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Dear Partners, I am striving to give you a positive message going into the New Year. The only thing giving us comfort and encouragement to continue despite all the evil we see on all sides is this: knowledge and belief that God is on the throne and will use all things to bring about His will. So buckle up!

I am reminded -what am I going to do in 2023? Not Washington, not California, not Rome, not China, not Russia- but me-What am I going to do this new year and every new year? I have the responsibility to fully live the gospel and Word in my own life. There can be no accommodation with the rampant evil in the land. I must love my neighbor and whomever God sends my way. I must accept and do His will for me!

God has always had a remnant. The word remnant is used 92 times in the bible. I like Paul's explanation of God's Remnant in Romans 11:5 **Even so than at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.**

Look around you, true believers have become the remnant. Headlines like "*A Mass Exodus from Christianity in America. It a kind of cultural whiplash from religion to secularism that's hit the US much faster than it has other parts of the world. In 2021, 42% of young adults were not religiously affiliated, as were 29% of adults.*" (12-17-22 GRID Stephen Bullivat) (In 1990 less than 15%) **Even Israel has not escaped.** "*Church cries for help as Christians are driven from the Holy Land: Fears the faith will be little more than a museum piece in Jerusalem after followers of Jesus fell by two thirds to 10,000 since 1948.*" *Persecution continues as clergy are being spat upon in the streets.*" (12-23-22 Harry Howard, mailonline)

Yes, beloved, we too are the remnant of the last days: *And the dragon was wrath with the woman, and went to war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandment of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. Rev.12:17* Seeing that this is so, As the remnant we should keep the testimony of Jesus Christ as in Romans 12:

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teaches, on teaching; Or he that exhorts, on exhortation: he that gives let him do it with simplicity; he that rules, with diligence; he that shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lies in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.

Therefore if your enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shall heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:1-21 KJV

Dear Little Lambs Inc,

My name is Stephen J. I am a believer of Christ and have been a believer in Him since April 2014. I fell away from his will for some years, and chose to take a path I wanted and wound up in prison. Since being here I have found my way back to Him and began to pray to Him asking Him what I can do while I'm incarcerated to follow Him and to guide me according to His will. He has led me to write to you guys and has put it heavy on my heart to take your course and go in head first and complete it. I currently have an HCSB version bible, so I will need a King James Version in order to work on your lessons and would greatly appreciate it, if you all could provide one for me. Our mailroom has no restrictions as for us, new or used, hardback or paperback, leather bound etc. I would also like to know if there is a devotional that can really cause me to think and study His Word and put Him on my mind when I begin my day. I hope that in doing all of your courses that I get to form a godly relationship with you and the volunteers. I have a poem enclosed in this letter that I wrote when I got to prison and started getting back into His word, which I wrote about 2 weeks ago. He laid it heavily on my heart one night while I was doing another bible lesson and it just flowed out of me and brought tears to my eyes and I know that the Holy Spirit guided my heart, my mind, and my hands to write this poem. I hope in sharing with others it will glorify His name by showing others what he can do and some of the trials and tribulations in life that by having faith in Him, and knowing and accepting His son, Jesus Christ, what He can do and what He can pull you through. The great flood of joy that he has brought to me that only HE can cause me to feel..WOW I'm actually blown away right now. We have an amazing God, don't we? But anyways, thank you for anything and everything your ministry does and I pray that God favors you all in every aspect of life and ministry Love Stephen



THE LAST MAN

**Tired and sick; Drugs were something the man never forgot
Always craving for more; Doing anything to score
A slave to flesh, His own mind was the Enemy he always fought**

This man, you see, cannot be found, for he is most surely Lost.

**He hated his life more and more with every step that he walked.
Hate in his eyes; Portraying the lies.
Cursing God for his life, more and more with every word that he talked.**

This Man, you hear, cannot be found, for he is surely Lost.

