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On Being a Little Lamb Volunteer

In researching and reviewing the Ministry of Little Lambs, I do not think people understand what is involved in a simple **prison** correspondence bible study, but then studies with over 25 pages are not simple.

Ministering in prisons and jails is fret with lots of rules and regulations! We, of course, are concerned with getting access for the Lord. They are concerned with security! Not being privy to all the problems encountered with a population exceptionally skilled at the con, deception, and criminal thinking, people just assume it's send it in and send it out. NOT SO!

Each and every institution has it's own rules and regulations. If the regulations are not followed, the material is sent back to you, refused by the institution. So with hundreds of institutions, there are a lot of regulations! The most severe is the case of Pennsylvania. In PA, they had begun to receive mail saturated in drugs then dried and sent in. Fentanyl is the worst. After about 50 guards working in mail rooms opening the mail overdosed from touching the paper and had to be sent to the hospital, they have devised a unique system. No mails goes directly to the inmate. All mail is sent to a facility in St. Pete, Fl., where it is opened (under special conditions and equipment) and then copied. The mail, I assume, is tested or destroyed and the copies are sent to the inmate. We had a number of students in Pennsylvania, so we had a lot of disruption at the beginning of the program. The problem is that they copy the lessons on only one side of the paper, making the return for the inmate twice as heavy than if it were printed on both sides. To my horror, we received one like that from a Federal Institution. I called them immediately and was told that yes, that is what they were doing in the Federal system. I'm not sure if it was only one institution or all of them. We have lots of Federal students!

Of course, tattooing is the rage in or out of prison today. But it has caused us a big headache. There are institutions that do not allow colored paper or colored ink and NO STAPLES. We have to stop and remove the staple on the new lessons as well. There are 'BLANK INK ONLY' facility. If anyone forgets this and uses our red pens, we have to copy the lesson in black before we return it to the inmate. Some places say no stamps, no cards, no card stock, etc. The list is so long we have to tape them to the table for our mail workers so that we get everyone straight. There are some that do not allow labels!! We have to hand write the address on the envelope! Whatever the regulation, we try to comply. Whatever it takes to keep the Word going out.

Now for all this we must keep accurate records. Inmates are shuffled about the system as required by the departments so we must keep up with current status as well. If anything is returned we try to find the inmate on the internet and resend it to his new location. Like Jesus searching for that lost little lamb, we try to find them. Our office staff is the greatest. Their concern for the gospel and the inmates keeps them watching carefully over each detail of the system. Fortunately we keep a hand copy log as well as the computer so we can accurately track our people. And lastly there is the postal system. Ever increasing pricing as well as lapses and losing our bibles can sometimes be a headache. We hate to tell an inmate his bible has been lost, but we immediately log a complaint with the post office and send the tracking information to the inmate so that he can go to his mail room for answers.

This is a small snapshot of what our volunteers do and we know that our students love them for it. It is reflected in their letters and their thanks. And I do sincerely appreciate and love them all. Together we have ministered to thousands and thousands of inmates through the years. Praise the Lord.



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Ms. Eileen, I want to say thank you for every Bible Study you sent for me to do. I enjoyed everyone of them. Also I thank you for every little card I know was made with love:) I shared a few of them in the prayer circle. I'm writing to let you know I did receive my **Graduation Bible**. Now I am encouraging others to finish their study so they may also receive theirs. Keep up the good work of encouragement to those who may be lost and alone at this time in their lives.
Tammy

Dear Little Lambs, I'm writing to let you know that I've received my **Thomas Nelson Bible KJV**. I LOVE IT!:) I've never had a bible with so much useful information in it before . Thank You !!! I'm wanting to learn as much as possible because I'm looking to put my Arts & Crafts and knowledge in "At Home" and Flea Market business to use in helping people. Thank you and God bless!
JM

Little Lambs, I did receive the beautiful **Bible** (The Open Bible from Harper Collins) that your wonderful ministry sent. I will treasure it for the rest of my life. I thank God for you and your being a true family to me in Christ. I enjoyed our time together in the study of scripture and was surely blessed by the lessons you provided. I'm unsure if I shared my testimony with you, so I will right now.

Seven years ago I hit rock bottom. I was arrested for my crime and it truly devastated me. My sin had finally caught up with me. In county jail, a Brother in Christ, led me to an interest in the God of love. I never bought in to the God business, but I sensed a genuineness in this man's conviction that God as a real being and that God through Christ loved me.

