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Old Friends Go Home

Tom Johnson

Four years ago Tom died twice but revived to live another 4 years. God was gracious to him. January 15, Tom died from the effects of a stroke, aged 87. For the last 15 years we have worked with, fellowshipped with, even bunked with during a very cold winter, our dear friends Tom and Evangeline Johnson. In 2004, we inaugurated our Spanish School of the Bible for inmates with the gracious help of Evangeline. She spent Thursdays here and Tom joined us in the office as a mail helper with Brother Charlie. They continued for over 13 years even after Tom's heart attack, coming when needed beyond their specific days. Tom was a humble man. He never bragged or boasted. Although he was an avid student and reader until he died, he talked little of his past. At the Memorial Service for Tom we learned that he had quite a life before retirement! He acquired 4 degrees in history, Fuller Theological Seminary, McCormick Theological Seminary and Columbia Bible College. In fact, Tom had a very varied and colorful past as a veteran serving in counter intelligence, a pastor and after retirement working with the Miami Police. Yet we knew him only as Tom, volunteer and bible teacher, beloved friend, never too tired to serve the Lord in any capacity.



Marge DeLong



Margie DeLong was another of our volunteers who went home to the Lord in December. Margie was a Sudan Interior Mission retiree having served 20 years in Africa. Marge came in on Mondays since 2005 until she was unable to drive a few years ago. She was also a prolific grader. We learned that beyond her missionary endeavors she was so a school principal in the US for another 20 years. Marge continued serving the Lord in her retirement, she remained a grader until a few weeks before her death. One of the things Marge enjoyed was eschatology and read fluently about this and kept well informed in the state of the Union. Meek and gentle, ever loving, mother to believers who she taught in Africa, I only hope that as my own years increase, that I can have the same testimony of these two saints.



Our SIM Army

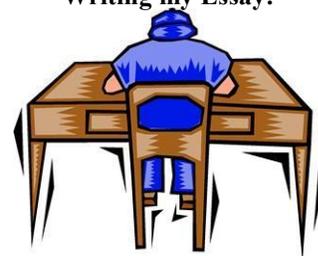
As you know, some of our retired missionaries are home bound and some drive little. To solve this dilemma, Monie Motis volunteers at Little Lambs on Mondays working the mail. After the mail, she gathers each missionary's weekly grading assignment for our 13 volunteers at the Missionary Village. She bring lessons and answer keys to the village and disperses them to our little army. As they are completed on Sunday evening, they drop their lessons off and Monie brings them in on her workday. She may distribute between 25 to 35 or more lessons. Today, 31st, we gathered at Monie's home to talk about our shared mission, get to know each other better. The spiritual wisdom that they bring to their work and the love and prayers for the jailed men and women are vital to our ministry. One commented, "They were the same age as my daughter!" Unfortunately, almost every family has encountered the prison system at some time or another. All need mercy. Thank you, gentleman and ladies for your love and your dedication.!

Assignment : APCI Main Unit: What I learned in class

In all the things I learn I realize how important it is to involve God in every part of your life. Try to seek His guidance. I learned how drugs take control of people's life. I know this by my own life experience, but in this class I learned about different types of drugs that I never used before. How they damage (make holes) in your brain, not only your brain but your whole life. We saw a video that shows the brain being damaged with drugs like ecstasy or LSD. I also learned about how to have a healthy marriage. This part of the class got me very excited because I'm really looking forward to having this blessing of a godly family, starting with a woman of God. I learned that man is the head of the house, being their guide through a relationship with them. But we also got to honor our wives, helping each other out with the duties of the marriage including raising the kids the right way. I learned that we also got to be careful not to fall into sexual perversion with our wife. This really got me thinking a lot but didn't surprise me, because I understand we serve a holy God. We always got to keep a communication between every family member and help each other out. I also learned the other side of the coin about a dysfunctional family and how it becomes like that, but part of it comes from a bad communication between each other from not sharing their needs, emotionally and physically and spiritually. How we have to learn how to say "NO" for our own good, saying no to others and to our own flesh and the consequences when boundaries are violated. And my favorite thing out of all about a godly woman how she should be according to the book of Proverbs.

