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FULL-TIME MINISTRY

Every day we get letters from inmates across the United States. For these inmates, they realize that they are on a spiritual journey and want help to grow in the Lord. They are full of zeal and excitement for their new found faith. Often, an inmate will write, "I want to be in full-time ministry when I get out." Of course that gives us a chance to tell them what real full-time ministry really is! We explain that you cannot wait "until you get out" to be full-time with the Lord. But instead, it begins now, in the very moment you are saved! We send them this very special tract:

"Full-time ministry doesn't simply mean pasturing a church. Nor does it mean traveling as an evangelist or holding revival meetings. Full-time ministry isn't determined by a diploma, or a certificate from a Bible college, or ordination from church officials. In fact, you can pastor a large, successful church and still not be in full-time ministry. You can preach hundreds of messages, reach crowds of thousands. But none of these things makes you a full-time minister in God's eyes.

People often want prayer that the Lord would send them into full-time ministry. These are mostly lay people with or without jobs or careers. Some truly believe God has called them into ministry full time. But others are simply unfulfilled or bored with life and jobs. The idea of being paid a livable salary for doing God's work appeals to them. Others are involved in God's work part-time, but have an urgent desire to minister full time. In fact, in most countries, ministers have to hold secular jobs because their congregations can't support them. And those who do receive a salary are underpaid. They're convinced they would be more effective in ministry if they had sufficient support to do it. So for years they've pleaded with God, "When will the door open for me?"

I believe God desires every believer to be involved in full-time ministry. Scripture says we're all called as priests unto the Lord. Yet first, we have to remove from our minds that full-time ministry is a paid position or career: **In the Lord's eyes, full-time ministry is ministry unto himself.** Simply put, you can be like the apostle John, stranded on an island alone, and be involved in full-time ministry. Here is how you will know you're ready to be a full-time minister:

You no longer need human applause. You don't need an assignment, a plan, or to be involved in some great work. You don't need an endorsement or credentials. You don't need a congregation or a church building. The only ministry that satisfies your soul is your prayer and worship to the Lord. You'd rather be alone with Jesus, feeding him with your praises, than to be admired as a great minister. You know all ministry to others flows out of ministry to him. So you've given yourself completely to a single thing: 'My one calling on this earth is to minister unto the Lord.' then you'll be ready for what God sees as full-time ministry."

This tract or article was written in 2002 by Brother David Wilkerson. We have used it since then to send to inmates who want "full-time ministry" and have found it personally edifying and true to a profound degree. We are called to be 'slaves' of Christ. Servants (slaves), be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants (slaves) of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; Eph 6:5-6

WHAT DID I LEARN IN CLASS? SURPRISE, SURPRISE Shelly's essay upon finishing her classes. Her class time was interrupted by the birth of her first baby.

My name is Shelly, and I was court ordered to take this Anger Management Class by Judge Ritenour. Honestly I didn't know how the anger management class was going to turn out or how much I would learn from it. Come to find out the class wasn't all that bad!! You could learn a lot from it and you also would be able to share the information you learned and go tell others. That's what I did!

I also didn't know everyone has their own name for how they act, speak out, and relate to others. Their names like codependent,



which means someone who can't say no to someone or don't speak up when they are being pushed over by others. And I find out that's what I am, a pushover to others and codependent myself. I also learned that before two people can truly, deeply love one another, they both have to have a full tank of love from God. Because if not it will never work. Say you take a addict to drugs and he get's with a codependent woman. He is always leaving and she is always home cooking, cleaning, and whatever else to please her man. But nothing at all makes him want to change his ways. So she talks to him about having a child. That child becomes the "Hero", someone mom runs to and talks to when dad's off doing drugs. The first child don't bring them closer, so they have more children! Their mom also known as a caretaker. Then there comes along the lost child, the clown who tries to make everyone laugh to make things work and last there comes the loser, the problem, the "sick one". Life get's them nowhere, but heartache and pain. All because they wasn't taught to have a full tank of love from God.

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My name is Latifah and I attended the Little Lamb Organization because it was court ordered that I take up some type of Anger Management Course. I personally didn't believe I needed this class or form of counseling because nobody wants to believe of course that they have any anger issues. But God knows best and never makes mistakes. He know us better than we do ourselves and everything happens for a r reason, so it was given to me. I never thought that I would get anything out of the Little Lambs organization but I was surprisingly wrong.