At first, the Bible had no tangible life for me. It was as Paul said in 1 Cor 1:18: the preaching of the cross was foolishness to me. I'm sad to admit that I do not know the exact moment I first believed or when I stepped across the line of faith. All I know is that my faith is real and God has worked wonders in my life. He has endowed me with wonderful knowledge of his Word and blessed me with the gift of writing. I am an indelible writing of God's Word. All glory to Him!

I am inspired by such men as Lee Strobel and Philip Yancey. Their writing always gets me excited about God and the Scriptures. And His word is so full of many wonderful and exiting things. Thank you so much for your service to the Lord. In His love, Eric

A grateful Graduate: To John & Eileen: I'm so sorry that it took so long to right back. I really didn't want to half right this letter but to you Little Lambs, I knew that I had to, to let you know that **I got my Bible**. I'm going to miss you so much all thou I know that this is not the end just the Beginning of A NEW life and A New life with God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. I'm not much of a righter but I do want you to know how much I thank you for Little Lambs School of the Bible and what it has done for my life and how it has changed my life for the goodness of God's plan and not mine, his plan. It's has been a long road of work but I enjoy it all and that I know that God does not stop, he keeps going and going to the very end and I'm so thankful for him and to him for not stopping or giving up on me. Thank you Little Lambs for everything. Jerry, NC

Graduate: To the mentor who grades these lessons. I want to say thanks for taking the time to do what you do. Did you know Sebring, Florida, is my home town. Born and raised 21 years, I went to Fred Wild for most of my elementary school years and Crack Trail for 3 years. Sebring High School is where I ended my school days. I once met Mr. John Sala while I was growing up. I'm coming back home when this bid is over. I just want to say these lessons have grown me more and more. The job Little Lambs is doing is greater than winning a Super Bowl! I had Mr. Sala's book once, when I was in 4th grade. I love it. I never knew I would have that same experience at that time.

An Old Graduate writes again: Greetings, my beloved. This is one of your former students, a Little Lamb indeed:) I'm writing to say thank you for the wonderful ministry work that you do unto our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of your studies, I have excelled greatly in the Word of God and His faithfulness. God has taught me so very much and indeed my cup runneth over. Many others have been affected by the effect God's Word and His Holy Spirit has had on my Life! I am alive and Living abundantly accordingly and God is blessing me in many ministries. O that God the Father is glorified in all I do in and through the Name of Christ Jesus. I may be here yet a few more years. Whatever the Lord wills, so but it. If I'm here, I am called to be so and God is in control. There's work still to be done and here as I Lord, send me!:)

My entire family has abandoned me in here now. It's been over a year since I've received word from my ex-wife and my children. Nevertheless, God has provided me with a new family in all the Brethren He has placed around me, as well as people such as yourselves and others.

In the past few years, I've given quite a few young and old believers yet Babes in Christ your bible study address. I do not know how many have followed through with them. I do know brother James. S. is here in the dorm with me and he has the **graduation bible** you offer. It's a beautiful bible indeed. However to be honest, I begifted another brother who needed a bible with the one you sent me some time ago. I'm still using my old KJV that I completed your studies with. It's starting to show it's age but all is well. It'll be good for a while longer. In writing you to share these few words, I'm also sending you another inmate's information. One in whom God has placed under my joy of ministering to. I've asked him if he would and he said yes to committing himself to study the word. *Signed Your spiritual son in the faith, Jeff Of course we wrote him and offered that he take the course again for another bible. We don't usually allow this, but as one who is sending us students and doing the work of an evangelist, we decided to be more generous.*

Dear Salas, I'm writing you this letter to thank you for getting your story published. It's a shame that there is so many out there who are going thru our same story. I say our cause I have been in and out since I was 18. I got out in 2010 and thought I was done. Well here I am writing you so the Lord has another plan. It seems the only time I listened to the Lord was when I was incarcerated. Well I went to my first Rehab for Drugs in July after trying to kill myself. How dumb was I? The Lord had other plans. I started attending church in the drug program. I was fighting an aggravated assault charge then and I was sentenced to 25 days-to one year for simple assault. Praise God.

