online Movies for Inspiration are now available <http://christians-in-recovery.org/inspire/movies.html>

Christian World News (updated hourly) <http://christians-in-recovery.org/RSS-WorldNews.shtml>

CIR's Bookstore <http://RecoveryBooks.com>

was also redesigned. It now carries a wide variety of Christian and recovery books from Amazon.com, Hazelden and ChristianBook.com. If you are looking for ideas for new or inspiring reading, this is the place to come.

On the Radio

Last Fall Christian radio station KKVV in Las Vegas interviewed Susan Brennan (your Executive Director) on their "Saved by Grace" radio program on two separate occasions. She was interviewed by three people for a total of 1 ½ hours air time.

As a result of this show and interest generated by it, three radio spots were professionally produced to be aired on Christian radio stations as public service announcements. This is another means for those in need of help will hear about CIR and get the assistance they so desperately need.

The radio spots have been placed on the CIR web site for surfers to hear. Listen to them online: <http://christians-in-recovery.org/radio>

If you would like a free CD to give to your local radio station contact us:

<http://christians-in-recovery.org/feedback.shtml>

Spreading the Word

Most people find out about CIR from their friends. When was the last time you told someone about Christians in Recovery®? Your own acquaintances may know someone or have a loved one who needs the fellowship and support offered by CIR.

New brochures for CIR were designed to better inform people about the ministry and how we help.

Brochures are available free of charge on the web site. Why not request some now?

<http://christians-in-recovery.org/forms/handouts.html>



The Problem

Many do not seek recovery from compulsive behaviors, eating disorders, codependency, abuse, depression and/or addictions of drugs, sex, alcohol, pornography, etc. because they may be too embarrassed or ashamed. Others who are successful professionals or prominent in their communities do not seek help for fear of professional or social repercussions. Many live in rural areas where no recovery resources are available. Others live in countries where Christianity is frowned upon or even banned and recovery is unknown.

The Vision

It is the vision of the Donors and Supporting Members of CIR to continue to use the latest technology, in addition to conventional means, to reach those who would normally not seek help – to catch those who fall through the cracks of traditional recovery groups and organizations – and to further spread Christian hope, healing and fellowship to those in need of recovery.

Our vision is not just recovery but to go well beyond recovery so people can fully discover, explore and magnify all possibilities God intends for them as individuals.

The Solution

Christians in Recovery® is a different type of ministry. It provides a safe haven on the Internet for people with a wide variety of disorders and addictive behaviors. Through CIR they find the nonjudgmental encouragement, support and resources they need while at the same time protecting their anonymity.

Not a Member Yet? Join Us!

<http://christians-in-recovery.org/membership.shtml>

You Can Help

Donations are essential to keep this important ministry on track.

Support the ministry that supports you!

YOU make a difference. Easily donate (click here):
<https://safe-id.net/christians-in-recovery/donate.shtml>

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