

# Little Lambs Inc.

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## We love what we do!

Just this week we had a young woman come in to work with our volunteers just for the day while she waited for me. She sat with our volunteers and did whatever she was told and was filled in about our system at the office, the bible studies, and all the minute details that go into our program by our volunteers that day. It truly is hands on and time intensive. Later in speaking to her, she said, **“How long have these people done this? They really like what they do.”**

How do you explain the love of God that is shed abroad in our hearts to enable us to love others, even sacrificially? Every time a letter comes into the office, especially the graduate thank you letters, I am again overwhelmed with the work God has called us to do. Our volunteers labor in silence, yet it is a magnificent work. It is one on one discipleship with the inmates. Seldom loved men and women are made to feel loved and accepted, and even eager to learn about the Lord. Their stories are filled with pain and shame, yet knowing God is healing them. We print, pack lessons, grade, fold, weigh, tape, box, cut and fold, sign cards, put labels, log students into the computer, open mail, catalog it, read letters asking for a lesson, grade some more, print self addressed stamped envelopes, send out new student packs, wrap bibles, get out these newsletters, write letters, pray, counsel, teach, answer questions, and send parents requests. We are consistent. We are always there. And we love what we do! We change lives. And I might add that some of those ‘people’ have done this for more than 12 years now at Little Lambs! And they give to see that the studies keep coming. One student said,

***“The Spirit of God has placed upon my heart to write this letter of gratitude to you guy’s to let you know that you are greatly appreciated. Here in prison, I seldom watch the news or TV at all. But when I do, I here how bad the economy is out there. But I see, through the grace of God you guy’s (The School) have been keeping your heads above water, because these lessons continue to come in (Praise God!) So speaking for other fellow-inmates who are taking this course, and myself, we thank you so much for your time and devotion, and, yes, we do give God the glory! This lesson on sexual holiness has been like a sermon to me. It has enlighten me in understanding the first five books of the bible a lot better now. And it makes me take fornication much more seriously now. I think a lot of churches needs to be sent this lesson. Keeping you guys in prayer, Harold TX”*** PS Thanks to our friend for the color ink for printing!!

## Follow up

Someone asked, do we ever do any follow up. Just this week’s ‘follow up.’ Gary, three years with us and living in Wichita now, sent us a photo with his 4 year sobriety chip. Gary’s life was totally changed, went home and restored family relationships, and is now working to bring recovery and God into different facilities. He loves Little Lambs and all of you and stays in touch. One of our young ladies who came through the Boundaries program was pinned this week as a Graduate Practical Nurse. She stopped by, so excited for her future. We are extremely proud of her steadfastness to continue her studies in spite of hard circumstances. Another letter from one of our prison graduates who came to Sebring for more recovery with us. He has since gone home to New York and writes often with thanks. He is helping care for his mother with Alzheimer’s, attends meetings, church, and speaks occasionally at meetings.





Container gardening is being put in place in the backyard. These boxes will be filled with topsoil and the irrigation reworked. They will then be ready for the first planting.



Our outdoor classroom is the length of the building. The Laundry is beyond this porch, a step down with the washer and dryer. The vision is for an outdoor kitchen on the northern most porch, another stop down before this porch. We have a stove we will put there for cooking in the hot weather since there is a dining table near the laundry.



Hi, John and Eileen, I received my Nelson Study Bible that you sent to me. Thank you very much for it. Also, the little cards you sent upon completion of each bible study were a great encouragement for me as well as the kind words you wrote during the studies. I guess the best way to describe what you have done, would be what Paul said to one of his partners in Christ. This is exactly the way I feel toward you. It's the NIV verse 7 of Philemon where it says,



*"Your love has given me great joy and encouragement because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints."* At all times we all need a little re-

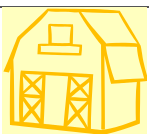
freshing and encouragement—even so behind prison walls. I pray that God will meet all your needs according to His riches in glory. Ralph AR

(5 years sobriety July 5, 2011) Thank you so much for my new study Bible! It is the version I have wanted for some time. I have an old NKJV that went with me from jail to prison and home but it is bad shape. I am no longer on parole as of July 21, 2011, so I am celebrating freedom this month. I think it quite appropriate that I graduated from Little lambs too. Everything has come full circle. The end of a thing is better than it's beginning. Ecc 7:8. Also celebrating freedom from cancer! Our God heals! Laura, WV