I got the conclusion that if we follow God's Holy Word we are going to make mistakes in life between our family members but it's less of a risk, than to head towards all this with sinful aspects. That's the root of everything, our sinful nature and only with the spirit of God and a close relationship with Jesus we could overcome all this. Thank you for your time and patience to come and teach us these valuable lessons. God bless you.

Writing my Essay!



I THANK GOD FOR YOU, MS. SALA!

The question was asked: what did I learn in class. The first thing I learned was, you're a woman of God and your love for God's people are over whelming. It was a blessing to sit under your teaching. And the second thing I've learned was boundaries. All my life I always was afraid to say 'no'. My fear was, if I was to tell anybody no, I would hurt their feelings. The reason I thank you so much for your class, because you helped so many people deal with everyday problems. That's why I thank you, Sister Sala, for helping me break the chains that had me in bondage. I been set free in Jesus name! There's no more shackles on my feet! The scriptures says in John 8:32 and 'ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free'. I was also in bondage to codependency. I was done really badly as a child and I was moved toward codependency. Being a child, I knew no better. And as a grown man, I still knew no better, but God sent a Little Lamb (Ms. Sala) in my life and things have gotten a lot better. In closing I want to thank God once again for Little Lambs Inc. What a blessing you have been to the guys here at Avon Park Work Camp.

Assignment; A lot comes to mind when I think about relationships I've had but one thing in particular would be what I've learned about "manipulative controllers" because that's exactly what I was. I realize that the biggest problem was because there were no boundaries especially on her end, she never said 'no'. I cheated on her often and wanted to stay with her only because of my desire to control her or to be in control of someone other than myself. I was very manipulative and even got her to start smoking the drug K2 with me. I was always angry for some reason or another. I've learned that my anger stems from not having my father in my life until I was almost 11 years old and finding that he was an alcoholic and a womanizer who constantly lied. This class has helped me to understand codependency in relationships as well as how it applied to me. This has also given me a good outline to reference in regards to intimacy needs which I believe is extremely important in a functional family.
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THINGS I LEARNED IN CLASS

I wish I had taken this class 35 years ago. But I can't look back only forward. So I'm grateful God has given me the opportunity to take it now. With this knowledge and the Word of God I can stop the generational curse and walk in His blessing.

One of the biggest things I learned was how important the father's role is in raising the family. With my addiction I see the pain that I have caused my family and it makes me weep because I see the effects on them today. I pray for His grace and mercy and to restore what the cankerworm has (stolen) eaten.

The hidden anger hit home real hard also and the healthy family and marriage. I thank God that He has given me opportunity to change and make a difference in my own life and possibly in others as well. If possible I would like to take the course again. When I get released I would like to sign up and take the course with my wife. Thank you, Ms. Sala, for giving your time and energy to come here and teach this course. It has truly made a difference in my life.

WHAT I LEARNED FROM THIS CLASS IS:

I came from a dysfunctional family. I experienced domestic violence, divorce, alcoholism and poverty in my home as a child. At one point in my childhood I thought these things were the norm for a family. I also learned the importance of having boundaries. No one ever taught me about having boundaries or of the importance of having them. I can see now how the things I experienced as a child and teenager led me to make some poor choices in my adult life. So I've learned to own those bad choices and not make excuses and the importance of learning from my bad choices.

