



John & Eileen Sala Prison and Teaching Ministry

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Mourning over sin...

Leaving a corrupt environment away from drugs and alcohol and reaching a place of safety, Christian felt safe, but isolated and alone at times. He had to leave his family because of their godless ways and had not yet made many new friends in the faith. Time was heavy on his hands. His own son was in jail facing years in prison, a path that he knew all too well. He believed God, but his flesh wanted to believe his family was not that lost. They called him to join them in a family "celebration." They picked him up. Almost immediately he realized his mistake! Their "love" brought him face to face with drugs, alcohol, and lawlessness. Already having just served over 20 years and wanting to remain free to follow God now, Christian could see that he had chosen the flesh over the spirit. He felt frightened, but still unable to leave. The party played out before him. Wickedness in full force wanting him to join in. When finally alone, he left in cover of darkness and walked from 6 or 7 miles home to his safe place.



But the knowledge of having turned from God and betrayed others smote his heart. He began to mourn his sin. Depression gripped his soul. He was oppressed by the enemy of his soul. During church today, as Christian mourned his sin, God met his need to be forgiven in a dramatic way. God, the lover of his soul, brought him a message of conviction and the longing hope for reality with God. While the sermon was yet in progress, Christian received a spirit of repentance, rose up, his hands up, walked forward with his voice choked by his sobbing and cried out "I need God"

and was met at the altar. Compassion met him and a renewal toward God. He walked out of church a free man again with joy in his heart and an understanding and willingness to follow Gods will for His life.

"Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that you sorrowed to repentance: for you were made sorry after a godly manner, that you might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow works repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world works death. For behold this self-same thing, that you sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yes, what clearing of yourselves, yes, what indignation, yes, what fear, yes, what vehement desire, yes, what zeal, yes, what revenge! In all things you have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter."

It is not politically correct today to talk about the need for repentance and forsaking sin. However Jesus, Paul and John the Baptist, Peter and many others made it their recurring theme. In Revelation Jesus said to the church, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent." Rev 3:19. Paul said, "But showed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance." Acts 26:20. We are to mourn our sin with godly sorrow, then bear the fruits in keeping with repentance, changed behavior. There is a price to pay. It's turning from your own will and your own way. From the things that hold, the relationships that bind and confine you, obedience to follow Christ at all cost. It's a change of mind and heart and a new life of denying self and sin and seeing the Savior as Lord and King in self's place. How important is repentance?!

Jesus says in Luke 13:3-5 Unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap. Gal 6:7



Jim is out now and contacted us through the internet and the mail. This is his testimony of God's awesome work in his life.

Hello John & Eileen. God has blessed me my entire life, even from birth His hand has been one me. Stillborn at birth in 1944 didn't usually end well, but I was revived. By the time I was 16 I began alcohol, then speed and wyamine. I would go nuts and felt invincible, even assaulting cops.

A good lawyer kept me from doing more than a few days at a time.



I can't use the child abuse my mother did because I went with my dad at age 12. my dad was a great man, and loved me with all his heart. I just went wild. I got into pain killers, speed, more and more alcohol and ended up going to prison in 1989. I had to live without my drugs and it hurt going through that. Before being transferred to Moundsville State Prison in W.Virginia, I spent time in Parkersburg, WV jail and this is where God came into my life. I was pretty easy to get along with once I had detoxed out but still had a fire burning in me that flared furious at times.

A few of the guys would go out to bible services when someone showed up but not me. Look where I was! If God cared about me would I be in this rotten place? This kid kept asking me to come out with him to a service. Naturally I wasn't nice about it when I told him "NO! I don't need your god" I screamed. A few weeks went by and each service he invited me out. "NO, NO, NO. Can't you get it?" One day after service he came into the cell block, walked over to me and handed me a bible. "I got it for you, Jim. I asked them to bring it for you." I wanted to cry but nah, I'm over it so I tossed it on my window sill. I couldn't have read it anyhow. My eyes had begun to get worse.

