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THE BODY OF CHRIST

The Body of Christ. We belong. People of faith belong to something greater than themselves. We belong to the body of Christ. 'For as we have many members in one body, So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.' Ro 12:4 It is a wonderful feeling, that instant witness in the Spirit with someone who also believes.

I once had the privilege of witnessing a special gathering of the Body of Christ. In the abortion protests of the Summer of Mercy in 1991, I saw men and women come together for all parts of the world to Wichita, Ks, to protest a third trimester abortion center (killing babies in the womb up to the instant they are born). Their slogan was "If you believe abortion is murder, act like it is murder." Thousands came, in campers, by bus, by train, by air. They protested wordlessly, actually laid their bodies in the way, and abused, yet their only sound were soft hymns lifted up to the Lord. On pastor arrest day, 100 pastors were arrested. Arrested by the hundreds, we were kept in a large holding area with no chairs, only a cooler of water. Yet, man after man, pastor after pastor, gathered near the garbage can placed in the center and confessed their sins and lethargy toward the things of God. It was so beautiful to see, so awe some and it continued for 50 days!

That summer there were over 2,600 arrests, four of which were mine! On the last day I was arrested, we went in as 'baby doe', no identification. A group, some from Europe, who were their for their arrest were separated from the rest of us in the holding area and punished. Yet as they were led into the gymnasium on the far side away from us to keep us separated, they sat on the floor and the Irish tenor in the group began a hymn. They sang a verse. We on the other side of the huge gymnasium holding area, sang the second verse in response. And it continued as we encouraged each other and lifted up the Lord in praise right there in that place! The police could do nothing as we communicated with each other and lifted each other up in song. It was the most moving thing I have ever experienced. The Lord was glorified in a huge way. Some of the guards were angry and slammed the door, another came and opened it wide for the people in the lobby to hear what was happening. The Body of Christ was gathered together in one heart, mind and purpose.

I was kept in jail for about a week that last arrest and it was during that time that I got the 'burden of the Lord' to go back into prisons and jails to tell them about our wonderful freedom in Christ. That experience with the Body of Christ is what keeps me focused on the ministry of Little Lambs. I know that I am never alone, He and His body are always with me.

We want to thank the Body of Christ that has helped us through the years as we have ministered to the men and women in prisons and jails. We want to thank the Body of Christ for the help that was given to build Grace Place. Truly it is the house that love has built. **Since 1997 when we began Little Lambs, we have had no government support. We have not taken a penny from any governmental agency. We have used no tax money.** All that has been done and is being done now is through totally donor and church support by the Body of Christ. We are going to continue to do so and maintain our freedom. We would hope that you will continue to work with us. We are going to need some help to carry the needs, especially of a housemother, for Grace Place. **You have responded so warmly to us and we have met and exceeded our goals and can purchase not only the English Graduation Bibles, but Spanish also. Thank you!**

Let us go on together as the Body of Christ for greater things will the Lord do in these last days. We must occupy until He comes for us.



From the Desk of Sally Phares

As a 10-11 year volunteer with Little Lambs Inc., I have been reliving those years from when I began to the present. I started volunteering when the ministry was in the small office space on Ridgewood across from the Salvation Army. My job was to retrieve the mail, log in the lessons, and get the new lesson setup for the graders. I stayed away from grading as I didn't feel that knowledgeable about the Bible. But it didn't take long for me to take the plunge and dive in head first. In doing so, I also came to learn more when I graded, so it served two purposes.

I have found the experience to be very rewarding, challenging and very needed in today's generation. The students come from many ethnic backgrounds, as well as having many different personalities. At times, I felt it might have been helpful to have had some training in psychology. It was quite scary at first, but as the years grew, I found I could read their heart through their answers.