Dear John & Eileen, I want to express my most sincere thanks for the study bible you sent me. It has amazed me with all the study-aids and notes. And I like the flex-ability, how it lays open first to last page. I'll certainly will be using it as I continue to feed on God's Word. I also want to let you know that your ministry means much and has helped me grow and has planted God's word in my heart. You've shown much love and devotion to your outreach ministry. Tom, TX

Lena says, Because of space I can't keep every lesson I do, I have my favorites tucked away to read again and again. I have shared parts of all of them with my other study groups here. It's just very exciting to me when the lessons I do from different studies seem to all come together at the right time—God's time! A light bulb comes on and a smile appears. What a glorious way to be fed of the Spirit. I thank you. Lena

Dear John & Eileen, I have received my NKJV Study Bible. It came June 28, 2011. This long and precious journey that we've spent together these last few years has been a blessing to me. This study course has total agreed with my spirit, and I am currently passing on your information to other brother's in Christ, who want to deepen their relationship with the Master, our Lord "JESUS CHRIST!" it is a very beautiful thing that you do, when a person finishes a booklet, and that is the little cards that you put in the envelopes when you return the corrected booklet. The Little Lamb gives me a smile every time that I see him, and that wonderful prayer that you always put in each one of the cards. It truly keeps you motivated to continue, and leaves you wanting more of the studies to come from the course,. Brother and Sister of God, I feel very honored and blessed to have known you through the Spirit of God, and I hope and pray, that you always remember me, and the time that I labored to finish the course. I took it very seriously and I worked really hard on every question and essay you gave me. The Father loves you for your work, and continue to feed his sheep. Thank you again for that beautiful Bible and I cannot wait for you to send me My Graduation Certificate. Believe me, I will be all smiles. Jaki, WI



## GRACE PLACE NEEDS LIST

If you can help us with any of these items please call us.

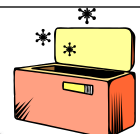
Freezer

Small Trailer

Twin Mattress

Storage Shed

Yard tools



**GRACE PLACE SANCTUARY** Scott Kirouac of Hillary Peat and Bobby Heffner of Robbins Nursery have worked a small miracle on our back yard. It has been transformed into a park like setting and a section for gardening. With the girls in mind, the garden is labor intensive making it a good work project for the residents of the home as they learn the skills that make a good worker/employee. But more than this,



it is a sanctuary where the women can come and spend time with the Lord in a setting that reminds one of His Majesty. The garden compliments our outdoor classroom on our porch. We expect the work to be finished this week. Our hearty thanks to Scott and Bobby.

**Each lady will have a special quilt** tenderly hand-crafted by the Ladies of the Highlands County Quilters Guild. Priscilla Heights of the Quilters Guild called to say that the tops were made and being applied to the bottoms and taken by the Guild members to be stitched. They hope to present them to Grace Place in October.



## Opening Soon Grace Place

Watch for Date

Little Lambs Inc 501[c][3] Non Profit Organization

### AUGUST 2011 SCHEDULE

**1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th 7:30 – 9PM**  
**Little Lambs, Inc. Sebring, Fl.**  
**Open Meeting– Men & Women**  
**Overcomers in Christ Recovery**

**3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th 7 to 9 PM**  
**First Presbyterian Church Sebring, Fl.**  
**Biblical Look-Anger & Parenting –**  
**Eileen**

**Third Thursday 6:30 – 8 PM**  
**Sexual Integrity for Men – Larry**

We continue to look for a housemother as we finish the details of the construction and preparation of the grounds. Your support in this outreach has been the key to its success. Our community of donors have responded to our needs and we are very grateful. Our needs, however will continue as we push toward opening. Charlotte Heston, Carol LaPerriere, and Jo Reed are helping prepare curriculum. The students will be helping with the maintenance of both Little Lambs and Grace Place. Our needs will be for uniforms and utilities, vehicle costs, and household supplies, insurance and of course our mortgage of \$50,000. We have no debt other than the initial mortgage for purchase and renovation. With donations, donated materials and labor, we have added immense value to the property.