



Little Lambs Inc

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Once again, I sit before the Lord to write to you. December has been a blur. Remember, I wrote that I love solitude? Well, I have had almost 3 weeks of solitude battling a severe head and chest cold. I refuse to spread this thing so solitude it is. I am tired and spent. Yet as I sat here reading the mail from inmates, I feel “encouraged in the Lord.” I remember that David encouraged himself in the Lord. I like to think that he did that in his low times by maybe going over the Psalms he had written, encouraging himself as he again goes over God’s goodness to him.

I am awed by the responsibility that the Lord has entrusted to us, Little Lambs. Our name alone strikes a cord with the lost sinner in prison yet promises the love of the Shepherd when found. I remember that John at first was very hesitant to go into prison with this name. He felt it wasn’t ‘masculine’ enough and would put people off. In our first outing to Tomoka Prison, we told the story of the Little Lambs, Jesus leaving the 99 for one of them. John then asked who could identify with that story. Well, was he surprised! Almost the whole full chapel raised their hands. It was Little Lambs from then on. Now these men and women, Little Lambs, most often men, write, humbly thanking us for our service, for their growth in the Lord, our time, our love, our financial support with the mail. And we get to not only experience, but to **actually be a part of their testimony!**

I am always amazed at the power of the Word to change lives, the printed or oral Word of God. We have been faithful since 1997 to send nothing but the Word of God to inmates And then listen to the effects it has had on their lives.

The other ‘secret weapon’ is love, unconditional, non-condemning love. There are a large number of sex offenders in our prisons and forgiving themselves is one of the hardest things to do. The guilt and shame which brings some to repentance hangs around a long time leading to non-self acceptance. We understand their crime is God’s business and He will judge righteously. Only He can do that. His divine judgment is always perfect. We realize anyone can be a sincere seeker. And what if God call us to help them on the way. We are blessed by being able to do that.

In these letter are many thanks for teaching them and is evidenced often by the personal manner in which their lessons are graded. That personal touch hits a sad lonely, frightened place inside and brings the personal nearness of God and His love and His acceptance. And we have the absolute greatest group of devoted graders ever! I am so proud and blessed by them and their faithfulness. Their kindness to Jason (page 2) in his misery kept him in the lessons until he graduated. He received the graduation bible and I believe it somehow validated his worth in the Lord. He sent a three page letter with art as a thank you. A far cry from previous letters screaming and shouting out with fear and pain after he was assaulted. Isn’t God wonderful!

2018 SPANISH			
Lessons		994	
Graduates		37	
English Bible Study			
Mon.	Courses graded	Graduates	New Stud.
Jan	395	14	183
Feb	374	9	159
Mar	344	12	150
Apr	406	12	160
May	356	16	
Jun	361	13	98
Jul	347	11	124
Aug	338	8	129
Sep	305	14	169
Oct	325	4	126
Nov	323	9	138
Dec	312	12	55
Total	4,186	134	1491

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Hello Mr. & Mrs. Sala: Thank you for your faithfulness at accepting God's calling on your life.

This lesson in Book 2 convicted me very much. I was able to notice that my life has been more patterned after the wickedness for I am corrupt in my ways too. Should I've been alive in Noah's day, I would've lost all in the flood also, but praise God that HE gave us GRACE that HE in His mercy for us gave

His Son to take the charge of my sins with Him to the cross. I understand how that there is way more involved in receiving salvation than by believing who JESUS is or admitting it. Confession is made with the mouth yet so is it when we admit something. The demons know who HE is too and they also out of their mouth have admitted to who HE IS. Yet I am starting to understand when we 'truly believe' on or about something we act in the capacity to our beliefs and out of our mouth is the confession or testimonies if you will. When we truly believe in JESUS we try to be like JESUS and then comes the confession/testimonies of how great He is in our live and what He is doing and has done to and for us.

Pastor John, I am so ashamed of myself for most of my past. You see, I've done everything but give birth to a child. I lived and conducted myself both in prison and out very shamefully, just like those in Sodom and Gomorrah. Very shameful and I understand that once you get saved those sins are no longer held to my account, the tab has been paid. Yet somehow or for some reason I am like a dog who returns to his vomit. I know right from wrong. I am the son of good parents. My dad didn't drink or use drugs. He was a honest man, a barber, pillar in the community. Just like you said about your dad, my dad was a man of influence and would pull favors (a lot) to keep me out of trouble and his name clear. I could not see the woods for the trees. Those same people who could have helped me now that my dad is dead, did not cuz they decided to teach me a lesson. Yet now I am learning to give my burdens to Jesus instead. I am sentenced to life plus 25 years, yet my soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ..For the Mighty One has done great things for me. His faithfulness is perfect to me and my nation. I am a grateful recipient of God's grace. I rejoice in God's mercy extended to my kinfolk for generations. I thank Him for meeting all my daily provisions for all these come from His hand. These things I am learning and am sharing them with you. Merry Christmas, Brian