That night I laid down on my cot and a vision I wish on no one appeared to me. As I watched a cloaked figure was coming closer to me each second. I could feel my heart ache. It got worse as seconds ticked. I cried out, "God help me." I reached behind me for the bible and began to pray. As I clutched the bible and prayed, a white curtain came over the scene, and then it turned blue. It was so peaceful I stopped praying just to feel the comfort of that awesome blue. Then white began to engulf the blue, when the blue was all gone there in my face was this creature and the pain in my heart was even worse than before. I was dying, I knew it. I stared toward the face in the cloak but there was none, just empty but I could see his hands and feet.

Oh my God, not this, help me God. I began to pray for my life and I promised God I would live the rest of my life for Him. No sooner had I said this that the blue curtain fell on the scene. Peace, peace in Jesus, peace with everyone as I curled up, pressing the bible to me and slept the most beautiful sleep. It was a day or two before I could say much of anything that could be understood by the others, but I was at peace and my bible was always with me. One day I was talking to the nurse and she asked if there was anything I needed. I told her I needed to see the word. She knew what I meant. The next day she came back with about 8 pairs of readers, one pair was perfect. Then along came you, John, you and Eileen, sending the lessons I had asked for. You walked me through the word, one lesson at a time. I was paroled early, two years to the day but I hadn't completed your lessons so I asked you if you would send them to my home in North Carolina. You did and I completed them all.

I still had 5 years of parole to do but after 4 or 5 visits the officer told me I was free, that after looking at the court proceedings I had been railroaded. John, God knew what it would take to bring me back into His loving arms. Thank you both for walking that road with me. You showed you believed in me by the notes on my lessons. Your Brother in Christ, Sincerely, Jim U. *Volunteers labor unseen and unrewarded except by God and testimonies.*

Dear John & Eileen, I have been to prison in Texas once already and maybe going back and that's not the worst of it. I have a 19 year old son Blake. He is in jail "this jail" with me. We came at separate times but I don't want him to go through what I've been through and he's gonna follow me straight to prison and straight to hell. I've got to stop that and I know Jesus is the Only Way. Jesus is my and Blake's only chance. If you will send Blake your Bible Studies too. Both of us are here on drug charges. I need God in my life. I've lived long enough for Satan. Will you help us all please. I love you too.

Hello John & Eileen Sala. I'm 4 weeks with Jesus Christ and I've a testimony that is amazing. The day after dedicating my life to Jesus I got a message bible and I received a Christmas card from a dear friend who'd quit writing over a year ago!! She sent \$100 and a KJV bible!!! These are supposed to go through property pick up and come to us from a publisher!!! I got mine at mail pass in the dorm directly from my friend! That is God! I am now a non-smoker- 29 DAYS!! I quit on Dec 6. I quit using bad language. I fast and pray and began to write my life story. Big Step! I tithe for the first time in my life, and always will now! I've left behind a horrid childhood- beatings-sexual abuse-emotional—"I'll kill you little mother _____ and myself!" from my mamma. No wonder I was always attempting suicide- shot my self with a 22 rifle at age 16- life support from an overdose several times. But it seems almost 4 weeks ago on tomorrow I finally heard God. With 2 natural life sentences without parole-where else should I be to help others find Jesus like I did? My heart's desire if the Lord is willing is for me to become a law clerk trainee- since I got my high school diploma last year. I'd like to help these ladies with their legal issues and to have them know Jesus. Please keep me in prayer? Thank you! I love this in-depth bible study! Deb -Ocala prison



Remember our Graduates!