I've also learned to set boundaries and how and when to say no. This class also taught me that I need to train my children in these areas so they don't make the same mistakes I made. I learned that more marriages fail because of poor boundaries and that it is vital to have boundaries in my marriage relationship. That was something I failed to do in my previous marriages. This was a very powerful class and I am going to share all of this information with my wife and children. **The most important lesson I've learned is that I can't do anything without the Lord Jesus Christ in my life and as the Head of my life. He's my Salvation, my Shield and my Rock. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.**

"I'm not coming back either!!!!" I don't want to be the same person I was anymore. I want to change. Not coins either. I mean real change, change that inspires people to change. Oh my gosh change! Is that, No it can't.... Can it really be!?!....oh, it is a miracle! My how you have changed so much! This kinda change. I have no reason not to. I have every reason to. I am nothing without the support of my fellow Christians, your book, your letters, your awesome Little Lambs School of the Bible, Inc. . Thank you so much. At least I am thought of. Please, a day late and a dollar short, accept this Christmas Card. Accept it as a NeYears Card, and a dire warning. Yes, a warning to buckle up! I am speaking now, aw s the Holy Ghost is honestly moving, compelling me to do so....yes, be warned about how you all will be blessed beyond any human measurability. You have blessed the least of these, you will be blessed the most. Thank you Jesus!!! Your Brother in Christ, Don



Kenny Pedro Javier Luis Al Efrain Keith William Aldo Josh Ronnie Dir. Aldo Guzman Jeffery (Asst)

As you can see, a new group of men at Sebring Hogar being led by Director Also Guzman and his assistant Jeffery. They are doing a major overhaul to the property. Mr. Guzman worked for Toyota a very long time is especially adept at organization and with 25 plus years in recovery, is well versed in treatment strategies. Willie Hubbell, Little Lambs, continues an Overcomers program on Thursday mornings at Hogar.



Dear Partners,

This has been a rushed new year! All I can say is keep your feet on the ground and keep moving! Still moving through getting those new roofs and working on all the first of the year stuff is time consuming. But it all feels so very good when it's all done! We are planning our 2 day Anger Management Seminar this weekend and look forward to that.

Judging from the trials we worked through this week, I would say, Satan is trying his hardest. As you know, we do a great deal of data entry with 2,500 students. Our computer program is very user-friendly and simple to manipulate. But our computers are getting so old that we're running into difficulties getting printers to work with such old operating systems! UGH! Everyone is afraid of learning a new system so we make every effort to keep the same system, even taking some computers off the internet so they do not get corrupted. Last week, loading the software for 2 new printers was quite a challenge. But we finally prevailed. We know new computers are in our future but as long as we can delay it, we will. By the way, the Cell Phone Repair on the Circle was a big help in getting this done and in a very timely way. Give them a thank you if you're in the store.

We are asking you to pray for the health of all our volunteers. We have several big challenges right now and your prayers are coveted. Marjorie Lee has joined us on Wednesdays to relieve Mike Young for a while for Patsy's treatment.

Schedule April 2017

Mon...Bible Study, Phil Esposito
@Avon Park Prison
Tues ..Overcomers, Willie @ Avon Park Prison
Tues... Marriage, Family & Parenting,
Eileen @ Avon Park Prison
Wed..... Overcomers, Jeff S. 6 pm
@ Bible Fellowship Church
Thurs.....Overcomers, Willie Hubbell
@ Hogar Resa
Thurs.....Marriage, Family & Parenting/
Anger Management @ Avon Park Prison
Thurs... Codependent Recovery Women, 6:30 pm
Mary Tinberg @ Little Lambs

Feb. 2 and 3
12 hour Anger Management Class
Parenting Class
710 S Eucalyptus St.
Call 273-7388 for appt to register

I want to remind everyone that we continue the Overcomers at Bible Fellowship Church on Wednesday nights. They have good attendance and are led by Jeff and Richard. I was hoping I could have a picture for you but it didn't work out. The meeting starts at 6 pm in one of the classrooms.

On a very bright note we have 38 men enrolled in Marriage and Family class in the Main Unit at Avon Park Prison. Time is less a factor although they are having flu there now. At the Work Camp we have 28 men enrolled and Overcomers has good attendance of 25 men. We are excited at this new group of disciples! Please pray for a mighty work of God in their lives. God is so good!

Your servant,
Eileen Sala