



A Prison and Teaching Ministry

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**OUR MISSION: FEED MY SHEEP**

Jesus saith to Eileen, lovest thou me more than these? She saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto her, Feed my lambs. He saith to her again the second time, Eileen, lovest thou me? She saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto her, Feed my sheep. He saith unto her the third time, Eileen, lovest thou me? Eileen was grieved because he said unto her the third time, Lovest thou me? And she said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto her, Feed my sheep.

John 21:15-17 (Paraphrased for Eileen)

Beloved Partners in Ministry,

Long ago, in the '80s, I received the scripture as my own realizing that I had the gift of teaching. This sacred trust is the embodiment of Little Lambs Inc. So many of the men and women we serve in prison are truly little lambs. This is their first experience with the Lord and the Word. They need that gentle yet firm nurture and truth of the Word as they learn to study and to navigate the Bible to discern truth from error.

Then we serve sheep. These are those who are followers and need instruction, fellowship, encouragement, edification, especially with long sentences or getting ready to get out. We also serve some as a student called himself, an old goat!

Our goal is to help grow them into true disciples of Jesus Christ who will be able to discern every wind of doctrine they encounter through careful study of the Word. Much error is being taught today and discernment is vital.

I am so encouraged every time I visit prison and reveal God and His Word in the study of addiction, families, and personal growth and recovery. The men are amazed at the depth and accuracy of the Word to describe their own situation. They are also amazed, as I am, that God designed the body and the brain to save them even while they are trying to kill themselves with drugs! The protective mechanisms built into our bodies is a marvel, an example of his tremendous mercy! Every man in class has asked to be enrolled in our bible study as well.

I spent Christmas Eve with the men at Avon Park Prison. Little Lambs provided cake and cookies and we spent the night worshipping the Lord and learning of His goodness toward us. In all we had 56 men plus guards and staff. This was my first time back into prison in a service, not a class, since John's death. I can say, it was very good to be back. I myself was very encouraged to see the hunger for the true Word of God. I feel like I am being taught all over again as the responsibility for all details are now mine.

I want to thank you for allowing me to serve you and the Lord in this way. I pray for all of you, a very prosperous and blessed New Year.

With all my love, Eileen

2013 SPANISH		
Lessons		841
Graduates		23
2013 School of the Bible		
Month	Courses graded	Graduates
Jan	369	13
Feb	370	9
Mar	357	15
Apr	412	17
May	389	17
Jun	293	9
Jul	373	13
Aug	320	14
Sep	312	6
Oct	367	12
Nov	315	12
Dec	350	14
<b>total</b>	<b>4,227</b>	<b>148</b>
<b>New Students 1,697</b>		



Dear Friends at Little Lambs,

Thank you for another great lesson. I broke my arm and it's the one I write with so I'm slow. I have spent a lot of time letting it all sink into my head and my heart. I do not know if you have other prisoners here that do your bible lessons. But I would like to put your name and address on the bulletin board in the chapel. If it is ok? There are a lot of lost souls in here and maybe just seeing the words Little Lambs might set off a light within them and write to you. Merry Christmas, Roger, Maine. *We sent a Chaplains packet with posters.*

Dear Little Lambs Staff,

I'm writing you to ask you to please send me a copy of Mr. John Salas book. As soon as you can. I really enjoy doing your bible study courses. They are really a blessing to me because they opened my eyes to a lot of things that I did not know and also opened my eyes to deal with a lot of problems I've been have to deal with lately like my mother's death in June. And I got mad at God and shook my fist at God and said why God why? Because my mom was the only family that I had that cares anything about me and now she is gone and everyone else that cares about me is friends of my mom's and people that she went to church with. Now when I get out in 12 months I don't have anywhere to go. I will have to start from nothing and live where I can until I can find a place of my own. If it's living under a bridge then that's what I will do but I know that God will see me through these storms someway, some how. My ways are not his ways and my time is not his time! Praise God !!! Thank you for your time and efforts in this request! May God bless you all, Jonathan