I experience many emotions as I grade: frustration with those who don't try, sadness for those who don't have the full capabilities, laughter at some of the answers, cry with those who seem to have multiple problems and share their pain, and reprimand when necessary. I have to keep in mind that some are less educated (while some are extremely intelligent), and if convicted of drug usage, what that has done to their thought processes. But also while grading, keep in mind the goal of Little Lambs is always at the core of being a grader, that we are out to win souls. It's an intensive and aggressive war with Satan, winning some and losing some, but the consistency is always there, to bring them to the Lord and His Word, encouraging them to accept Jesus Christ as Savior, our salvation. I never give up trying and the Lord gives me the stamina, strength, and capability to try and reach all of them.

As long as I live and am mentally and physically able, I will continue to work for the kingdom of God and His will be done, not mine, and grateful for the privilege of serving Him. Sally Phares
Sally, grading for us over 10 years, has been out with illness and we are celebrating her return to us this week. It is a miracle to us that Sally's life was saved and restored to service. We appreciate her very much and the dedication she has so willingly given to Little Lambs and all her efforts to help our students. Her favorite ones are those who need special help and she always goes out of her way to type special instructions and helps for them.. Welcome back, Sally.

Graduate Thanks

Mr. And Mrs Sala, I am very happy to report that I received my Bible. What a wonderful gift! I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. The Little Lambs Study program has helped guide me and encourage me in my walk. After stdyng with you, I have noticed that it takes less and less effort to do God's will...Randall TX

Little Lambs School of the Bible.. I want to let you know that I received the Thomas Nelson Study Bible that you mailed. Thank you! So many in prison are without Christ and without hope. Sadly many have no desire to know Christ or are deceived by false teachings. Because people like you are willing to reach out to the lost, many will be led to Christ and to the salvation He so freely gives. God bless you for this: " Pro 11:25 The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself." Carl NJ

John & Eileen Sala.I would like to thank you for your studies, your time, and for the wonderful Thomas Nelson Study Bible that you sent me! Every day I can see a difference in my spiritual growing, understanding that the Holy Spirit is guiding me to be more useful to our Lord when He comes to call me to do His will I know that my time is coming for Him to call me, so I am doing all I can to put on the whole armor of God now, and be prepared when the calling comes. Thank you so much for helping me on the road to righteous and salvation! You have been a great blessing in my life..Dustin OH

Dear Mr. Sala, My name is Gordon W. I am on Book 3 but I have fallen behind. My mind is very messed up. My 13 yr old son is having problems. My 11 yr old son, I don't know where he's at. I haven't heard from my 11 yr old "William" in 4 years. I am haunted by this. Matthew my 13 yr old wants to see his mother and brother. Matt hasn't seen them in 4 1/2 years. All my life I have ran. I never stayed in one place for very long. I lived with my grandparents at the age of 12 and at 17 I left. While I was with my grandparents I would stay gone for weeks at a time. The only time I came back was to sleep and then I would steal money from them and be gone again. When I was 26 I moved into my grandpa's rent apartment. I never paid him for anything. At 27 I became a parent. I was never good for my children. I broke-up with my boys' mother when they were 2 and 3. They kept William from me so I never got to have him on visits like with Matt. I tried to work and be a father but I always missed the mark. When Matt was 6, I lost my grandpa. I never told him how much he meant to me. I never got to tell him I'm sorry for all the stuff I did. I never saw what he tried to show me and that was to be a man. The same year I got my charge. I got 8 years probation. But I messed it up too. Now sitting in this cell, I see what I should have been, a man, father and son.



All my life I've hurt people, stole and lied. I am haunted by memories and it hurts so bad. I have tried all my life to please people so I could have friends but that is also a lie. Because you can't buy friendship. In the bible it says you reap what you sow. I believe this. I just wish my parents, sons, and family didn't have to suffer because of what I've done, but they do. I cry at night because I can't handle this. I would give anything to do this over, but I can't. I have fallen behind because I believe I belong in hell. With the way I've hurt so many people I just can't believe God would forgive me. How could God forgive me when I can't forgive myself? I pray God will heal my family and children from the pain I've caused them. What am I to do? Gordon W. John has written Gordon about the love and God and His forgiveness as well as forgiving himself.



