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## Our Loss is Heaven's Gain....David Wilkerson 1931-2011

On April 27th, Pastor David Wilkerson perished in an automobile accident in Texas. We will miss him. I know that many, many people's lives have been touched by Pastor Wilkerson, as ours has. Pastor Wilkerson began his work among drug addicts and alcoholics and prostitutes in New York in the 1950s. He had such anguish over these people and the sin that kept them in bondage, that he mourned before the Lord and God gave him a tremendous ministry to them. He proved that love and the word of God could set men and women free, even from the demons of drugs and drink. With a passion for lost souls, David ventured into a field called to by God and equipped by God to bring them deliverance. He showed us how to use these spiritual weapons to fight this scourge and we had hope. David persevered and opened the



whole field of Christian Recovery through Teen Challenge, an intense discipleship program. John himself has been the recipient of some of these programs and now serves them as well.

Brother David called himself a *Watchman* for the Lord warning us of his coming judgment of sin . We believe that he was God's voice in this world calling the church to repentance and return to her first love. He tirelessly stood against the tide of modernism and conformity in the church, and for that many loved him less. Brother David leaves us a wealth of teaching with emphasis on holiness, repentance, judgment and separation. We personally thank him for his book, "The Cross and the Switchblade," which we believe pioneered the writing of other life-changing books like John's book. The ministry of these books spans the globe in many languages bringing many to Christ.

Pastor David posting on his devotional web site on the morning of his death was as follows:

To those going through the valley and shadow of death, hear this word: Weeping will last through some dark, awful nights—and in that darkness you will soon hear the Father whisper, "I am with you. I cannot tell you why right now, but one day it will all make sense. You will see it was all part of my plan. It was no accident. It was no failure on your part. Hold fast. Let me embrace you in your hour of pain. Beloved, God has never failed to act but in goodness and love. When all means fail—his love prevails. Hold fast to your faith. Stand fast in his Word. There is no other hope in this world."







We have so many graduates and all of them are very thankful for their new Thomas Nelson Study Bibles. Although these letters are written to 'John & Eileen' we all recognize that all our volunteers and our partners are being thanked because they make all of this joy happen!.



Jeremy from FL writes: I'm writing to first tell you that I did receive the bible you sent, and I thank you very much for it. It's a beautiful bible and I will make good use of it. You guys have been more that just a 'bible study' all this time. You have helped me in so many different ways. For one, you were a comfort. In my darkest hours, in the deep valleys of my life, you and God have been there to lift me up. Also you have helped me to stay focused and preoccupied with my time, otherwise I would have gone insane! And also the Cards with the Lambs on them, with my name on them, deeply touched me. Believe it or not, those little cards gave me a sense of worth, to let me know that I am still cared for and loved. All of my gratitude and thanks to you. I love you guys with all my heart. Jeremy

Brother Lester of FL says: I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU BOTH FOR THIS LOVELY BIBLE. I WILL CHERISH THIS BIBLE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE. I WILL WALK WITH IT DAILY NONE STOP. YOU ARE A BLESSING NOT ONLY TO ME, BUT TO EVERY MAN AND WOMAN THAT COMES IN CONTACT WITH YOU. THANK YOU BOTH FOR THE WORK THAT YOU ARE DOING TO CHANGE MEN AND WOMEN LIVES WITH THE WORD OF GOD. I LOVE YOU BOTH AND ONE DAY WHEN THIS ROAD IS OVER FOR ME, I WOULD LIKE TO MEET THE BOTH OF YOU.

John from MA writes after receiving his bible: I have received your gracious gift of a Study Bible. I thank you for answering God's Call and providing so many with a great Bible Study. I enjoyed the journey that it gave me as I traveled from the Old Testament to the New and back again. I feel I learned a great deal in connecting the two.

Larry says: Your bible lessons have showed me many things. We as christians need to get deeply in the word of god and engraft it in our hearts. You never know one day we may lose our bibles and all we can do is remember those scriptures in our mind. Thank you for all you do for others. I'm sure that they appreciate it.. I'll be your christian brother for life.

Charles in New York says: Loving greetings to you in the name of our Almighty Lord. I receive your NKJV study Bible date 28th of February 2011. Thank you so much. I'm continue praying your ministry every day. I am study and praying. My life with Christ every day. I keep my focus on God.

Thomas in FL says: I would like to thank you for the Bible. I did receive it and it is beautiful. Thank you. It has been a great pleasure working on these studies and it really has helped me grow spiritually over the past few years. Thank you for being a friend and a great spiritual leader in my life.

Roselene in Ocala writes: I love you, thank youll So much I received my KNKJ Study Bible. I got it a day after my Birthday!!! I love you.

Josh from WI says: It truly has been a pleasure studying through your bible study course the past few years. I thank you for your part in the body of Christ that you have given me. I kind of wish it would not have to end. I'm just thankful truly for the many men and women that are willing to glorify the name of Christ to those that are in prison. I also thank you for the gift of the Bible that you sent. It will be put to good use in the service of the Lord and to further His kingdom.

John and Eileen, I just wanted to include this small note. For the last month or so I have been going through a sort of period of depression. I seemed to have a large black cloud hanging over me. Then I received my next course from you and read the tract inside it "Even Through Trials." The letter inside from my Father In Heaven - Drink Deeply of MY Love has been so uplifting not a day goes by now that I don't read it at least 3 times a day. Needless to say you both are a Godsend. You most assuredly are God's apostles with "Beautiful Feet." God bless, Tim



Dear John & Eileen, I was never good at expressing myself. I have been doing many different Bible studies on different doctrines and from many different part of the country. I want you to know that, from the first lesson, I have sensed something special about you two, even though you write very little on my returned lessons, maybe it's the little cards you send, I don't know. But I sense a compassion and a love for people that I do not sense in our other Bible Studies.

