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Christmas Blessings to all of you From all of us @ Little Lambs Inc Jesus Is the Reason We Live. Rejoice!



John & Eileen Sala, Hello to you both. Well the lights just turned off in my dorm & inmates are starting to settle down. I have had your little lamb packet for over two months now. It was taken up space in my locker. I was going to thro it away. I don't even no how I got on your mailing list. Something told me to open your letter, so I did. I went thru all of the papers. Then I saw a pic of you-to. I opened it up. It was Johns testimony. It touched home in more than one way.. Like Being Totally Enslaved!! Non addicts do not understand that term, but I do. See I'm 37 years & in prison. I have a 10 year sentence. Just a little about myself. I was married for 19 years. I have four beautiful kids. From ages 22, 19, 13, 7. I had my first child when I was only 13. and from the same girl. I soon got married at the age 17. My wife was my life. I lived a good life. It seemed like a picture perfect life. I owned a pressure company for the oil field. My wife worked full time at a Gym. Everyone love us. We were the perfect couple. My wife was so beautiful. I wish I could just end the story there.. And wake from this evil nightmare!! Drugs took over my life. I lost it all. I died twice. Woke back up with my friend giving me CPR. The second time my daughter found me not breathing, gave me CPR. I came back to find the needle still in my arm. My wife left me took the kids from me.

People told me she was cheating on me. That's when I started using. I was having my wife followed. I lost my mind. I started to make dope for a local bike club. The name I can't say. They are well known. I moved more dope & used more dope then most people could imagine. I could not stop. I went from 230 pounds to 165 in 3 months. My skin was hanging off my face. I looked like I was dead. I lived off of candy, camels, beef jerky & meth. I had thousands in the bank & I had no sole. I would see stuff so evil so wicked. Even when I would stay sober for a day or two I would see evil spirits. My wife at the time told me that I was crazy & she would never cheat on me. Deep down I knew I was right. I could feel it in my gut. But in back of my mind I also thought it was the dope. See, of 19 years of marriage I never cheated on my wife. I guess my whore was the dope!

I couldn't take it anymore! It was time for me to leave this world. I had a rope. I bought from Lowes. I was kinda strange shopping for a rope to hang yourself. I tied it around my seat on my CTS (Cadalliac), made a noose. And drove to the overpass my wife goes under after work at 2 pm. It was already 2:15 & she still no show. I was on top of the overpass going to open the door and jump out when I saw her. She would of seen me hanging there before her at the stop sign. She was late so I drove by her work only to be pulled over by the police & under covers. I was charged with stalking. I paid someone to follow her around and they were not private investigators. My wife told

the court that I was crazy & was a dope cook for people that hired me to produce for them. She told the court she never had an affair on me. That I needed help. All in all I got 10 years. Her brother is a local cop. She ended up having a boyfriend for 2 years prior to my arrest. He was in the army.

Parole said I come up in 8 months. They set me off a year so I should make my second chance at parole.

Tonight I asked God to forgive me for all of my sins. I have made some bad choices in life. I'm a stronger man for what I went thru. I have so many stories that I tell the youngsters here. But I also tell them what I have lost. And now I can tell them what I have gained. And that's Jesus Christ. Thank you both for caring for me! God Bless:) Chris from Texas

My Personal Testimony

I was saved when I was about 12 or 13 then backslid until 2005 came back to the Lord then fell away again in 2007. As of July 2010 I have fully committed my life to Jesus repented of all my sins and have not looked back. In July of 2010 I was in my cell and about to take my life (I had struggled with suicide since a very young age). I cried out to God to please help me truly change my life and please take the feelings of suicide away from me. Thanks be to God, I no longer feel this

way and have come to fully believe all His word. Words cannot describe how I feel what God ahs done for me. I love Him more than anything. I have lost everything wife—kids—truck—and everything I own, but thanks be to God, I have gained more thru Him than I ever had in the world. I have given myself 100 and 50 percent to the Lord. Robert

"Parenting Class Letter" by the Mother of a newborn babe.

This class has opened my eyes to a lot of things I was unaware of and unfamiliar with. But now I understand there is a lot skill building and facts to know before parenting. What facts you ask. Let me tell you the main things I have learned from this class. First, the four things a child needs most is safety, food, clothing and shelter. But the main thing a child needs is self "worth" that is the key thing you need to instill in a child's mind because without that they could feel empty their whole life and could

cause them to use heavy drugs, get into a lot of trouble or it could end more tragic like Death or Suicide. So these are some of the basic things I learned in this wonderful class. It has been a pleasure being taught the main principles of parenting and, well, life for that matter. And now I'm blessed with a beautiful baby girl to pass my knowledge from this class onto. Thank you very much for your time to teach me the right way.



