



**City Centre Ministry  
Downtown Halifax**

# Genesis REPORT

**Coach's Corner**  
Change a Life  
Change a Community  
Fall 2011  
Spiritual Solutions to  
Crime

*Crime and deviance begin in the human heart, but  
we use to call it "sin"*

*Crime Prevention Coach and Pastor Gerry Leet*

## Bloodline Blindness

There is a silent and intricate emotional connection between blood relatives and offenders. This bond will at times cause family members to live in denial to the reality of a loved ones behavior. I have witnessed cases that despite the overwhelming evidence, parents or other family members doubt or question the proof which is obvious to a independent observer. It's an often over used slogan, but "love is blind."

Bloodline linkages blinds some good people to the truth. They may blame the police or others and diminish the wrongs done by their next of kin. This is not surprising as they know the good that is in their relatives, but not the negative. They have difficulty and blindness in perceiving how they could do bad acts. It is often times the mother who cannot accept their son's behavior as by nature she is designed to protect and nurture her child forever.

In 1996 Steven Beckham was convicted of beating his wife to death and staging a cover-up by trying to make it look like a car accident. His father, an Episcopalian Bishop and the mother did not accept that their son committed this heinous crime. The father was almost thrown in jail for contempt and there was some suspicion that he may aid his son to escape. The Bishop had boasted he had ordained over 10,000 priests, but during this time his son had a gambling and drug problem. I am sure this father and mother were devastated and could not believe their son was capable of such evil. Another case in Madison, Wisconsin divided the adult children of Jean and Eugene Zapata. Jean was a dedicated flight instructor and mysteriously vanished during a bitter divorce. Her husband was convicted many years later and it split the family as they all struggled with being faithful to both their deceased mother and convicted father.

We don't want to believe that someone we love has done wrong and must face the consequences of their failures.

It is hard to accept that we are all capable of some very dark acts and especially by those we love. I am reminded of a profound verse in the Bible at Ephesians 2:3 which depicts that we are all "children of wrath." This means in each of us, lives the seeds to act violently or immorally. No one is exempt from having the potential to do harm. It is called "sin" and there is only one cure for it. His name is "Jesus Christ."

## Blind Love



## Conquering Crime Begins Here!



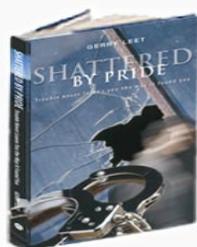
## More God = Less Crime

The Bible teaches there is no crime, no injustice and no evil in heaven.  
*Can we bring some heaven to earth?*

## Hells Angels Set Free

Nearly three dozen alleged members of the notorious Hells Angels biker gang walked out of the courthouse and into freedom this June 2010. They exchanged hugs and were smiling after the judge ordered their release.

Their sudden discharge had nothing to do with guilt or innocence, but because it took too long to put them on trial. This bombshell decision prompted a backlash from the public and the failure of our criminal justice system. We know the police did not arrest these people because they were "boy scouts" and it seems to be another failure of the juridical system to protect its citizens.



## ***Shattered By Pride*** ***"Trouble Never Leaves You, The Way It Found You"***

Shattered By Pride is a riveting true story that will keep the reader enthralled and captivated from the dramatic first pages, and throughout the tense emotional eighteen chapters.

It is a fast paced real life chronicle that provides some chilling and unnerving accounts of one man's fall from grace. You will be challenged to examine your own behavior, choices in life and discover a new way of thinking, living and loving.

## Crime Prevention Solutions Manual **"Solving the Mystery of Crime"**

### Coming This Fall of 2011

A very unique and extensive investigation study guide will be ready this Fall. It will trace the origins of crime to the solutions offered by age old wisdom. This manual will provide a step by step process to transform a crime ridden neighbourhood into a safe and secure community. The secret to Crime Prevention is unveiled as we open our eyes to a hidden truth that social science cannot identify or measure. We combine the power of faith changing experiences with the collaboration and partnership of social agencies in the criminal justice system. This simple, but intense program will launch a new concept in how we fight crime. It takes an entire community to prevent crime, but if we neglect God from the solution, our efforts will fail. This is the "Missing Link" to Crime Prevention.