This prison is filled with men who have no hope, who are not concerned about eternal life and many of these men are silently crying out for help. People like you, who put love and compassion and caring into each lesson are the answer to that cry. I appreciate you so much. I pray for everyone connected with your ministry every day to not only bless you in every way, but that the Holy spirit through our efforts will change hearts and lives so that more will be ready for the Lord's return.

I am in a 47 man barracks and very few show any indication of serving God. I have seen 5 men die within the last 1 1/2 years, and only 1 that I am aware of was ready to meet the Lord. I ask that the Holy Spirit would use me or anyone to tell these

men about
Jesus and I
ask that you
pray with me
about this
need. Barracks 8B specifically.
Larry TX



John Sala, I just finished reading your book "No Volvere." I really don't read Spanish but the Holy Spirit was my translator. Honestly, I don't know where to begin at. I'm a BACKLIDER that's for sure. For a period of 8 years I was a minister here in Texas. It's hard to explain what I'm doing in Limestone Co Detention Center. I just know that my faith has been attacked. I want to get right with God so bad I don't care about the ministry or saving souls. I just want to get my life in order first. See, for 8 years I understood sacrifice for the things of God, putting aside my son and my wife and my family. Being without so others can have. Putting aside responsibility so other fellow Christians can have. Was I right by doing that? I'm so confused. Now I don't know how to believe no more. While I was reading your book one thing stuck to me. It was what Mickey Evans said, you need to grow instead of crossing the world. I did what everything at that moment. Now I understand when this

one pastor told me "Stand still and listen." I lived that disbalanced life. I'm just trying to get my life back in order. John pray for me, not to get out, but for God to do what he has to with me. I'm Father of two and I just wanna be the father I need to be. Thanks for listening. Pelon from Tx.



Dear John Sala, Hello! My name is Janell. I am in a Texas prison. I read your book. At first I was interested in reading it because I'm Italian too, and I thought that was neat. As I continued to read the drama kept me reading. When I reached the part of your walk with GodI broke into tears and I feel in such a short time this book, your book, had changed my life.It only took me not even a whole day to read, which is unusual for me, not much seems to keep my attention. However I couldn't put it down. The sentence "I'd rather be in prison with God, than out without Him." really had me. I'm a single mother of two . My life hasn't always been something to be proud of. I got pregnant at 15 with my son. I grew up extremely fast. In 1999, I moved to Texas. It was here that I met my husband. I thought I was doing the right thing, even if he was someone else's husband. He wasn't happy. He left his wife, his pregnant wife and moved in with me. We were together for little over a year I became pregnant. My husband was an alcoholic and a pill head.I couldn't beat him so I joined him. He cheated on me. I left after a year. He committed suicide 3 months later. I threw myself into pills. I was incarcerated for lying on the stand. about plls and revoking my probation. My life has spun out of control leading me to prison. I have a 5 yr. sentence. I wish to take this time and turn my life around, turn it over to God, to Jesus Christ my Savior, I am tired of being angry all the time, I need to let go of this guild, and forgive. If you were so lost and pulled through I know I can too.

Dear Friends and Co-Laborers,

We have so much gratitude and love for God and for you who are servants of God and vital to the progress that Little Lambs Inc. has made in reaching the least of these. Some of you, your family or extended family and friends have been recipients of what God is doing here. Thank you for those who have been able to give back by supporting the efforts that made important differences for you. Thank you all for your faithfulness. I am still amazed at His use of us! And very pleased that His grace has not been in vain.

Sunday in church we spent a few minutes with a couple who have been an outstanding part of the support team of this ministry and good friends who have provided wise options and direction for us. I think of many of you out there who do not forget us each month and for those who have responded to special needs. Some of you have rolled up your sleeves and gotten dirty working to finish Grace Place. You are highly valued and a twinkle in the eyes of the Master. I also have the pleasure of giving praise to God for the unbelievable devoted staff that we work with. All are unpaid and work tirelessly, lovingly and faithfully. Some have given their time dedicated to reaching Prisoners with Little Lambs for as long as 13 years. Every week they come prepared to work for the Master. They are true Missionaries working in the very foreign mission field. We have so much to be thankful for. Eileen and I are extremely thankful for each other. Of course I (and plenty of you) think I got the best deal. I did, and you could not convince me otherwise. You can try if you like. I think that many of us think the same about our spouses which can be a very good thing.

Dear Friend, you are as important to this ministry as I am. That is my true sentiment. We esteem you, love you and would do anything we could to accomplish God's best in your life. Please call on us for prayer needs or just to say hello and chat. We would enjoy getting to know you better. Time is a precious thing that is not used enough for the personal relationships that should characterize the body of Christ—the family of God.

As we get much closer to start taking applications and interviewing possible candidates for Grace Place Women's Home & School, I feel a great urgency to draw closer than ever to God. It is He who will make the real difference in the lives of the women who enter Grace Place. This is very serious business. Please pray for a renewing of our passion for souls and an anguish about the wretchedness of lives living in sin, depravity and destruction.

Life is short here on planet earth and then it is gone. Do not miss an opportunity to be loved and love others.

My dear friends, God be with you!!!!

From the heart, John & Eileen Sala

## MAY 2011 SCHEDULE

Monday: Overcomers Class starts 7:30pm Little Lambs

Monday : Ladies Overcomers
At Grace Place 7:30 pm
Call For interview For 24 wk program

Tuesday -6:30 to 8:15 PM

<u>Avon Park Prison</u>, Avon Park, Fl.

Biblical Boundaries Class — Charles

Tuesday -6:30 to 8:15 PM

<u>Avon Park Prison</u>, Avon Park, Fl.

Overcomers-John

Wednesdays :Anger Management
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Call for interview for enrollment
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