" Little Lambs School of the Bible gave me inspiration and a real desire to learn Gods Word and help me in times of darkness. Since my release from Prison in late 2001, I have become a positive member in society and a true believer that when one has Christ in their life anything is possible. I want to say thank you to the Sala's for providing their Bible correspondence study course to those in need that could use the support and gain great knowledge that could save their life and most importantly Their Souls. Since I completed their course, which gave me a good foundation and a good habit of study, I have went on to earn my Associate In Religious Education, and A Bachelors in Theology and many other Bible based certificates and diplomas, I am currently taking lessons to prepare me to be a Bible Instructor and Teacher at my church I attend. Once again Thank you in In Jesus name." Robert Horrace *Heartwarming letters like this remind us that we will never know our impact until we stand in heaven with them.*

Glades County Jail John accompanied Billy Johnson to the Glades County Jail. Billy has been going to the county jail for years. A large number of men attended the meeting, although they had to use a poorly qualified inmate translator for the Hispanic inmates . John spoke to them and their response and heartfelt repentance was an encouraging blessing. Sixteen men responded to the invitation to come to Jesus.

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NEW SESSION
Overcomers Christian Recovery

Learning to live without drugs,
alcohol, shame and fear.
Group meeting for men and women
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7:30 pm at
Little Lambs Inc.



GRACE PLACE Welcomes Kim Tish as Housemother

Steve Tish has been involved in the construction of GRACE PLACE since it's beginning two years ago. He has participated in so many phases of building and generally been our go-to man for all the special jobs we need.

Kim, Steve's wife, met with us last year before going into Refuge Ranch, a recovery and discipleship program. She has successfully completed her program there and graduated last week and joins us now in helping other women. We are so glad to have Kim with us. Here is her note to you:

Hi, my name is Kim. I'm 36 years old and the mother of 4 children. I come from an addiction of about 16 years. I have recently completed one year regeneration program in Okeechobee called the Refuge Ranch. I am just like the women who will come to Grace Place. I have experienced first hand the healing power of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I was filled with shame and guilt from the things I had done while in my addiction. I was in bondage to the lies that I believed about myself. I also thought I suffered from a bipolar disorder and depression. Today I'm free from the medication I thought I needed.

I also dropped out of school 19 years ago and never thought I'd be able to get an education. Today I have a G.E.D. and can attend collage if I choose to. My entire life has been changed because of the program.

I am excited to become part of the team at Grace Place. I know first hand the struggles these women will face daily in recovery. I want to give back to them what Christ has give to me. Programs like this work for women who are serious about changing their lives. I am proud to be apart of that.



INTERIORSCAPING AT GRACE PLACE

Holly Koornneef of Delray Plants and Dee Dee Jacobson along with Steve and Scott Kirouac delivered and covered Grace Place with loads of interior plants sponsored by Florida Nursery Growers and Landscapers Association. Cactus, Bamboo, Oleander, Ferns, palms are spread throughout the home. Each girl has a plant at her bedside that is hers to care for and to keep. The porch has stately palms and bamboo along with flowering plants.

Along with the plants, Holly has given us detailed instructions for care and pruning with an eye toward giving the women responsibility along with learning skills and a personal interest in the beauty and serenity of Grace Place. Thank you.



OCTOBER 2011 SCHEDULE

- Mondays.....Overcomers Addiction Recovery
Little Lambs Inc
- Tuesdays.....Marriage, Family & Parenting
Avon Park Prison
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Avon Park Prison
- Wednesdays..Boundaries/Anger Management
6:45pm First Presbyterian Church
- Third Thursday....Sexual Integrity for Men
8 pm with Larry
- October 4.....Highlands Quilters Association
- October 19....St John United Methodist Church
- October 20....First Baptist Church Sebring
- October 28....Placid Temple Church of God

Learn how to Biblically say NO

Biblical Boundaries will help you to navigate through life's problems knowing what is your responsibility and what is not.

“My people perish for a lack of knowledge.”
Don't let that be you.

- Biblical Boundaries
- Anger Management
- Parenting

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