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CHANGES, CHANGES, CHANGES

America is in for a wild ride! This month was my month to renew our two boxes at the Post Office. We have a small box for letters and a big box for bible studies. The small box rate more than doubled from \$74 to \$166 a year. The larger box previously at \$134 a year, has more than doubled to a whopping \$332 a year, almost a 300% increase. Now, that's some postal increase!

We are also set for an increase in postage rates every six months. The February increase will target priority mail, which thankfully, we don't use. My heart goes out to all of you because I believe we are going to see much of the same for all goods and services. I only pray it's not 200 % increases. Of course, the postal service has been raising rates every 6 months. Our graduation bibles last year cost us \$3.65 to mail. Right now we are paying \$5.05, almost a 50% increase. Our next postal increase is set for July 2022.

On the other hand, our supplier for paper and envelopes, Paul Bogus of Bogus Printing, is having a hard time securing the envelopes we use for our bible studies. He says the warehouses are almost empty. Thankfully, he was able to secure an order for us this week.

Our graduation bibles have finally arrived at Harper Collins after a year of supply chain woes. We are really excited about that because we could not find any more on the open market. Our smaller paper back KJV's are still on back order since last year. Praise God, Harper Collins has not increased our cost.

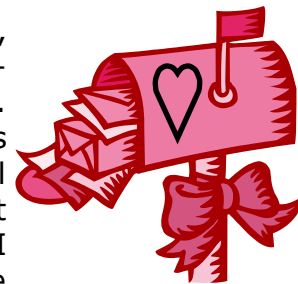
And lastly, we are experiencing changes in the prison system mail. Florida has now opted to use a mail processing service out of Tampa, Florida, of all inmate mail. Their goal is to eliminate contraband (drugs). Tampa will open the mail, copy it, then send it on to the inmate. This is very similar to Pennsylvania. However, I called the state and Florida has opted to allow mail from ministries and churches to continue to be sent directly to the inmate. Thank God, but it remains to be seen. We saw the tremendous effect this system in Pennsylvania had on mail ministry. We lost so many students because of the added cost of sending in their lessons after they were copied only on one side. Also they do not permit any enclosures like tracts and notes inside the envelope. Florida is starting their mail program as a pilot project in 4 institutions but plan to instate it statewide after the kinks are worked out.

However, more states are going to a mail service. We now have 3 states that we know who copy the mail and can not put enclosures inside the package. And yet, some institutions are using a digital service called "text behind." With this service, a digital copy of the lessons is sent via email or app to the company with the name and address of the inmate. They may print the lesson and mail to the inmate, or they may send the file to the prison for printing, which ever way the prison has opted to use. We will find ourselves using this system but it eliminates a lot of the personal contact because we are not able to return the graded lessons with our notes and encouragements. Perhaps we can scan the completed lesson and send that to the inmate. All of this may require an account and fees for the processing. It will entail a whole new system in the office for digital communications.

It's sort of like we all went to sleep 'locked down' from Covid and have awakened to a world totally changed and still changing. I pray all of us can change with the times in which we live. I pray everyone has the finances they need and the courage to keep their convictions, their faith, in the time of change. We are in a war. A war for our way of life and our faith.

One of the Holy War laws in the Old Testament involved choosing soldiers for the battle, men you want to go to war with. 1 Chronicles 12:32 says "men that had understanding of the times, *Continued page 4*

Dear Sala Family, Thank you for taking the time to correspond to my letter, Thank you! Though it brought much joy that I had reached a fellow Christian to talk to outside these walls. It saddened me to what you said at first. The Lord spoke to you through my letter because you mention some things that I didn't say. You are right that I'm lucky to be alive with all the fentanyl that's out there. They even put that stuff in other drugs that are usually not like crack. The soup kitchen in town handed out fentanyl test kits and I found it in the crack and even marijuana. So, yes, I should be thanking the Lord I'm alive. You were also right about letting it all out when my son went to live with his mom. It was right on the money. When I had custody of him, I kept it clean. He was what made me stay clean and when he was gone the drugs eased the pain.