Furthermore I am serving the time now. That's how I got your address. I need your help. I have a profound urge to spread the gospel to those who don't believe thru my story. My family has already seen the extensive change I have made in my life. When asked, "You're not scared to go to jail for the 25 days?", I told them, "Not a bit. I have Jesus and He needs me in there." Anyway, I want to Thank You for your book, "The John Sala Story". I can definitely relate and want to do as you did. I just don't know where to start. Tom *Well, he needs to be prepared so we started him in bible study not only to teach him the Word, but to teach him how to study, which should become a lifelong task.*

Dear Little Lambs. Thank you for your ministry. Before I was arrested I was involved in a church as a member, leader or 20+ years and a second church as an attender, a very spirit-driven church. I was in men's ministries and bible studies and small groups and home groups. But I was always limited to what was provided by "my" church. I was never aware or even thought about other studies or courses provided by other resources/ ministries. When I got arrested it seemed like I had lost everything, that everything I had known was lost. My relationship with God is so much more mature now than it was before and I know it's all because of God's grace and providence. By coming to prison I found that there is so much more out there than just the church. I attend more studies, courses, programs. With that being said, God has blessed me with surrounding me with His Word. I am due to go home soon. I would hate to lose this opportunity and others just because I am not a prisoner any longer. I would love to continue being involved in your ministry and work after I get to go home. Please let me know if I can continue. If not, continue to share and encourage God's flock. RV *Of course we allow any inmate to continue at home and we will even send a newsletter for them. Anything to encourage them. Pray for him.*

Dear Partners,

Well, we've done one month with our precious Jan out with her new hip. She is doing great! She went straight home and has progress to using a cane now. But I must admit, she is invaluable to me and the ministry. I have struggled at times to keep up, and am late with the newsletter, but things just keep happening. So many opportunities. There continues to be a demand at the prison for a class in Sexual Purity. We have all the materials and need someone with experience in that area to facilitate a group once a week at the prison. Classes usually are from 6 to 7:30 pm. They are also desperate for a facilitator for the Addiction Recovery Class. Again, we have the materials. As I teach each Marriage and Family session, I am very aware that these are the two very weak areas in the men's lives. Each requires a commitment to the Lord to overcome. Facilitators need to be overcomers and ready to share with others. Both of these classes would be confidential. If you feel that the Lord is asking you to do this, call me at 863-273-7388. I will take you into prison and you can see if this is your calling.

I enjoyed the last weekend visiting two of our great donor churches, First Presbyterian Church and The Way Church. Most people seemed surprised at what it is we actually do, except the older population. We seldom think about those outside our circle but almost every family is touched with addiction or incarceration. The Conquer Series states a statistic of 70% of people sitting in church have accessed a porn site. That is not even counting the non-church population who may have no constraints. That is why our mission is so important. The Bureau of Justice Statistics reported in 2016 there were 2.2 million people incarcerated in the United States jails and prisons. That is 655 people per 100,000 population. This is a huge mission field. I am happy to report that International Prison Ministry has become a referral site for our bible study. They no longer offer a bible study so have agreed to refer inmates to us. We had our first referral through them for 3 inmates. We hope to see this grow. And again we are very grateful to Harper Collins for partnering with us to supply those great leather bibles for the inmate graduates.



Another problem facing our prison systems is the aging population. As they become a larger portion because of a change in sentencing, this presents a new challenge with health care. Larger and larger portions of the budget is needed to care for the aging and mentally ill prisoner than ever before. Drug induced mental illness is a huge problem seldom thought about until it needs to be treated.

And we want to thank all of you, our great donor churches, who allow us to do this work. We take on problems in society that few people want to talk about, yet determines the fate of so many people. The Lord says, "My people perish for a lack of knowledge." Well, we want to help fill that lack. And we realize that when a person goes to prison or jail, the whole family goes to prison. The family hurts! If an inmate can take responsibility and make amends and asks forgiveness, it helps so much for the family working through this outside the prison. It can even restore a parent to the children, restore marriages. Please continue to pray for all our precious Little Lambs. You have made a tremendous difference in their lives and they appreciate it.

I want to recommend a documentary I have just watched that has tremendous implication for end times. It is an archeological site called "The Temple Mount Is Not Where the World Thinks It Is." It's on You Tube. Be blessed.

Your servant,
Eileen Sala

Schedule March 2020

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.. Marriage & Family/Biblical
Boundaries @ Avon Park Prison**

**Thurs..Released to Love, Women
Codependent recovery @ 6:30 pm
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