Dear Brother John & Sister Sala- I received your beautiful and inspiring letter today. It has been an honor and a pleasure to do this bible study. However, I am somewhat saddened that I will no longer be receiving the studies after you have checked them and I read your remarks. Maybe it's just me, but I do a few studies that have absolutely no comments or remarks written on them and I sometimes wonder, "Is there anyone really checking them?" Once again, it might just be me. Thank you for the Certificates. Also thank you in advance for the Study Bible that you will be sending. I wish I could have had it mailed to my house instead of here at SCI-Waymart (Pa.). Sometimes beautiful things like that get "lost", if you know what I mean. I have one question for you, it may seem like an awkward question.: Do you know of any other ministry that offers studies like that one I did? I love writing scripture as the one you offered. Thank you kindly for all you do to make it possible for those of us who are incarcerated to receive these studies. May almighty God bless both of you, your families and all who are involved in Little Lambs Inc. Sincerely Wicky from Pa. prison



Little Lambs, Again I cannot express how much I enjoy doing your bible study. It seems to just touch my heart and leads me to Christ Jesus. My heart swells with love and understanding that I didn't believe was possible until I started working on it. As I work through it the verses that touch my heart I copy down and send them to my fiancé to share with her, her kids and grand kids. She too is a very devout Christian woman, my inspiration and my love. She is a critical care nurse for HOSPICE. She travels all over central northern Arkansas caring for those that God will be calling home soon. I write small sermons and send them to her and she shares them with her patients as she makes her rounds. Someday I hope to join with her and take the word of Christ to these people who can no longer attend church service. Thank you for inspiring me. Mark W. Arkansas Prison



Mr Sala,

I am grateful to you. I read your book shortly after leaving the reception center in Lake Butler. I was touched and you have been an inspiration to me. I am so grateful I had the opportunity to meet you, hear you sing and preach and hear your story. God used you to reach me now at age 49. I always had a feeling that the Lord had a hand in my life—if not I would have died several times. I pray that He will now lead me onward and allow me to live for Him. Thank you, Steven

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THEM IN - THE WEEK, THE WEARY, LADEN WITH THE DOOM OF SIN: BID THEM COME AND
REST IN JESUS; HE IS WAITING - CALL THEM IN!!!!**



Grace Place Update

On the move, Ed has been very diligent working tirelessly taking care of all our odds and ends and finishing touches. Here you see him on a tractor as he leveled the yard and prepared it for the irrigation and sod. He will do it again when he prepares our garden behind the house. Up and coming will be a deck with roofing that Ed will plan and build for us. He says decking is his specialty but it seems he can do just about anything! He has been a tremendous gift to us.

Below is the new look in our kitchen, thanks to Sebring Cabinets, Musselman's Appliances & Joshua with service hours built us a beautiful tile backsplash. A good friend and faithful Christian has provided for the expense of the irrigation and sod which will be done, our expert says, after the winter weather. We still have to build the stalls in the bathroom & a glass block window in a dorm. **This is the House that God is building!!!**

Dear Friends, Partners, Co laborers,

We want to thank all of you who gave so generously in 2010. We made all our first of the year expenses!

We are reaping the joys of parenthood in a whole new way again, up close. Taking on a disciple to live in our midst. The lessons we already know are brought home stronger than ever before. The result of long term incarceration for a youth has so many effects. The major one is that the man leaves prison a 43 year old man who is a teenager inside coping with pain and decades out of touch. He desperately needs to grow into the image of Christ. So much to learn: money management, discipline, employment skills, how to have mature and godly relationships. Learning how to walk out his faith in a "new world" This is something that cannot be done alone. For this they need mentors. They need a safe place and loving people, "parents" correcting, disciplining and encouraging. Just as the women need these things, there is a need for the men also. We have a heavy burden for a Men's Home. Please pray with us to hear God's heart.

Thank yous are insufficient to depict God's love for you. Blessings, John & Eileen

FEBRUARY 2011 SCHEDULE

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 7:30 – 9PM
Little Lambs, Inc. Sebring, Fl.
Overcomers in Christ Recovery – John

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd - 6:30 to 8:15 PM
Avon Park Prison, Avon Park, Fl.
Christian Overcomers Class – John

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd -6:30 to 8:15 PM
Avon Park Prison, Avon Park, Fl.
Biblical Boundaries Class – Eileen

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd – 7 to 9 PM
First Presbyterian Church Sebring, Fl.
Biblical Look-Anger & Parenting – Eileen

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th - 6:30 – 8 PM
Little Lambs, Inc. Sebring, Fl.
Sexual Integrity for Men – Larry

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