



# Little Lambs Inc

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Dear Partners,

You have helped us start the New Year off with a BANG! Thank all of you who helped us purchase this new printer, state of the art Xerox from the Zeno Office Supply Company. You put us over the top! The printer was delivered December 17, 2019, easy to operate and very nimble, makes booklets, scans, faxes, stores files in printer. So many advantages. We are very happy to have two great printers working for Little Lambs: Monty Dowling from Lake Placid and Mike Young from Sebring. We continue to print everything we use except tracts from Chick and our volunteers fold, stamp and package everything, English and Spanish. God bless all the wonderful volunteers who give us countless hours and hours doing all these things and then another crew that spends their hours grading all of these lessons. Our lessons are the only ones that come with

a personal touch, sent with love. I do want to thank the Zeno company. We have been using their printers since 1998! They keep their end of the contract with very prompt and efficient maintenance and a low per page cost.

I want to ask you all to keep Jan Ryan in prayer this January because she will be having a hip replaced. Jan is Director of our School of the Bible. In that capacity she has sent out the 1000+ new student lessons and this year we have noticed an almost 50% return on our first lessons! This is huge! 550 lesson one returned to us and graded by Jan! Amazing. We expect to see the same degree of increase through the year in all the lessons. Jan does so many other things too. Of course Jan will be approaching 85 this year. Outstanding and our role model. I personally believe it's the Word we all handle all day long that keeps us young and healthy! I would say that is the average age of our volunteers. Bill, our mail man, will be 95 this year and still going strong! Who would have thought that our later years were greater than our younger years? Only with the Lord! We have found the Fountain of Youth!!

I can't offer enough thanks to all of our donors that have kept us in ministry these past **23 years**. As you realize, we are a **national ministry** serving men and women across the United States. You have touched thousands of lives through the years. I know the sacrifice it is and I know your love. Because you gave, so many men and women have a hope and a chance for a better life. Because you gave, children will have real parents. Because you gave, I believe you even change the character of the prisons themselves. Be very blessed in this New Year.

2019 SPANISH			
Lessons	779		
Graduates	38		
2019 English Bible Study			
Mon.	Courses graded	Graduates	New Stud.
Jan	316	11	153
Feb	303	4	80
Mar	315	12	125
Apr	307	9	124
May	317	10	108
Jun	294	12	66
Jul	345	13	74
Aug	279	6	110
Sep	287	8	142
Oct	358	8	126
Nov	326	7	92
Dec	214	5	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,661</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>1,260</b>



# from our mailbox

Dear Salas, My name is Brian and I am an inmate. I'm writing you to let you know that your book on "I'm Not Coming Back" has been an inspiration to me. You and I have a lot in common, especially in our past lives and even now present. You see, I am an alcoholic and wound up in prison due to assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, resisting arrest, CDV II. I have been in prison for 14 months now and have about 17 more to go. I was sentenced to 10 years but suspended to 42 months and 4 years of probation. Anyway, I ordered your book through International Prison Ministry and was truly moved by what I had read. It was almost as if I was looking in a mirror. Since then I have gotten saved and turned my life over to God. I have become a mentor in a character dorm and have been one of 4 people out of about 1400 selected by the Warden to participate in "Operation Behind Bars". It's a program like "Scared Straight" only you don't yell at or threaten anybody. I have been able to accomplish all of this by gaining strength and courage by reading your book. Since I have 'let go and let God', my life has taken a turn for the Best. I now have a great relationship with my 2 sons and my 6 wonderful Grandchildren. As well as my mom and the rest of my family. I am 57 years old and I am finding out that no matter what my past has been, God forgave all when He saved me. I wanted to let you know that you are a blessing in my life and I use you as a topic of speech when I talk to others about what made me want to change my life. I hope you don't mind. Thank you so much for your book. Brian



