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A LIVING WITNESS

Every month we keep all the interesting and moving letters to share with you. At the end of the month, I go through them and select what we will share. It seems that we are getting many more letters. This month as I read the letter on the next page, my spirit soared. As you can guess the prison system in Wisconsin is not sunny Florida. It is a hard system. The letter writer is in a 'super max' prison, meaning the most maximum security, a harsh place for violent criminals. You are placed alone in a cell 23 hours a day with nothing to take your mind off your sins and regrets and with very dangerous criminals. The writer tells us that there are frequent suicides and attempted suicides. Men destroying themselves rather than face life as it is. Hopeless as Ephesians says: ***That at that time they were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: Eph 2:12***



Yet, at some time before this man came to this cell, it was occupied by another inmate. An inmate who had found hope and a future in Christ no matter the situation. This man was enrolled in the Little Lambs School of the Bible. Knowing the torment of these places, this man decided to help his fellow man find God as he had. So he simply wrote on the wall of the cell, **"Write to this address if your ever need help from someone."** Then he included the address for Little Lambs Inc. We don't know how many men came to that cell before our friend. We don't know how many were saved because of this one man's faith, but what we do know is that this man, unsure of himself, unsure of us, unsure of the writer of the message, confused, alone, pondered at least a month about what to do. Finally he gave in and used his last envelope to write to this address! Now he has become a Little Lamb! ***But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby. Eph 2:13-16***

I often say that it doesn't matter how long a student is with us, each and every contact is important to the Lord. Every word that leaves this building is on a mission to testify of Jesus and his love for us! Every student has a mission to spread this hope to others. This is happening quietly throughout the prison and jail systems. So think about that man who occupied that cell. He left a living witness, and undying witness to the lost that will follow him. Pray for him and for every one who enters that cell. May the Holy Spirit inhabit those words to convince the men to write to our address. We will send bibles, lessons, postage. All that they need to learn about a loving Savior.

At the same time I am greatly humbled to be used in such a way by our loving Savior. That He would trust us to reach the lost in this way. Few people know what we do, we are a well kept secret! Except for the post office! We had a letter come all the way from a California prison without our address but it was a student writing us to enroll and the post office delivered that letter all the way from Ca.! Alleluia! Our God reigns! Pray, Pray, Pray

Dear John & Eileen, thank you for your ministry. I so deeply appreciate your studies' ability to keep me focused on the Word. This has been a journey for me and I thank you for your parts in my maturation.

You are so correct, as you state in your graduation letter, that this is just the beginning of my journey. Though I have been a nominal Christian most of my life, my time in prison has given me the time to draw very close to our Creator. I'm not sure I would have ever reached such intimacy with God had it not been for this time. There simply are not words enough to thank you for your coming beside me and guiding me. Your crowns are assured!

I lastly want to confirm for you that the 'gift' Bible arrived this week. It is very beautiful and will be used on my daily walk. Again, your work is precious and I thank you both from the bottom of my heart. Now it's my turn to spread the Word! Michael CO

Dear Sir or Ma'am, I recently finished your Little Lambs Bible Study Course. I would like to thank everyone involved in making the study available. Thank you to everyone for the time, money and effort it takes to produce the study. Thank you especially for wanting to help people like myself. Before I came to the Lord and came to jail, I know I would not have lifted a finger to help anyone in jail. I am extremely happy and grateful that not everyone is like I was. I am even more thankful that I am a new person in Christ, though I still have a long way to go. My bible arrived in excellent condition. Thank you to everyone who made it available to me. It is a great blessing. I especially like that it is NKJV, that is my personal favorite. I saw there is a lot of extra information in it as well. I have to say this is the first time I have been truly excited to look through and read a Bible! It's something to really look forward to. Thank you again for everything you all have done to help me grow in Christ. God bless you and keep you safe. Christopher, Tn

Dear John & Eileen, I am writing to let you know that I received The Open Bible that you sent me. Thank you very much. That was an unexpected blessing. It is a beautiful book and full of valuable and useful information. I have already dug into the various subjects it holds. But the most important subject remain and always will remain Jesus Christ and the Cross. I really appreciate your bible study and all your help and encouragement. It has truly helped me in my walk with the Lord. Praise be to God for your ministry. David, Tx.