**The Local Church is the Still  
the Hope for Every Community**

**City Centre Ministry  
“Pressing the Reset Button”**



Dr. Charles Stanley of In Touch Ministries recently stated, “I’ve been a believer long enough to know that I can’t live the Christian life. This flesh of mine isn’t any

better today than it was the day I was saved. Our flesh is corrupt and its vices cannot be suppressed by any human means.” We cannot defeat our inherited sinful nature on our own and we need divine intervention to change. The local church can be the best resource to begin the process of overcoming the invisible enemy that wrecks your life. Our hope from the bondage of our sinful nature can be only found in Jesus Christ. Your liberation and freedom from the slavery of sin can begin by visiting your local parish. The World or Google cannot deliver us from our sinful nature, only God can. He will meet you each and every Sunday at your neighbourhood church.

**Court Beat- “Trouble” in the House!**

**NHL Enforcer Dead**

Derek Boogaard’s brother was charged with unlawful distribution of a controlled substance. Derek had been out of rehab one day and they both were nightclubbing, drug taking and heavy drinking that resulted in a deadly toxic mix.

**Mob Insanity:**

Recent Vancouver and London riots reveal the madness of mob behavior, it seems acceptable by them to burn, steal and injury others to express their anger and dissatisfaction.

**Trapped with the Devil:**

Romeo Cormier of Moncton was found guilty of all six charges for his kidnapping and daily sexual assaults for 26 days. He had told the victim, “*you’re with the devil now.*”

**Born in Hell:**

Twenty-five year old female coke addict in Florida confesses to a murder to get drugs and tells investigators: “*I was born into hell, this world is hell.*” This attractive black lady recounts her horrible young life and the “hell” she lived on the street.

**Red Sox Nation:**

This is not criminal, but should it be! Adrian Gonzalez of the Boston Red Sox signed a new seven year contract worth \$154 million.

All of these instances uncover the terrible state of human behavior that operates without God. It also reveals that individuals or groups can sink to the depths of human depravity and are devoid of God like qualities. It seems that part of society and human life are “out of control” and there is only one way back. We cannot fix our problems, but God offers us to repent of our ways and He will heal our land. What will it take for us to come to our senses?

In the last couple of years City Centre Ministry has been on a new and exciting journey as God transforms CCM to meet the new social concerns and demands of society. City Centre Ministry began in 1985 with some business leaders in the Halifax community to encourage and support Christians in the marketplace. CCM was an outreach mission of St. Paul’s Anglican Church on the Grand Parade across from City Hall. A seed grant was provided by St. Paul’s and with the visionary leadership of its first executive director, Rev. Dr. Tom Robinson, the ministry rapidly grew and expanded.



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Many of us remember the glory days with “Tom” who pioneered CCM into a thriving and active ministry and partnership with both the business and church community. CCM has always been nestled in the hub of downtown Halifax with the financial towers encircling us, the seats of municipal and provincial governments, crested with universities and the largest naval fleet in Canada, the police headquarters and the busiest courts. We are located across the street from our Convention Center and large Metro sports facility. We are indeed in the “center” of the City.

Our vibrant downtown beats with the very fabric of community life in our city. CCM is situated in the heart of the spiritual and daily issues of our community. We have launched new Outreaches to bring healing and hope to the complex problems of its people. We offer the Alpha Course to those searching for meaning and purpose in life. We also have pioneered a study called, “Transforming the Workplace” which brings the wisdom and comfort of God’s Word to the downtown marketplace.

There is regular prayer for our city and its leaders and everyone is invited to join us. We also offer “Coaching” to help people through difficult times and challenges. Please visit our website to learn more about CCM’s vision and mission.

**In this world you will have trouble  
but take cheer, I have overcome  
the world.**

**Jesus Christ (John 16:33)**