We seldom recommend anyone but we are making the exception to recommend Steve Tish, husband of our housemother, Kim, as an excellent handy man and all around worker. Steve has worked with us for over two years and we can vouch for him as very trustworthy and very honest and hard working.

Jobs are hard to come by in our county and even labor finders is not always hiring. Having a job would enable Steve and Kim to move to a better neighborhood and continue to serve in the ministry with us. It would be a blessing to help this young family get back on their feet as they recover their lives. They have two children ages 10 and 3 years in their home who would be blessed also. Call us for more information. John 863-214-9683

Widows & Widowers from Bible Fellowship Church came over Sunday and brought us soft warm blankets to go with our handmade quilts. Our girls are ready for the cold that is due to come our way first week in December. PTL. Mary Sage organized the event and we welcomed one of our very early long time volunteers, Jo Anier, in the group.



Grace Place Needs

Dress Clothes and shoes
Weed Eater
Paper goods
Winter gloves and ear warmers (for walking at 6 am)
Coffee
Large yard toys for visiting children
Cabinet for porch storage
Underbed bins (12 ")

Coffee pot for housemother For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful,
Counseller, The mighty God,
The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace. Isa 9:6

Open House Report

We had a great time with all of you who came out to see Grace Place. Several people asked, "When can I move in?" The peace and serenity of our garden is so overwhelming. One of our ladies has begun to have family visits and the porch and garden is a beautiful place for them. Our other young lady will begin her visits soon.

Our thanks to Charlotte Heston, Karen Ernst, Ruth Hoffman, Linda Boyd, and Alice Latham for their help and support in opening our home for you. We had a perfect day and we so blessed seeing all of our partners in this ministry.



Dear Partners.

We have come through another year together and we can see an even greater year ahead. We want to thank everyone who has any part of this ministry. As you all know we are a volunteer organization. And our greatest debt is to our volunteers. I am sure that we have the greatest volunteers in the nation! As our focus has shifted to the women's home to get it started, our volunteers have taken hold and do the work just as though we were there all the time. We have absolutely no worry leaving them at their tasks. Everything gets done and done well. What a blessing!

In 2012, we all are facing another postal increase of one cent an ounce. We have already shrunk the lessons and are printing on every available space, and continue to consider weight above all. We cannot do more to cut postage, so we will live with the increases. As the money disappears in the prison system, fewer and fewer resources are out there for inmates. Some ministries have suffered tremendously. We feel so grateful to all of you that we have not cut services and Chaplains are recommending our lessons to inmates. Programs and services continue to be cut in the prisons and we forecast more of that this year. Please pray for the inmates. We continue to send those lovely Graduation Bibles into prison at a rate of more than a case a month.

We want to thank all of you who came out to our Open House. It was so very good to see all of you. Unfortunately, we no longer have three ladies, only two, in the program. We know that these things happen. Please pray for that young lady who chose to make it on her own.

We want to wish all of you a very blessed Christmas! To us, Christmas is every day and the love that we share is because of the love of God. He loved us first! We are so thankful to you for an-

other great year of faithfulness and fruitfulness. We are full, having received the things from you, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice, acceptable, well-pleasing to God. But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Col 1-:18-19 Much gratitude & love, John & Eileen



SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2011

Mondays......Overcomers in Christ Recovery with Jeff

@Little Lambs Inc. 7:30-9:00 pm

(a) Grace Place for Women 9-11 am

Tuesdays......Overcomers in Christ Recovery with John

(a) Avon Park Prison

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Wednesdays....Biblical Marriage Family & Parenting Class

Anger Management Class 7-9 pm

(a) First Presbyterian Church Sebring FL

3rd Thursday..Sexual Integrity for Men

@ Little Lambs Inc. 6:30-8 pm

Fridays......Biblical Marriage, Family & Parenting

@Grace Place Women's Home

IMPORTANT Ps.

There is a great need. We are going into the new year with no finances to for beginning of the year expenses. Please remember us in your Christmas and New Year Giving. We continue to press on responding to the Lord's direction for this ministry.. Instead of retiring we are Re-firing!!!! Our Father is so loving & faithful. He gives us strength & power to go on. Galations 6:9 says it well!