Sister Eileen and Little Lambs, I, Farrell S., am writing to let you all know that I have received my Thomas Nelson NKJV Graduation Study Bible just before I received my Graduation Diploma Please forgive me, my letter is short but I'm filled with so much joy. Till next time. Farrell, La.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Sala, I hope this letter comes to you in good spirits. I am writing to let you know that I have received the Nelson New King James Graduation Study Bible! WOW!! I love it so much and you have given me one awesome sword! Thank you so much. It will be put to very good use because I haven't been able to put it down.

I would also like to thank you for allowing me to be one of your lambs. I have learned so much and memorized so many scriptures because of your studies, and have grown to have a really close relationship with My Lord and Savior. :) I love you, God bless you and you are in my prayers. Your lamb, Perry, Ga.

John says: Thank you for the letter. It meant a lot to me that you cared enough to see who I am and not just send me some form letter. Lip service is such a hurtful thing when honest and sincerity can change someone's life completely. I pray everyday that God can find a way to soften the souls that I injured and in some way see that they know I am soooo sorry for hurting them. Even if they can't accept my apology it would be such a relief to know they know I truly did and do love the. I know I can never make it up to the ones I hurt but I beg God everyday to remove that damage and make their souls whole and untarnished.

Marriage & Family Essay by Joseph APCI

While dysfunction might be a key ingredient for a successful sit-com, it is a key to disaster in a relationship. Through this class, I have learned what I grew up thinking was the normal way a family ran, was actually a very sick, abnormal situation. I also realize that the failure of my marriage was a result of not just my addiction, but other factors also. My ex-wife also had issues with her family. Added to that was the fact neither of us had God in our lives. All the factors against us doomed the marriage before it began. I pray she encounters a class like this so she can start to heal too.



Mail Bag

Write to this address if you ever need help from someone



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Hey,
my name is Rodney. I'm from Tampa, FL. I am 24 years old doing time in Madison, Wi. I bet you are wondering how did I get your address and I stay all the way in Madison, Wisconsin. Well truth be told I'm in a new Max Prison called Green Bay Correctional . I been locked up

since Dec 15, 2015, in a cell 23 hours a day. A lot of guys here do suicidal things to themselves and they are hurting themselves or they kill themselves up here and that's been going on a lot since I been here at this prison. But I found your address on a prison wall on the side my cell that I'm in right now. I been in this cell for a month now and I'm just writing to this address and the reason why it took me so long to write to this address because I did not know if it was the right address or the wrong address because when I saw the address on the wall it said **write to this address if you ever need help from someone** and I thought it was the wrong address and right now I still think its the wrong address because a lot of guys here just write on walls and say anything to pass time away. But as I sat in this cell longer I begin to ask myself and think to myself should I write to this address because I did not want to waste a stamped envelope for nothing and it was my last one for right now but I decided to write to this address anyway and if I did write to the right address thank you for taking the time of day to read this letter because I really need someone to pray for me because at this moment I do not have no one to reach out to not even my own family at this moment and I been going through so much since I been here and it's really getting me to the point I just do not know what to do any more so please just take the time out to just pray for me that's all I ask for and thank you very much.

Very moved by this letter, we sent Rodney a bible, a lesson and a letter. Please do pray for him.

Hi, my name is John M. I'm doing time. I got 4 years. I don't know God but I would like to get to know who He is. I opened the Bible in here but I don't know what it means. I have a hard time reading and writing but I would like to learn what the Bible teaches. I would like to know who Jesus Christ is. Can you help me find him? I would like to get to know Him. Can you please send me something to help me learn about the bible. I was an atheist all my life so I'm new to the bible. I'm locked in my cell most of the day so it's difficult to get help at this time. I have a Jovel Bible. Is that bible good? Thing is, this bible don't talk about Jesus and I really like to get to know who He really is. Love, Johnny In hopes in receiving help from you. I'm 43 years old. Johnny, Ca *We sent Johnny a bible, a lesson and a letter. Please pray for him as he is in segregation and will not be go-*

Thank you so much! Thank you for your compliments and comments! These lessons have been playing a role in my spirit. Through the anointing, it has opened my spirit up in understanding more clearly and plainly what God is revealing to me. Words don't even come close to what is going on in my spirit! It gets overwhelming when I hear His voice loud and clear, like a bright light flashing before my eyes.