This will be my first bid and the only way I'll make it is with the Lord and His love and strength. Thank you for carrying on John's mission to the prison system and delivering the Lord's Word and, OH YEA, thank you for the bible you sent me. It is perfect. I love the Large print and now I can start the bible study course you have provided. Some good clean fun studying the Lord's Word. God bless you guys and thank you again. Well, I'm gonna go and work on my bible study now and will be sending it in very soon. So thank you again!

At any given time that you can take some time to talk to me and encourage me to carry on and strengthen me with God's love and wisdom I would very much appreciate it. It means a lot knowing someone outside these walls cares about me other than Satan, means a lot to me. Thank you again for showing me that you care, it means a lot to me. Love Eddie. *I also wrote Eddie a letter last month. Clean and sober for years, he relapsed and now struggles with the consequences and accepting responsibility.*

Thank you, all the brothers and sisters at Little Lambs Inc. and the Salas for all that good work and time that you give us around the country, to encourage you all to keep going and showing God's love and our Savior's grace and mercy, because all your great effort and investment is not in vain. I know there is a lot of us that are growing and being a light to others around us, even though we have more growing to do, especially in my part. I assure you that with the Lord Jesus Christ's help, I will continue to do my best to keep being obedient to his Word and to do my best to keep serving Him the way He wants me to serve Him. That the love, peace and joy of our Lord be with you all always and I know that He will keep blessing and protecting you and all your families and His provision will always be there. With much brotherly love, J.D.

Dear Sir or Madam,

You asked me there is anybody here I can study with, that is walking with the Lord. I regret to say there is none. I am grateful that you took the time to ask me that question. I know God is calling me to be a Chaplin. I am working on my Associates in Theology. I see the Parole Board any day now, after 18 years. If God is willing to set me free, I am more than honored to do His work. Thank you for your prayers. And God bless you and the work you do for me and God. HW

John & Eileen,

Thanks for allowing me to study the Bible with you. I am trying to change my life around, and I believe that the best way to do that is with Jesus Christ as my guide. I am in the county jail right now, and am soon going to be on my way to prison. This is a result of my drug use, which got me involved in selling as well. I have let down friends and family, but most importantly, myself. Right now I'm looking at up to 16 years in the department of corrections. I pray the judge will sentence me to some sort of rehabilitation. When I get to prison I will update my address with you as I look for ward to continuing my studies. They help me learn the Word of God and become a child of God, as well as fill my time while locked up. I can't wait until my next lesson and God bless you all! CB

Thank you! Little Lambs

The bible you sent me is a really good bible. I haven't had any bible like this one, and I have had a few! This one will really help me in my learning of God's Word. I'm still looking for others I can convince to do your study and for more people to come to God. Thanks, Scott



Greetings!

To all who are in the Little Lambs Inc. Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a blessing to be able to express my Gratitude to you - my Family, not only for such precious Discipleship Study Course that I was able to complete with you all, but your precious gift which I also have received.

I now have in my possession a brand new Pilgrim's Staff! :) It is a New King James Version, with red letters and very nice overall... Thank you very much and may God bless you all for your generosity, love and care. Oh, and it is called "The Open Bible." and on the very First page I found a very much beloved verse written, Psalm 119:105...one that is very dear to me, and one which I share often.

I know a 'Thank You' falls very short to fully express my gratitude to you all, but from the bottom of a re-generated heart in Christ, Thank you. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all, Amen. In the King's (Jesus) Service, UG Ca *During the 'supply shortage we could not get our KJV bibles. Alas, we found some at Christian Bookstore but they were in NKJV, so for the time we were out, we sent NKJV Open Bibles. We've had no complaints!*

Hey Little Lamb, You know, it's always good to hear from you. I remember writing you way back requesting to become a student. Back then I had a feeling of being empty and being like I'm all alone. And I got a gut feeling that I needed to get in the word. I was needing and looking for guidance. I was soooo happy that I was enrolled. I feel that I have come a long way in the Word, but for sure I don't know everything and what I do know now has blessed me a lot and has given me lots of peace. I pray that out of His glorious riches He may Strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being. I love you all. Please be safe and healthy. Sorry that our mail system in running very slow :(Bill, IL