Little Lambs my name is Geno. I have been here in county jail since April 28th. I am writing for prayer. I am involved in several bible studies as well as with you. I have been going above and beyond on trying to stay out of trouble. I don't do drugs. I used to be the biggest drug addict alcoholic thief all the above but now I been clean all year whether its around or not and I have money if I wanted it. I used to be the one with the biggest temper, now I hold it. I still say a lot of things under my breath which I am working on. I started going to church 2 or 3 times a week since Aug., 2017. When I got out of prison on parole I got a domestic charge so I had to finish up my parole in jail. I just turned 34 yesterday on the 15th. For the last 7 1/2 months it's almost as if the devil has his mind set on using others around me to try to scare me. When that does not work to anger me and provoke me to fight with them pretty much the opposite of what I am trying to do with my life. I am only 7 weeks away from getting out of jail but every day it just gets worse and worse and worse, so I am reaching out for prayer and as much of it as I can get. I truly believe in the power of my Lord and in prayer. In a bible study I am doing it says to do 4 things: pray, stand your ground, never be intimidated, and never seek revenge. So I am going to ask if you can send out a prayer request in Jesus name for me and for all that the devil is using against me to give me strength to overcome this next few much.

I ask if you would pray for my health? I've been dealing with HIV and Aids since 1996. Jesus been so good to me. My health is a blessing from God. I truly believe in God. Yes at times I feel all alone and cry. I'll say again Thank you for pulling me through this pain of hurt. I also thank you for helping me through this sexual assault that happened to me. Yes, I forgave this administration. I must move on with my life. This Graduation Bible and Little Lambs have truly helped my spirit and health to be strong and keep my faith in God. Please share my testimony. I pray that it would give someone hope in Jesus. Jesus did it for me, He will do it for them.. I praise God for Little Lambs School of the Bible. This has kept my faith in God. Your teaching is very awesome! Your teaching with Jesus is so inspiring to my faith with Him will never grow old or weary. Thank you for the little cards. Looking at them gave me hope and kept my faith in Jesus. *After his assault, Jason wrote to us long rambling letters we could only pray over and kept the lessons going. Now it seems to have helped him heal. You never know what your obedience is accomplishing in God's Plan. PTL*

Dear Mr. Sala,

My name is Troy and I'm an inmate in Vienna, Il. I'm a guy who was fortunate enough to read your book. I was in the county jail and the janitor would bring me religious material to read while spending 7 and half months out of the 10 months I was there in isolation. I woke up at 6 am as I did every morning to I could talk with my friend, Lee, the janitor. This particular morning he had came before I woke up but I seen he had slid a book through my bars and put it on my bunk. As always, I pulled out my tote and threw the book in there with all the others. Later that day, I was arranging my cell and my tote and I threw your book in a pile to get rid of. I don't read. Something caught my eye and I started to thumb through your book. I read a couple of lines, than a couple more and before I knew it, I'm reading the whole book. Your life and mine are two of the same. I took so much from your story that I now am seeking God and change in my life. I just want you to know, your book changed my life. I would love to have some more religious and inspirational material if you could send me some. My main goal in this letter is to hopefully gain a personal relationship with God and hopefully make a friendship with you. My support group as of now is my parents, sister and children. This is moral support at the highest level. We don't have money to accommodate me while I'm here cause they are struggling out there so I ask that you please pray for them, their health is bad too. I know you've probably gotten thousands of letters but I pray that this one sticks out somehow and you see how much you, your ministry and your book really means to me. Please respond at your earliest convenience. Troy

Little Lambs, Mr. & Mrs. Sala

Thank you for your effort in your ministry. You are a blessing doing the work of God, knowing what He has set before you both. I have to say when I received the first study, "The Word of God, The Creation", I was surprised, not what I expected. Just copy the verses word for word did not seem like such a big deal for a bible study. But God moves in awesome ways. He always provides just what we (I) need, just at the right time. Thank you. I could not put it down. Verses that I knew, words that inspired. From creation, to how He revealed Himself, angels, to Satan. A simple but powerfully effective study, to remind of His power, His blessings, His promises to us, to me.

I struggle a lot, every day, with what I did to end up in here. Who I hurt, my wife and family. I let Satan dig his thoughts into me about sorrow, guilt and shame all the time, especially in times where my mind can wonder. Thankfully, He continues to bless me in here, a good job, other men that I work with are STRONG believers, bible study 2 or 3 times a week at chapel, Sunday services, communion and men on my living tier of my building that we come together for fellowship and a bible study twice a week. Even with all that I have to stay in His word and keep reminding myself of His blessings that He had brought me before here.