**He begged for one last shot to slowly watch it all begin to fade
Ashamed as he wept; Always full of regret
The sickness always returned Day after Day after Day**

This man, you think, cannot be found, for he is most surely Lost.

**Beaten and broken with tear filled eyes, the man got down and prayed.
Head to the floor as he knelt; The Holy Spirit's embrace he felt
Washed clean of sin, joy filled his heart, the man was finally Saved.**

This New Man, you see, Cannot be Lost, for now his is most surely Found!!

Hello, My name is Brad. I am 32 years old and my dorm has 79 other young men...some not so young and we try to use this time to learn about our cases- How to “self-present”-be our own lawyer..

What some of us have realized is... yes, study on acknowledging our innocence and guilt of our charges, we like the men and women in the Bible, are in desperate need of help, love, forgiveness from victims, family ourselves, each other, humanly but from God as well! We were sent here to learn about ourselves, our choices or staying away from the wrong crowd. But also that God “alone” has the key to our hearts, salvation and the master Key to all our cells and future lives and life outside of these cold dark cells. God brought me here to bring me to my knees, to learn who I am and who I was not: man, father, sinner, foreman for a prestigious utility company..going to hell, taking family, friends, and strangers with me. I need your help, teach me, give me food for my spirit. Help me grow on a spiritual plane so God can tear the remaining walls down and grant me freedom to use this time to trust Him : Study to rightly divide the Word of truth and with God’s help, be set free spiritually and physically.

Any and all tools, materials, books, lessons, letters would be much appreciated. I want any and all information you have about God, the Bible, prayer, forgiveness, salvation. I have read the bible through a few times and will a few more before I am set free physically. Anything is better than I have right now! Brad

LITTLE LAMBS

I WRITE TODAY EXPRESSING MY GRATITUDE AND JOY PARTICIPATING IN THIS LIFE SAVING OPPORTUNITY THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME THROUGH THESE LESSONS. IT HAS BEEN A WORTHWHILE EXPERIENCE, FOR A SINNER SUCH AS I. I HAVE LEARNED A WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE IN OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST. IT DOES MY HEART GOOD KNOWING THERE ARE PEOPLE, SUCH AS YOURSELVES, THAT HAVE TRUE HEARTFELT CONCERN FOR ANOTHER’S SPIRITUAL WELFARE. I COMMEND YOU AND YOUR SERVICE UNTO OUR GOD! THOUGH MY LESSONS HAVE ENDED, MY JOURNEY UNTO SALVATION CONTINUES. I ASK IF YOU WOULD KINDLY PROVIDE A LISTING OF SUGGESTED COURSES PROMOTING MY ENDEAVOR UNTO HEAVEN’S TRESHOLD, FOR I DO NOT HAVE COMPUTER ACCESS TO RESEARCH. TILL WE MEET IN HEAVEN, MAY OUR GOOD LORD AND SAVIOR PROTECT YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES. I THANK YOU, LITTLE LAMBS, FOR OPENING MY HEART TO GOD’S HOLY TRUTH! GOOD DAY AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL. WILLIAM, A BELIEVING SINNER IN JESUS CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED, AND ALL THAT IT STANDS FOR!! *A prisoner had compiled a list and has made it available to inmates. We’ll try to have one sent to him.*

Marriage & Family Class

The first thing I learned was without boundaries a relationship won’t stand because if there’s no healthy boundaries, the relationship is not healthy. I always knew God was somebody I could go to about any situation but I never knew what to call him or see him as; but now I know God is love. I also found out how much more marijuana and alcohol affects the brain. I also learned how children who come from abusive homes feel and why they do the things they do, like be aggressive or abusive toward others. I never sat down and watched the pain families go through without healthy boundaries. Now I see if the parents don’t set boundaries and argue in front of children, the children also begin being aggressive and arguing with each other and getting in trouble in school and they feel like arguing and being aggressive is the way to handle things. And now I see how much codependents go through and now I’m trying to watch myself so I don’t do people the way the man was getting done with the spikes in his back. (reference to a bit of news at the time)

