



# Little Lambs Inc

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**A**S I see it.... I am preparing men to leave prison and return to their family setting, as well to live well while in prison, through our Marriage, Family & Parenting Class at Avon Park Correctional. My responsibility before the Lord is to give them the truth so they are well armed for the battle for their souls as free men. We finished the addiction segment of the class when the latest statistics and articles came out.

**“Number of US Heroin Users Rose 300,000 in Decade”**... 62% rise in 10 years, mostly white! 2 people for every 1,000 population uses heroin. And the rate of heroin use has **doubled in women in 10 years**, a more dramatic increase than men. (Associated Press New York, July 2015)

The article continues to say this is due to an increase in prescription use of painkillers Vicodin and Oxycontin (synthetic heroin). Once addicted to pain killers, people find it is easier and definitely cheaper to go to the street for heroin: an unlimited supply and 5 times cheaper. The death rate has also quadrupled in that 10 years from heroin overdose, nearly 8,300 deaths in 2013! **Hepatitis increasingly goes hand in hand with heroin abuse, as well as HIV.** (AP ) Hepatitis rates grew 273% from 2009-2013.

Proverbs 23:29 is a perfect example of a an alcoholic and drug addict: *Who has woe? who has sorrow? who hath strife? who has complaints? who has needless bruises? who has redness of eyes? They who linger over the wine; who go to sample bowls of mixed wine. Do not gaze upon the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly. In the end it bites like a snake, and poisons like an viper. Your eyes shall behold strange women, and your heart shall utter perverse things. Yes, you will be like one sleeping on the high seas, lying on top of the rigging. “They hit me,” you will say, “but I’m not hurt! They beat me, but I don’t feel it! When will I wake up so I can find another drink?”*

### Another Headline:

**“Kissing Overtakes Smoking as Leading Risk For Head and Neck Cancers.** (Dr. Mahibau Thomas of Royal Darwin Hospital, Australia). Dr. Thomas warns of a ‘tsunami of oral human papilloma virus cases’ as French kissing can pass on the previously genital Human Papilloma Virus HPV to the mouth and throat through exchange of saliva. HPV is now responsible for 70% of head and neck cancers. The 7% of the population who have HPV in your mouth are at a 250 times greater risk for head and neck cancer than those not infected with HPV. How do you get HPV in the mouth? Very simple and prohibited by the bible: promiscuity and sodomy (oral sex). Dr. Thomas said recent studies suggested even engaging in heavy petting without sexual interaction could transfer HPV to another person. The more sex partners you have, the greater your risk.

As a nurse and a minister, I see a profound validation between the bible and current medical research. Jude 1:23 says, *“And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted with the flesh.”* Showing students this information will give them more reason to follow God. This research reinforces the bible saying that indiscriminate sex outside of marriage will lead to terrible consequence, sickness and disease. The products of sex are unclean, as they represent a potential loss of life just as menstrual blood is unclean as it represents a potential loss of life and these are ‘the uncleanness of man’ and are not to be taken into the mouth. *Or if he (or she) touch the uncleanness of man (humans), whatsoever uncleanness it be that a man shall be defiled withal, and it be hid from him; when he knows of it, then he shall be guilty.* Lev 5:3

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**Continued from page 1**...When you just read these verses to students, most are not impressed, but when you back it up with medical research and evidence and statistics, the deterrent or warning factor zooms upward and brings a healthy respect for the Word in their daily lives. And they are amazed that the bible is so relevant to today! For most of them this is their first time considering really true chastity. And expecting chastity from others in relationships.

Another huge lesson is on the sanctity of life. The current teachable moment of the abortion videos, selling little baby body parts, even after being born alive, the liberal concept that a 'fetus' is **only a person after the mother takes it home from the hospital** and can be destroyed any time until then, is defined in the next headline: **"Teen Use of Morning After Pill has Climbed to one in five sexually active teens."** (AP & Daily Mail July 21, 2015) Ten years ago it was 1 in every 12 sexually active teens. We know the Lord says that it was a conception that life began and He knew you even then:

*For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul know right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! Ps 139:13-17*

Sometimes I feel when they leave class its sort of like 'Shock and Awe' - seeing sin as never before. But they are all eagerly there the next week. It is a very high standard that we ask: no painkillers, tell your doctor you are an addict; be vigilant; no promiscuous, pre marital sex; choose the right godly mate prayerfully; remain truly chaste. Please pray for them as they ponder this commitment to the Lord.