I have discovered new things or maybe not new but things that I did not hear before and found them so true. I, my family, never had any trials before. God had blessed me with a beautiful believing wife and blessed us with two beautiful Christian hearted children, our son and daughter. Our lives, 17 years of marriage, leadership in the church where we have been members for 16 years, leaders in the community. I thought I was on the right path that He had for me but I had a secret desire that only God knew about, not my wife or friends. That was porn. I struggled since before I was a teenager with it and after all this time it finally overtook me and I ended up in here separated from my love, my family. I know that you never truly know the power and goodness of God until you are in a battle. For there can never be a victory without a fight. I never knew all I needed was Jesus until all I had was Jesus.

One of the most important things I found through Jesus is that I cannot do battle alone. I used to pray and beg, try to make deals for God to take away my desire for porn, but yet I prayed and prayed. I never took it to a brother in Christ. Even Moses could not do it alone, he needed help holding up his hands. My pride and embarrassment in my flesh kept me from sharing, even though others bared their dirty laundry to me for help, I never could. I thought I had a good relationship with God before this but now its in a whole new light, in my weakness He is stronger. I am broken in heart and spirit and only with Jesus is there light. I still fight within myself, between this being a testimony, a trial or a consequence and punishment for my sins. I pray that God will release all these feelings and let me see his will, let me stop fighting, and let His will planned for me flow. Robert

A Little Testimony

Oh, Forgot a word to share in a way of testimony. This man or young man has had two strokes and some other problems. He been where it was hard for him to talk. He has been on a walker where he could get around. He was like a drunk man. Guess what God did through prayer. I get up around 2 or 3 o'clock every morning for prayer and bible study. This young man came walking down the hall without a walker. God took him off the walker. That was something wonderful to see for sure! Mississippí

Happy, Blessed Prosperous New Year!

Out with the old and in with the new. This newsletter will be short and late as it has been a trying December for me. Our precious newest granddaughter Cleo Aillon Moore was born to Duncan and Natalie in Durham, NC, on December 13, my favorite day! She is beautiful and doing well after a stay in the ICU. Mom and baby are doing fine. I did not get a chance to see her very much as her brother, Emmet (3), was sick and caring for him gave me a good case of whatever, so I came home to remove myself from the newborn. As of today, I am still not quite back and struggling to rid myself of the malady and cough. There are no words to thank all of my volunteers who so graciously kept all the school up and running through these 2 weeks while Jan is away visiting her family too. They are like a well-oiled Holy Ghost Machine! Although I have had to cancel prison meetings and everything else, I am looking forward to graduations in January. A special thanks to Mary Tinberg, who faithfully worked the mail, kept me fed and encouraged, along with any number of friends who called almost daily to check on me.



On a high note, our snowbird volunteer Brenda and her husband, Milton King have donated \$3000 toward the purchase of a vehicle for the Director of Hogar Resa, the residential drug treatment ministry in Avon Park and Sebring we partner with. This vehicle has been on their prayer list for several months now and they are excited to be able to move forward. Brenda and her husband come every winter and she is always in right away to pick up lessons and start grading. Their Florida home is in Lorida. In the picture is Charles Coriell, on our



Board of Directors and left is Maria Galarza, our Spanish volunteer. A shout out to Mike Young who took this picture for us and has been doubling as our mailman for the last month. Thank you all.

Another high note is the recovery and return of Pastor Jose Valentin (left) to ministry at the Hogar Treatment Program and to the prison program. Joe has made a complete recovery for which I am thanking all of you who prayed fervently for him. God has been really gracious to us.

Schedule January 2019

Mon...Avon Park Prison Bible Study

Tue...Overcomers Avon Park Prison

Tue...Marriage & Family/Biblical Boundaries Avon Park Prison

Wed... Overcomers Bible Fellowship Church @ 6 pm

Thurs..Released to Love, Women Codependent recovery @ 6:30 pm @ Little Lambs Inc

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ANGER MANAGEMENT CLASS
February 2019
CALL TO ENROLL

I want you to meet a new friend of the ministry, Pastor Herb Long. I met the Pastor at a meeting for the Seniors at the Baptist Church. Pastor Herb responded when I spoke of our need for someone to head up our Overcomers Recovery Program. Pastor Herb has been in outreach ministry and has lots of experience in the field of recovery, facilitating other Christian Recovery Programs. We look forward to solidifying our friendship and ministry in the coming months. I am truly excited to have him join our mission to the prisons. They are longing for leadership in that area. It is a unique opportunity because the Department of Corrections has eliminated all programs, including drugs and alcohol. These men will be willing to take an accredited faith-based course opening a door for the Lord.



Wishing you a glorious and blessed New Year...Eileen Sala