Dear John & Eileen. After reading your book "I'm Not Coming Back," yesterday I rededicated my life to the Lord 100%. Your story was moving as I felt the conviction of the Holy Spirit. Thank God for people like you. I am 55 years old. Been incarcerated since I was 17 for murder, **38 straight years**. I guess you can say I grew up in prison. I am by far no killer. I just made some wrong decisions. I go up for parole every year, and I just got a turndown once again. I am still grand in the Lord! Whatever happens is for a reason. So, I am content, growing in grace and knowledge of the Lord every passing day. Well, I will close for now. Keep me in your prayers. God bless you. CA in Va. *Chris sent us his picture. Let's pray that next time he is not turned down!*

Dear John Sala. My name is Michael. I just got done reading your tract and found out your life sounds a lot like my life. I really want to read your book. I don't know what to say about myself, outside I love the Lord. He saved my life and at first I didn't even know it. I am serving a 20 year term in this hell hole. I have been using this time to get closer with God and the Holy Ghost.

Now as for your Bookmark., I have seen them in every jail, prison, place I have been and never knew they came from you. I was giving a lot of them one time years ago and have passed them out to everyone I see. Well I want to have you all in my life and start your Bible lesson as well and to keep handing out the Bookmarks. So if it 's ok with you, I am down! Michael, Ok *We sent Michael John's book as well as lessons.*

Hello, Rev. Sala. Greetings to you in the wonderful name of Jesus. I pray about the time you get the letter you will be in the best of health and highest of spirit. As for me, I'm doing really good. Well I get out of prison January 16, 2022, Ms. Sala, I thank God for all you ever did for me and the guys here at the Avon Park Work Camp. You're a blessing from heaven. Calvin

to know what Israel (believers) ought to do.” Understand the times in which we live, perilous times, how to stand no matter what!

1 Chronicles 12 is a chapter describing David gathering his army for battle. Verse 33 goes on to tell us “such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, which could keep rank: they were not of double heart.” Expert in the weapons of warfare such as prayer, praise, worship and service. People who do not run from the battle when attacked. I believe God has given us this blueprint for times of physical as well as spiritual war.

285 times in the bible, the LORD God is called or names Himself, the God of hosts. The definition of ‘hosts’ is a large mass of people organized for war, an army. Our God is the God of Armies! We are His host. So: Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD your God, he it is that does go with you; he will not fail you, nor forsake you. (Deut 31:6) And finally, my partners, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me (Eileen), that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel. (Eph 6:10-19)

Dear Partners,

We have an urgent prayer request. One of the young men at the Second Chance Ministry program, Jose, had covid last week and then once well, suddenly he had trouble moving his arm and face. He was sent to the hospital in Ft. Pierce. They believe it was a slight stroke and will be having therapy. Please pray for his healing! He is wholeheartedly devoted to the program. I am impressed at the good care that Mr. Aldo Guzman has for the boys, even to insuring all the men in the program.

This issue is about our mail. It is important to us because last year we received 3,586 lessons to grade despite the pandemic! We sent out almost 1,000 new student packets in response to inmate requests. That is a total of over 4,586 lesson packets graded and mailed. I want to applaud everyone who has worked on all these materials; the printer, Monte Dowling, the office staff, Jan, Ruth, Diane, Monie, Mary, Margie, Bonnie, Hap, Roger, Mike, Roe, Charlie, Maria and Santos, and Judith and of course, all the men and women at SIM who do an absolutely great job mentoring our students through the lessons. And I want to applaud all the men and women in dire circumstances perhaps even sick with Covid and still doing their lessons. It is a testament to their desire to know the Lord and His Word.

Our Spanish school graded and sent out 466 lessons. We had about 60 new student packets in Spanish sent out. Please pray that mail ministry will be able to surmount all the difficulties being thrown at us, that we can have the tools and the people to meet this new challenge.

It is Valentine's Day this month, and you all are my valentines! You show so much love to all these unfortunate men and women through your gifts to Little Lambs. I know every time I read a letter, how grateful they are. God bless you all!

Your Servant,
Eileen Sala

Schedule February 2022
Tues....Biblical Marriage Family & Parenting @ Avon Park Prison
Tues....Purpose Driven Life @ 2nd Chance Ministry
Wed.....Biblical Boundaries Marriage & Family with 2nd Chance Ministry
Thurs....Celebrate Recovery @ 2nd Chance Ministry
Counseling by Appointment
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