



John & Eileen Sala Prison and Teaching Ministry

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Little Lambs Inc.

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Grace Place, Women's Home

Dinner, Music & Silent Auction

John is going to sing for us at the Dinner & Silent Auction.

Come out and enjoy Great Music and great Testimony

Gospel Music and Golden Oldies

Chef Mac from Le Cordon Bleu in Paris

Saturday October 9 at the Kenilworth at 6 PM

Tickets are \$50— on sale until Wednesday October 6

Come to or call Little Lambs Inc at 382-3325



OUR NEW NAME A dear friend, partner, and snow-bird volunteer grader from Minnesota, Brenda King, has nominated the winning name for our Home for Women. **It is Grace Place.** The name immediately resonated with John and the people in the program knowing how much grace they have received and how much grace they need to live day by day. We'll be changing our letterheads and selecting a logo for easy identification.

Once again we need to tell you about the grace of the people in Sebring. Helen has put together this very fun evening to raise money and awareness for **Grace Place**. The meal will be catered by Chef Mac from the Palms. Chef Mac trained at the Cordon Bleu in Paris and his food is excellent. His Tiramisu and Cheesecake are to die for. The dinner/auction will be at the Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring as a gift from Mark and Madge Stewart. Many local merchants had donated items for the auction and Helen is combining them to auction off. Tickets are \$50 each in tables of 10. You can purchase a ticket by calling Little Lambs at 382-3325 or you can go online at www.littlelambsinc.org for online purchase. Tickets will be mailed to you or we can hold them at the door. You can email us from our website.



Avon Park Prison Overcomers Graduation Class
Sept. 14, 2010

Dear John Sala, Your story will always touch people forever, Amen. Hi, my name is Shaun. I am an inmate at the Oakland County Jail in Michigan and I just read your book, The John Sala Story. I found it very interesting and inspirational. Though I have never been to prison or have completely run my life into the ground, I do fear that I am headed down that path. My drinking and driving combined with drug addiction has gotten completely out of control and I am awaiting sentencing on my 3rd drunk driving considering I already have 3 felonies on my record and numerous misdemeanors. I am concerned for my future as long as I continue my life in this manner. Although other people don't see me as destructive as I do, I think this reasoning is only because they're more screwed up than I am. I am 33 years old and I desperately want to change my life before it's too late. I've pretty much always been alone since I was 19 and I have never been what you would say was religious though I do believe and have felt the presence of God, I don't really understand how to pray without feeling like I'm doing something wrong. I also don't understand why, if I want to change so bad, I keep dreaming about doing drugs when I get the chance to when I'm released. I know and have prayed to avoid that lifestyle and the old friends that go along with that. I don't know why I'm writing you except for advice with these things I've been struggling with in my head and you seem to be an expert on these issues considering how many times you went through this in your own life. I just don't want this to become only jail-house religion. I want to turn my life over to God before I end up in jail. Will you please help me? Any type of advice would be put to good use. I am afraid of what will happen to me if I don't do something now! Sincerely, Shaun. MS

Brother John & Sister Eileen Sala

Hi. I'm so glad that you are here for me and that I have told my wife about you and the book you wrote that inspired me to change. I keep praying every day. Before I received your package, my wife had wrote me a letter that she wanted a divorce. I flew off my mind while in my cell. I started rampaging, throwing papers around my cell. Then one of the Corrections Officers came up and asked what was wrong. I told him. Then he left and came back to my room. He had this envelope in his hand. He thought it was another indictment, until he read the address. Suddenly I was smiling. You showed me a lot when I received that news. I was crying to the point where I started caring about myself. Before I came to jail, my wife and I were on shaky grounds. The cocaine and crack cocaine had taken a lot out of me. I really didn't know how to show my wife that love she deserved. The reason why, I didn't love myself. You showed me that Jesus cares and loves me for me. So now I turned a NEW PAGE in my life. She came to visit me last Saturday with my Mom and Dad. I had wrote her a letter saying that if I didn't love myself how could I love anyone else. I looked her in the eyes and told her I love you, but I have to love my Lord Jesus Christ first. After ten years of being together she wanted to give up. It was my fault that she got hooked on drugs. It was my fault that I am in here. Ever since I committed my life, my heart to the Lord, I AM A NEW MAN. THE OLD IS DEAD. I let go of the past, so that I can live to see tomorrow. So now I have committed myself to finish what I started. This will be my first ever from start to finish. I only have a third grade level of schooling, but I will manage. I wish some day I could shake your hand to tell you personally 'thank you.' Ricardo, OH

WINNER OF THE
Overcomers SCRIPTURE AWARD
TODD DERRY FROM AVON PARK
PRISON MEMORIZED 25 VERSES



Working with the 30 men who worked through the Overcomers Addiction Recovery Program at the prison has been very rewarding. Part of the program is scripture memorization. This young man learned a total of 25 verses, some long, some short, and recited them without hesitation at Graduation. For his effort, he was awarded a Thomas Nelson Study Bible. He is the first man to excel in this way!

**GARAGE
SALE**



**GRACE PLACE
543 MAGNOLIA AVE
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 30 7-2PM**

From the Ladies... Lisa

Dear John & Eileen Sala, I am incarcerated in Rutherford County Jail. I just finished your wonderful book! I thought, here's someone

who's been where I've been and done what I've done and turned his life around. I am trying to do just that. I am 42 years old and have been a drug user since the age of 10. But in the past year have truly tried to change my life, although I maybe went about it the wrong way. I got saved last December, or I thought I was. What I mean is I was going to church, talking about God, reading my bible, And Still Using Drugs. I thought I was a Christian. I remember thinking, 'ok God, I'm doing what I'm supposed to do, now where are the miracles?' I was talking the talk, but wasn't walking the walk, so to speak.