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To: The Salas

I want to start this off by saying Thank You so much for sending me this Bible Study. I really enjoyed it a lot. I'm new to this. I've never turned my life over to the Lord before. This is my 4th time to be in prison and out of all the times before I never picked up my bible or done any of the things that I'm doing now. When I first came to the Lord I was in the county jail working in the laundry room at night time. I would go to my cell at the end of my shift and take a shower and watch some TV before I went to sleep. I came in one morning, took my shower, was turning the TV to Fat Albert and I stopped on church. I watched it for a little while and felt like I needed to pray. So I got down on my knees and I prayed and out of nowhere I got this feeling and it felt good. I stated crying and prayed for a long time. And ever since that day I've been reading my bible and studying it and praying all the time. Now I'm in prison, I'm in a small cell 23 hours a day, only get one hour a day recreation. It's so hard on me but I think that God has put me in this cell to get to learn about Him and get ready for the next chapter in my life. I want to keep on doing your bible studies but it might take me while to get them back to you. They only give us 5 envelopes. Will you sign my Dad up for your bible study. He is in jail too. Thank you so much for your time. God Bless you, Chad

*We are sending Chad stamped envelopes to return his lessons and have enrolled his Dad in the lessons too.*

To whom it may concern,

My name is Raymond and I love the tracts you sent to my roommate. Let me tell you a little about myself. I'm 40 yrs old, 41 in October. I have 2 kids that I know of. I came to prison June '12. The first month I got here a guy told me God loves me and wanted me to come to church. I went for a while then I ran from church because I did not want to hear what they was saying. I was gay and I was getting bashed by the people who was coming to give us the word from the streets. But the guy told me again, God loves you and told him God wanted him to work with me. I learned how to pray through my mentor. We became close prayed daily. I had a dream about someone getting released on Oct 18, 2013. My brother Shawn was called to IO and told he was leaving on Oct. 18, 2013. When he left I fell short again and got back into the life style. In Nov. 2014, I asked God to take it and the guy I was seeing away. In Dec 18, 2014, He removed the guy from me. In April 20, 2015, God called my youngest son's mom home a the age of 44. I gave my life to God, total to God. I've led my room mate from the life style as well. We pray morning, noon and bedtime. I am hungry for God's word and I want to learn all I can. When I read the Sexual Holiness tract, I felt the Spirit of God come over me. And Tears welled up in my eyes. I would like to know more about Sexual Holiness (course #13) and the rest of your studies. I don't have stamps to send my work back to you but I will try. Please pray for an early release to take care of my kids. Thank you, Raymond  
*We have enrolled Raymond and are sending him stamped envelopes to return his lessons. Pray that Raymond be filled with courage and boldness to live for the Lord in his circumstances and when he is released.*

To Mr. John & Eileen,

My name is Louis. I am 40 years old, born and raised in Puerto Rico. I really don't know what is making me write this letter. I pick the other day a book in the Chapel in Spanish named "No Volvere," the story of John Sala. Well, to make a long story short, I came from Puerto Rico in 1994 and in less than a year I was arrested several times. I have been shooting heroin since I was 13 years old. That was my daily oxygen for my body. Any other drug that came my way was a hobby. The first time I came to prison was in '95, came out in 2000, went back in 2001, came out in 2004, went came back again in 2006. All my life I had lived for what the day might bring, living the moment.

I have a complicated case. I plead to 15 years on one case, but I am sentenced to natural life with 30 years for a crime I didn't do. I know that a lot of people say that they are innocent, but I really am. Having a life sentence and gang affiliation has put me in some bad situations on the compound but somehow I always manage to make it.

At the beginning of this year I turn or I thought I had turned my heart to God. Well before that, like 1 1/2 months I was found half dead in confinement. Yes, I tried suicide. After being transferred to CSU and through TCU (Therapeutic community), I finely found myself tired of the way I had been living for the past 40 years. Honestly, I never had felt so much peace and joy in my heart. I had stopped doing drugs for the 2nd time. It only lasted 2 months. I was back in my old track. I even went back to confinement. Well, for the past 2 1/2 weeks I been trying to make a change again in my life. I even went over to the other side of the compound and signed for the Faith Based Program. Well as far as I know I was accepted and I am waiting for an open bed space.

