

Little Lambs Inc.

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John L. Sala, 1939-2013

It is with great sadness that we report that John Sala, one of our founders and husband of Eileen Sala, passed away on January 22, 2013. John had encountered many health problems in the last few years that had diminished his ability to minister as he had when younger. Struggling with ever increasing physical pain and never quite recovering from his last surgery, John is now freed from that old earthly body to be in his heavenly home.

Here is a picture of John doing what he loved to do best, visit a prison and love on the inmates. His compassion was evidenced by the testimonies at the memorial service in his honor. The service turned our sadness and mourning to joy at the lasting change that John helped to bring into so many people's lives. God gave John a tremendous burden to minister to the men and women in prisons and jails. He started going back into prison as a volunteer in the 80's soon after his release and continued to do that until last year. He helped to start the Little Lambs Correspondence School of the Bible that is sent to inmates across America. Many of these men and women write about the effects the consistent study of the Word of God has had in their lives and are continually offering thanks and prayers for John, Little Lambs Inc and our staff. A book written about John's life by International Prison Ministry called, "I'm Not Coming Back, The John Sala Story" continues to be distributed throughout the USA, Russia and Latin countries. The Ministry of Little Lambs Inc. has served and continues to serve thousands of men and women in prison. John has passed that burden on to everyone at Little Lambs Inc., volunteers and friends. We love nothing more than getting that mail out every week, especially those Graduation Bibles. John is the one who insisted that we give the men who graduated a Study Bible. He knew the value and indelible mark that receiving such a gift while in prison would make on a man's life.

His second love was singing. John had an extensive library of performance tapes and loved to sing songs to the Lord. It is a gift that John found while in prison never having sung before. Chaplain Wall at Avon Park Prison encouraged John to sing solo and with the choir in the early 80's and John worked hard perfecting that gift and used it in so many prisons throughout Florida and eastern states. It was hard on John these last years as his voice began to fail due to his illnesses. He continued to try because that was where his heart was. We are hoping to give his library to the Chapel at Avon Park Prison.

We are all thankful for having learned from John how to minister to that part of society that is particularly hard to love. He liked to take those of us who had never been to prison and encourage us and lead us into the battle for men's souls. We are all anxious and even excited to continue what John started and keep the flame of God's love alive and strong in the lives of men and women in prison.

I personally want to thank everyone who has loved me, encouraged me, stood with me, and believed in me during these hard times. I am thankful that John is at rest as he never seemed to rest in this life! Thank you all for your love for John, myself, Little Lambs Inc and especially for your service and partnership. God's Word never fails!

Yours in Love, Eileen Sala