Greetings, I thought I'd write and tell you a little about myself. I was raised by my Grandmother under a Christian roof. We went to a Pentecostal-Holiness church. But I can say that Granny represented Christ more than any denomination! Of course, she tried to raise me right. In church, I'd be up on stage at age 7 or 8 singing "Jesus Loves Me." Everyone just knew I'd go somewhere in life being raised by my Grandma. At approximately age 10 or 11, I got to running with my uncle, making moonshine liquor, growing marijuana. I had my own money. I was on top of the world- I thought! Then the visits to jail started. I'd get locked up for drunk in public at night, get out at 8am and be locked back up by noon, another drunk in public! Then I graduated from moonshine and pot to meth and cocaine. That's pretty much all I remember of my teenage life, partying and jail! And the hospital several times.

This is my 3rd trip to prison. This time I'm serving 18 years (5 left) because I got "frisky" with a prostitute and paid her with "Buspar", a Mental Health drug that looks like a Zanax log. She wanted Xanax but I fooled her! Then the next thing I know I'm being questioned about "touching" some 12 year old girl's private parts. This prostitute went and had her 12 year old niece fabricate a story saying I touched her, crazy huh! There was no evidence. I passed the detector test and they lied all through my transcripts! I'm a modern day Joseph!

You're wondering how I can be serving 18 years with no proof? Wait a minute allow me to explain!! First...I believe sometimes God has to lock us up before we can truly set us free!! You remember in Exodus 10:1 God said *Go in unto pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart.* Isn't He the same yesterday, and today, and forever! Heb 13:8. I believe all of Granny's prayers finally paid off!! And God hardened the Judge's heart and he put me away for awhile! Granny always told me that one day God will get my attention and this time He did it!

I compare this to my "Great Fish" like the Book of Jonah. God chased me for years via my Grandma and I ran and here I am in the "Belly of the Whale". I've repented and pray upon my release I can become someone great for the Lord. My Granny died Jan 8, 2012 and I gave my life to the Lord and I've been in God's Word ever since. Living it has been no bed of roses either! But once a person learns of the Holy Spirit's position in their life all else will fall into place. God through me conducts bible studies every morning in the pod. I'm not the leader per se but I suppose I lead!! I won't get into some people's interpretations of the bible. But being in prison ministry you've probably heard it all!! I love you guys and thank you for listening to me. Ricky

# Notes with lessons

Hey Guys!!! I am in receipt of the recent certificate of completion you sent me and thank you for the recognition. It was a really nice surprise that put a huge smile on my face. So, my gratitude goes out to you for taking the time and effort to look over my lessons and for sending out my next lessons in a timely fashion. I don't recall if I already filled your ministry in or not, but I recently began studying with International Christian College and Seminary, Nations University, and More Than Conquerors Bible Institute on the very exciting path toward earning a degree in Pastoral Ministry, Religious studies, Television and Radio Evangelism and Pulpit Ministry. So, I have an overflowing plate of spiritual Growth before me.

My reason for sharing this with you is just to ask you to please be patient regarding turn around time on my assignments as I would like to continue studying with Little Lambs as well. I'm treating the next 3 years of my life as a Bible Boot Camp and I am still a newborn babe with a never ending appetite for the Word of God. Please continue to help me grow and just know that I appreciate your support and understanding. Thank you once again for standing by my side. Brett

## Graduate Thanks

I just would like to say thank you for allowing me the opportunity to take part in this great correspondence course. I've done quite a few other courses over the years, but never one as well put together and thought out as this one. It took me through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation several times over and enhanced my Biblical knowledge in ways I never would have dreamed possible. If you ever expand this course, I pray that I would be so blessed as to partake in the benefits of it once again. I've also recommended this course to 5 of my closest brothers in Christ (one that I believe will be committed to completing what they've started). That's something I stress to each person I give this address to. Reginald



John & Eileen, first of all I wanted to thank you for responding to my letter with everything you sent. This is my first time in my life I opened my heart and soul to Jesus. Thank you for choosing to walk this path with me cause God knows I'll need mentors. God bless you for being so open to those of us who need it. A thousand blessings on the both of you. I can't wait to continue our journey together. Jeremy

## What does Sexual Holiness mean to me?

For a long time in my life, I did not know what sexual holiness meant. I didn't know it existed. I've never heard of the word until now at my age of 55 and this series that I just completed. It took for me to come back to prison and learn what God had planned for me and part of it was to clean my ways. I didn't have respect for myself or any of my wives. This study has opened my eyes to all the wrong things I was doing when I was out, concerning women and respecting them. God has changed my Heart, I wish I can go back to all who I have hurt and ask forgiveness.