I have since gotten clean for one year. And it finally dawned on me, in order to be truly saved and truly clean, I must change my life! Bingo! I am now truly walking with Jesus Christ our Saviour. I turned my life and my will over to Him. It was the best thing I've ever done! I have a peace now that no drink or drug could give me, and even being incarcerated, I'm so much happier. People that knew me before are truly amazed at the change. As a consequence of hitting bottom, I lost custody of my daughter, no relationship with my son or my family. But that is even turning around! I can say first hand the Lord works miracles! Now I am flattening my time in jail. I will be here a long time, but I can handle, oops, we can handle anything now. When I do walk out of the doors I will be a clean, sober Christian. I now have the strength to carry on.. Thank you again for your book and your ministry, and of course, you two! Thank you for letting me share my life story with you. I would also love to join your Bible Study Lessons. Lisa, Tn

2005: 1,250,000 women in prison or jail or probation in USA- 1995 to 2005 Female inmate population increased 57%

1 in 3 women report committing their offense to support drug addiction.

64% of mothers had their children with them at time of arrest.

Females born in 2001 are 6 times more likely to wind up in prison compared to women born in 1974.

When men go to prison, families are disrupted and children lose role models.

When women go to prison, families are destroyed and children's lives are devastated.

Dear Mr. Sala,

My name is Heather. I've been compelled to write you concerning your testimony. I finally went to the library to read your testimony! I never realized the depth of your redemption in Christ! It was certainly inspirational. I couldn't help but become totally excited when I read the "Epilogue". I read of your interest in aftercare programs for prisoners leaving the system. I left prison twice already and I did end up 'coming back.' It wasn't for my lack of trying to stay out or wanting to remain alcohol-free. The state of South Dakota has virtually no outreach programs for people leaving prison. I can count three. I tried to utilize one and the volunteers for their program were never available to help me like they said they would be. I had no family to help me at all. I only had felons as my friends—the ones I did time with. And by letting them help me—I'd be breaking my parole agreement not to hang with felons. I didn't have a choice!

When I got out I couldn't get a job, couldn't make any money, so I compromised my values and used with a man I met from prison. I later violated parole by getting a DWI. I violated my parole a second time because I had a temper tantrum, got drunk, skipped work and Doug and I fought. I've been back in prison a year and a half now. I missed my baby's first birthday because of my alcoholism and anger issues.

I surrendered totally to God, being without my daughter broke me. It was then He helped me stay above my emotions. I've been diagnosed with manic depressive, severe depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder and I've suffered with eating disorders my whole life. I have never seen so much of God moving in my life until I surrendered fully. He's helped me to walk on high places. He's made my paths straight. Halleluiah!

My friend and I would like to become workers for His Kids who leave prison! God even gave us the name of our organization! Women In Need of Godly Support = WINGS! Thanks for your time and your much needed help and support! In Christ, Heather, SD



TAKING DELIVERY!!! This has been an exciting week for us! Left is Gary Musselman, standing in front of the stove and microwave destined to come to Grace Place along with a dishwasher and refrigerator. Gary is giving us all the appliances and they are in the home awaiting for our countertop to complete the kitchen.



Below is the washer/dryer that is a gift from Dr. Bassetti. He and his wife have given us a beautiful set for the women's home. Mike Bevis has given us the concrete for the facility and First Presbyterian Lake Placid are considering an air-conditioner. The holes have been cut in the building for the duct work and that will be done this week. We are looking forward to Kay Todd from The Bulb Bin coming to check out our lighting needs. The plumbing fixtures are in and the showers are finished. We are waiting for the doors and trim to finish it off.



The exterior has been repainted by Tim White and now Michael Knott has volunteered new soffit and fascia on the roof. We have started moving furniture out of storage into the home.

This last two weeks I have had the pleasure of being a guest of Wendy Bauer at the Sebring High School to teach her health classes about addiction. This is always quite an experience. We want to give these ninth-graders the tools to refuse drugs and never start using. The myths that 'marijuana is harmless' is getting a lot of press and no one is telling them chronic use can cause a permanent 4 point drop in IQ and a total lack of motivation and primes the brain for harder drugs! Our first Boundary Class had 41 people! What a tremendous group. We are excited. John had a

great concert at The Way Church on Sunday.

Don't forget our Silent Auction at the Kenilworth, Saturday, Sept. 9. Good food, and a fun time. Honestly, we need some FUN! This has been hard work. You won't believe the outpouring of support from the business community in donating items for the auction. Helen has such nice prizes and John is prepared to sing.

Ladies from Bible Fellowship Church are sponsoring a Garage Sale on October 30. We are going to hold the sale at Grace Place in the lot next to our building. We will open the house for a tour with a staff member.

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Schedule for October 2010

Mondays – Overcomers Addiction Recovery

**Tuesdays - Parenting Through Divorce
Avon Park Prison**

Wednesday – Biblical Boundaries 7 PM

Oct 9 -Silent Auction, Kenilworth Hotel

Oct 20 - CFRC Prison Orlando

Oct 30 - Garage Sale , Grace Place



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