The Little Lamb organization not just counseled and spoke to my heart individually but it made me understand a lot about myself, internally and externally. It helped me understand all the things that could lead you into the wrong actions.

The Little Lab directors help me also to see that it is okay to be angry, hurt, it's okay to talk to someone about the problems in your life, it's okay to exhale, but do it right.



I appreciate this class a little more than I ever did before I began because I was simply like what can this class possibly teach me, show me, and tell me about "My Anger", absolutely nothing, but again I was totally wrong, they help me see why I do the things that I do. And they not only teach you about anger but about life. Real life things that people like me go through everyday. They share with you their own personal experiences they had to deal with in their lives, in order to be where they are now, and I love that because when you've been through something it's nice to share those thoughts and feelings you've had with someone else who may be going through the same exact thing, so you could help them out, and try to get them directed on the right path, instead of the path you took.

I learned so much from the Little Lambs Organization and I personally would recommend it to anyone!! Not just drug dealers, addicts, divorcees, but to all people who's having problems with marriage, their kids, at home, at church, within themselves, and you think or feel that there is no way out but there is and it's at the Little Lamb Organization, so go in take a seat, enjoy, learn and get help if you need it at the Little Lamb, because they've helped me, when I believed it wasn't possible.



Our Cupboard is Bare 🔨

Almost two years have passed since our last purchase of our English Graduation Bibles. It was a large purchase, a gift for one of our ardent supporters. All those bible have been awarded to Graduates of the School of the Bible. Each bible leaves our office and ends in the hands of very grateful, hard working students of the Word - disciples! Just last week one lady wrote "all the ladies in my dorm are jealous (of her new bible)." These bibles have touched souls and spirits, encouraged the downtrodden, sustained the weak and the weary and given hope and often, are the first tangible expression of real love to men and women.

However, we have just wrapped the last two cases. Thomas Nelson Publishers has notified us that they have only 400 bibles in that edition and then it will be discontinued. We will have to find another award bible at that time. We would like to purchase as many of these bibles as we can since we are paying \$10 a NKJV Study Bible which includes the shipping to us. If you can help us purchase some of these bibles, the cost is \$120 a case of 12 which includes shipping.



We have been praying for a way to provide an income for Grace Place. We are seeking the Lord for a building from which to sell donated furniture and other items. Perhaps later to include items or produce grown by the women of Grace Place.



A Storefront would do several things for us. One, help us raise money; two, provide exposure of our mission to the unchurched; and three, provide a place for the women to work as they learn good work



ethic and job training. It would be a new opportunity for volunteers as well since we would need help with staffing during class time. It would provide the ladies a place to give back what they have received. We have no start-up money, so we are asking for donated space for a time to prove ourselves. If you know of anyone so inclined, please tell them and ask them to come see us.



Freezer-Jim Brant/ Lisa & Storage Shed- Pam Kirouac
Small Trailer- Stewart & Linda Boyd Yard tools-Boone Fincher, Jim Brandt
Fence Repair -Bryan Radonski
Twin Mattress



Here is part of our "Garden Team" The Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association: Standing is Steve Kirouac (who is a director of Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association and part owner of Creative Printing & Big Sky Growers), Jimmy Somers (FNGLA treasurer and part owner of Somers Irrigation in the blue shirt), Holly Cameron with the baby (Vice President FNGLA and family owner Highlands Greenhouses in Venus) and Dee Dee Jacobson (FNGLA director and is the Master Gardner with the Highlands County Extension Service) and Scott Kirouac (here on the right) FNGLA chapter president and employed by Hillary Peat Co and part owner of Big Sky Growers.

Another part of the team is, on the right below, Bobby Heffner of Robbins Nursery who supplied labor and plants for Grace Place. He will be helping us with the veggie garden and

SEPTEMBER 2011 SCHEDULE

Overcomers Addiction Recovery on break

7rd, 14th, 21th, 28th 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

his wife will be giving the ladies instruction in the care of all the plants. Holly above will also be bringing indoor plants and house plants for

the porch area after Labor Day. The spiritual message being sent to the ladies in the program is "We love you."