John, you have been here. If you thought that back in your time this was hard, imagine now with all the gangs and the corruption. I can find no peace in my dorm. I am at the chapel for the movies and the a/c on hot summer days feels good. I wish all this would be a nightmare. I don't know why life hit me so hard. Almost all my friends are dead or in prison. I know God has a purpose for me cuz I am still alive but I don't know what that will be. Every morning and night I ask God in my prayers to show me what He wants for me, where He wants me and never say nothing. I have a real dark past but according to the bible if God used Paul, I think that He can use me too.

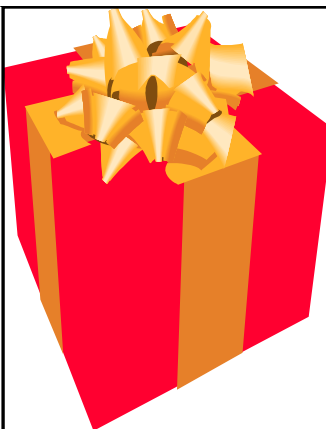
John and Eileen, I am not bad, just made wrong choices all my life. I have always been an addict. Well I want to be an addict for the Word of God. Always being a soldier of sin, now I'm looking forward to be accepted in the army of God. I don't know how to do it. I really am tired of living a double life in here, one moment I am a family man that is working on a release date to be with his family and the other moment just a Latino in prison with a life sentence. So John, you can imagine, every problem that a Latino have, every time it's going to end up coming my way. At this moment my word is puzzle. I ask myself if God really want me. I want to feel peace and happiness. I want to know the feeling of receiving the Holy Spirit, but I don't think I'm ready. Maybe that's why I fell back on my old track a couple of months ago. I am asking God to take the feeling of the necessity of getting high, and to help me put my life in order and pick me up and put me under his wing. If any of you two or anybody in your ministry would like to write me, explain to me anything of what I am going through please tell them to not think about it twice. Write me. Luisito

*We have written a long letter to Luis and enrolled him in the bible study. Please pray for him.*



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Dear Partners,

Summer is come and gone and now the glorious fall is here. My leaves have already started falling, sycamores! Big leaves! I am looking forward to cooler weather, less humidity.

The Jewish feasts of fall are upon us with Feasts of Trumpets, Yon Kippor and Feast of Tabernacles in September and October.

I have been blessed with some very powerful moves of God in ministry as lives and marriages are restored and healing in my own life. My voice continues to heal and I have so little trouble now, I am rejoicing. My home continues to feel wonderful and I am able to sleep upstairs. PTL

As you are aware, I have had one grandson this year so far, little Henry. Well, God is so good. We will be having two more grandsons!! Natalie's son is due in October and my son Alex's son is due in January! That should keep everyone busy!

Last week, I was fortunate that one of our missionaries to Honduras through New Testament Mission, Katrina Engle, could come and give her testimony at the men's treatment in Sebring. Katrina, born to a Chicago drug dealer, was raised in that environment and eventually acquired a very bad addiction. Her testimony is chilling as well as inspiring. She ended up at a Teen Challenge and met Paster Mike Karl, who trained her for ministry in Honduras among the Moskito Indians. Katrina and Roger, her husband, have an orphanage in Honduras and outreach into the prison in there locality. The amazing thing is that Katrina has just had brain surgery. A cancerous tumor was removed in Honduras and she is in the United States for chemotherapy and radiation. She started treatment the day after her testimony. She was so encouraging and instilled hope for a real recovery and usefulness in the Lord. Below is a picture of Katrina with Hogar Resa Sebring.

On school note, we are being faced with another opportunity. Our bible contact who supplies us with our graduation bibles, will be retiring in 2016. In an effort to build up a supply of bibles before that happens, we have decided to purchase 20 study bibles a month as long as we can afford it for a stockpile, if you will. Right now we pay \$384 for a case of 20, regular cost is \$1500 with shipping. If you would like to donate a case of these bibles, be sure to mark your check. We would be happy to send you a bible as well if you like. We are averaging almost 200 new students a month! There is a lot interest from county jails across the country and word of mouth is fast and furious. Each month the grateful letters we receive keep us encouraged and grading lessons like mad. And our new graders and volunteers are very busy. Please pray for Harry Latham. Alice has been grading for 15 years and Harry is very frail and very sick now. Also, a dear friend of the Ministry, Ceasar Turchiarelli, father of Jan Merop, has gone to be

with the Lord last week.

Ceasar was 96 and served in WWII in Pearl Harbor and Guadalcanal. Keep Tess, his wife, in your prayers.

It is a joy to serve you in Christ Jesus.

Eileen Sala