I can't share these things with everybody, because they think I'm just 'feeling emotional.' The peace, the joy, the love I feel is incredible! I know God is preparing me for something and I'm just listening and waiting for Him to reveal it. Thank for listening to me. Please keep me in your prayers. Thanks again for these lessons! Harold, Ga

Dearest Brother John and Sister Eileen,

I just finished reading your life story in the book, "I'm Not Coming Back", and I feel moved to write to you in hopes of a couple of blessings. First, I would like to tell you some of what is similar to our stories. I was born to alcoholic parents, who eventually split up. We went with my mother, but my father (who had friends and connections in law enforcement) came to where we were hiding and forcibly took us from my Mother. "Big Joe Larson" allowed no one to get the better of him in any situation and so after physically and violently taking my sister and I, brought us back to live with him. He died a short time later of cancer and sclerosis of the liver. I have often said it's a good thing because one of us would have eventually killed the other! He could be very vicious and abusive. My father was Loyal Order of Moose and we were sent to a private Moose orphanage. After losing contact with my sister over 30 years ago, I fell into a life of drug addiction and have struggled over the past 30+ years with this affliction and consequently been in and out of jails and prison. Five years ago I said the Sinners Prayer right here in Clay County Jail and have felt a calling over the last few years. One more similarity I wish to mention is that affirmation comes to me daily thru other young and old inmates who tell me they are drawn to speak with me about their questions and curiosities of faith in Jesus Christ. I must admit, I am overwhelmed and humbled at the same time by their statements and I am also not sure how to handle the blessings. I am not well versed in scripture. I would welcome any and all advice, bible studies, tools you might have for me. John, Mo

Dear Partners,

As time goes flying by, we try to stay ahead of it. Our biggest news is that **postal rates have gone down!** An average piece of mail has decreased by **10 to 12 cents each!** What a blessing as we mail hundreds of pieces a month. This will certainly help our bottom line. Another big blessing is that our bible partner has decided not to retire just yet! We will continue buying bibles on a regular basis and stocking up on them. I believe we are graduating about 15 men and women a month. God is so good and answers prayer!



We are preparing for a decrease in graders because so many of us use the summer to visit friends and family. Because of this, most of us will be doing double duty. Left is Roe McAdams. Roe has been grading for us for about 6 months and we are so glad to have him. Monie Motis delivers all our lessons to SIM for grading and she will be on vacation about a month too. She is trying to make arrangements to cover SIM while she's gone. But nevertheless, it will get done.

The Board of Directors for Little Lambs Inc. met this month for the annual meeting. We are so grateful for this devoted friends and co-workers: Charles Coriell, Charlotte Heston, Hap Stephenson, Jan Ryan serve with me, Eileen. We continue to support Hogar Resa at Grace Place as well as several benevolent causes. Although donations have decreased through these years of recession, we remain committed to make the most of every cent received. And we want to thank all of you for your continued support this year. We are so blessed to represent you before the Lord. And our students thank you as seen in all their letters! Below: Martha Giller has graduated yet another program at Hernando Correctional Institution. Congratulations!



I have a confession to make. I have been lax in vigorously brushing my hair! Once when I prayed for my memory, I felt the Lord say, 'brush you hair'. I thought about it and decided that years ago people brushed their hair 100 times vigorously every day and memory problems were rare. So I began brushing my hair, morning and night. I have no problems. Then lately I sort of relaxed a little. Then I got locked out of the office and had to call for help. Last night I locked myself out of my classroom **before class** and had to call for help. **So, it's back to brushing!!** That's my antidote for the month. I'll be away to a family graduation in May but Jan will be here.



With all my love, Eileen Sala

Schedule May 2016

- Mon...Avon Park Prison Bible Study**
- Mon...Overcomers with Hogar Resa**
- Tue...Overcomers Avon Park Prison**
- Tue...Marriage & Family/Biblical Boundaries Avon Park Prison**
- Wed...Anger Management/Biblical Boundaries First Presbyterian Church @ 7 pm**
- Wed... Overcomers Bible Fellowship Church @ 6 pm**
- Thurs..Released to Love, Women Co-dependent recovery @ 6:30 pm @ Little Lambs Inc Counseling by Appointment 863-273-7388**



Meeting with some of the residents at Grace Place, we discussed healthy nutrition and eating habits. Because of the number of men in the program, they may be short of fruits and vegetables. They do consume a lot of beans and rice, a staple of the Puerto Rican diet. If I might make a list of the items that would help these young men I would say that **excess fruits from your gardens would be a great help.** Our own garden is coming in but we have 16 men living in the home. Call me at 273-7388 if you have anything to donate. Also needed are:



- Work out & exercise items**
- Large print English bibles (old or new)**
- Lawn tools**