## What battles do you face in your own 'Holy War'?

The main thing I deal with is guilt. I have a hard time with what I did. The last lesson I told you what I did when I shot my wife. I just ask God to let her forgive me for what I did and then in here it's hard because these guys in here just try to push your buttons to get you mad so they can say 'look the Christians getting mad'. It makes it hard to keep control of your anger in here but I do my best with the strength of God with me. But I have to say God did bless me the week before last. I've been locked up 4 years and I got approved for a 5 day furlough and got to go home for 5 days with my family. That was a true blessing. Thanks for everything and may God bless each and everyone of you! Gerald

Dear Partners,

I am so very blessed. After straining my voice and losing it for a few weeks, not only did I not see a drop in the number of students at prison, but the count exploded. We had 50 men attend the last session and each week more come and ask to start. This is probably the largest class in my 20 years of teaching. The same is happening at the Work Camp. They have promised a microphone for me there because this is where I hurt my voice. All said, my voice is very fragile because I use it so much. I avoid lots of foods that would hurt it and have lots of prayer sessions with God about it! I am totally excited to have so many new lambs added to our number. Please pray for them through the next 6 months, for the gospel to really impact their lives.

I want to encourage you all. Because of your generosity, we are able to minister three times a week at our Sebring Hogar, a drug and alcohol treatment facility. Little Lambs, in partnership with Hogar Resa, hosts them in our building. They have exceeded their capacity here and will be moving some to make room for English speaking residents. Our 16-17 men have almost completed the book of Genesis in the Old Testament and have begun the book of Matthew in the New Testament. We have just renewed their lease for another 2 years and are eager to see what this new year will bring. We have retained almost all the residents this past year in Sebring. Two have graduated this December and we have 4 or 5 to graduate this spring. Next we have 5 in the second phase and 4 in phase one. Celebrate God's work with us and with them: Dan, Rodney, Carmello, Aaron, Luis, William, Cameron, Montrayvis, Corey, Ronnie, Luis, John, Angelo, Paul, Victor, and Joseph.

In the photo at the right is Pastor Joe Valentin. If you remember, you prayed long and hard for Brother Joe in 2018. Joe's colon ruptured after back surgery and he has an arduous recovery. But recovery he did. Joe is around 90 years old and continues to minister at the Hogar in Sebring bringing Inner Healing to the men. He visits the jail here in the county also. His family suffered the loss of their 37 year old daughter last week. Joe has been a great comfort and help to me.

I am looking forward to a very busy new year with lots of Little Lambs! Please do not grow weary in giving because you are the source of all that is good for these men and women. And they are very grateful. Our deepest thanks to all our snowbird and SIM graders as well as our hometown graders. They do a tremendous job with all those lessons. They make our course so unique of all those in prison. God bless you for all you do.

With much love, our servant,  
Eileen Sala

**PS: Postage to go up per ounce on our flats in January!!**



### **Schedule January 2020**

Mon...Hogar Resa Bible Study  
Mon...Marriage & Family/Biblical  
Boundaries Avon Park Prison  
Tues...Bible Study Avon Park Prison  
Tues...Bible Study@ Hogar Resa Sebring  
Wed... Overcomers Bible Fellowship  
Church @ 6 pm  
Thu..Bible Study @ Hogar Resa Sebring  
Thurs..Marriage & Family/Biblical  
Boundaries, Work Camp @ APCI  
Thurs..Released to Love, Women  
Codependent recovery @ 6:30 pm  
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