Christmas Card

Because of you...I smile a whole lot more these days! God bless you all. I received the Bible you sent along with the support letter. Thank you so much. I really really enjoyed your bible study. It took me awhile but I made it. Stay blessed . Brother Berry

Dear Partners,

I don't know about you, but I have seen the Lord at work throughout this holiday season. Some visitors, some in counseling, witnessing. It has been an exciting time. Spending time with 2nd Chance, although some are now recovered from covid, however not too sick, and practicing good covid protocols. Unfortunately, my daughter and her husband and child have come down with covid also. Watching the debacle that is air travel, I feel rather fortunate I didn't travel over Christmas! I am so blessed by Florida weather in the winter.

I'm sure you can see for yourselves that we are indeed dealing with severe inflation. The siding we purchased in 2020 for \$20 each, is now \$41 each! The post office has just announced a new postage increase and I think I read a plan for a twice yearly increase. The current increase is about 4 cents the first ounce for first class letters. Each additional ounce has risen from 20 to 24 cents per ounce. Because of ever increasing mail rates, we have considered the problem of return mail for our lessons. And inmate must pay an ever-increasing amount just to return their lesson. One inmate broke his lesson into 5 envelopes at a cost of over \$3.00 (probably having trouble with the institution mail room policy). For an inmate this is exorbitant. Although we supply a return envelope on request, everyone may not realize it. First of December, we decided to include a return self-addressed stamped envelope with each lesson and we are tracking the response. Even one stamp for an inmate can be a problem. We hope this eliminates some of the mail room confusion for the inmate. Please pray that this will be very effective for them. It seems everyone wants to

transition from 'snail mail' to digital mail, giving us lots of headaches to keep the 'least of these' receiving their mail.

I personally want to thank all our SIM graders. They do an excellent work for the Lord. They are conscientious and attentive to the needs and prayers of our students. Our special thanks to Monie Motis and Ann Long for getting those lessons back and forth. And I want to thank all of you, our donors and partners in this Ministry. Your generosity in spite of our current climate is an intensely encouraging thing. All of you who have helped us, like Whitetail Plumbing, Bill Daily, Forest Hilton, 2nd Chance Ministry and many others, make our ministry possible without debt. As the Lord supplies, we exist! It is a humbling thing to see His provision.

Thanks to 2nd Chance and Steve Rawlings, my neighbor. After 19 years of an office with cracked walls sinking in the sand, have finished repairs on my office and I'm moved back in. What a great way to start the New Year! They will start on our siding soon. Keeping this 96 year old building serviceable is quite a job. Another project will be replacing the old windows, when the price goes down again, if it ever will. :)

The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom rules over all. Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless you the LORD, all you his hosts; you ministers of his, that do his pleasure. Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

Ps 103:19-22

Your servant,
Eileen Sala

On the Road with 2nd Chance Ministry by Chris

Christmas Eve, 2022, is a day my companions and I will never forget. God is good! We hear these words often, living in a time where the world is in disarray. We were able to bear witness of God's generosity.

The day was going great, could not complain if we wanted to. Fort Meyers was kind to our Ministry. Upon completing our day of sales, we all agreed on grabbing a bite to eat before hitting the holiday filled highways back to Sebring. Our food arrived quickly. We finished the meal and asked for the check. Melissa, our waitress, simply told us "We were good." The ladies in the booth across paid our bill and asked to keep the good deed a secret until they left. As you can imagine the guys and I were stupefied. We immediately bowed our heads in prayer. It truly is amazing how the Lord always provides.

In talking with the men about an awareness of God in their lives, the response was that they were seeing God do special things for them every day as they went out on sales. They shared stories with me Christmas day so I asked the 'writer' of the group, Chris, to write these experiences and I would pass them on to you.