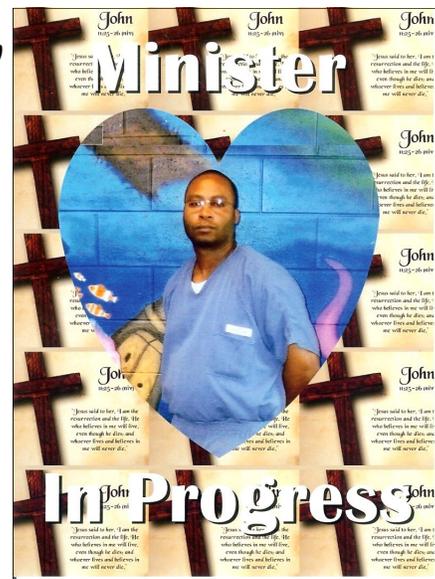
**Dear John & Eileen, I am as you'll soon discover new to the fold and most decidedly not a little lamb, pretty much an OLD GOAT :). I'm a 60 year old convert from Wicca. Michael told me a bit about you, so I took up his offer to write you. I currently do not have envelopes or money as jobs are scarce in prison. I may find it necessary to lean upon your kindness for postage to cover my lessons if you accept me as a student. I ask you to go ahead and enter me as a first lesson student. I have nothing more positive to do than to study the Word of my Redeemer, who chose to give His life for me, not something my Wiccan Brethren would have ever thought to do. Paul, Ct.**



Graduate Thanks: Florida, Adam

*I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE, PRAYERS, STUDIES AND THE BIBLE. THANKS A MILLION? :) I RECEIVED IT ON EXACTLY MY BIRTHDAY WHEN THE LETTER SAID IT WOULD TAKE TWO WEEKS! I GIVE PRAISE TO OUR CREATOR. IT'S ALL GOD! :) I PLAN TO SEND YOU A DESIGNED PHOTO OF ME AS MY*

*APPRECIATION FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE. IT'S HARD TO GET SOLID HELP FROM THE OUTSIDE IN THESE WALLS. PLEASE KEEP ME IN YOUR PRAYERS. MAY YOUR MINISTRY BE BLESSED WITH LOVE, SUPPORT, AND GROWTH. Doing a 30 year sentence. This is Adam's photo and his vision. Pray that God work mightily in his life and train him up for the ministry.*



Little Lambs,

I am writing to wish you all a Merry Christmas. I want to thank you for allowing me to take this course. It is helping to show me the way. I'm a Jewish inmate. I'm having a hard time right now as I'm trying to really learn Gods word. I have been turned away by the Rabbis because of me asking about Christ. I will supply my own envelopes and stamps while I can. I just really want to learn God's Word and will in my life. May God bless you all!!! Josh in Arcadia FL

*Josh is 34, going into the system at the tender age of 21 for a total of 36 years, but knowing Christ has turned this curse into a blessing.*



**STAMPS**

**WRITTEN ON THE UPPER RIGHT CORNER OF THE LESSON'S COVER INDICATE THAT THE INMATE NEEDS A SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOP TO SEND HIS LESSONS BACK. WE NOW SUBSIDIZE OVER 50% OF OUR STUDENTS WITH RETURN POSTAGE!**

**Essay by Victor** Every topic in this class has been a part of my life. So I chose the following subjects. In this class I have learned that all my life I have lived with an empty tank, absorbing others tanks. Also I was separated from God and I could not offer a better life because I just knew transitory happiness, such as going shopping, traveling or something my money could buy. I already know that I should have changed my past life because I had the fortune to have had two wonderful wives that they would have supported whether I have seeked the Lord's paths.

Another thing I learned was to identify that I was a controller and had some characteristics of a verbal abuser. I realize how to apply these teachings in my life. Nowaday, I can assure that nurture families under teachings and guided of God are the happiest.



**Our Newest Volunteer** Linda Colonna from Bible Fellowship Church has joined us a few months ago as a regular Friday Office Volunteer. She has partnered with us for many years, often saying she wanted to volunteer. After her retirement and some health problems conquered, she has finally joined us. Her "partner" on Friday is Jo Anier. Jo was our 'go to' person for years at Little Lambs, enrolling thousands of new students. She continued at that job for years until her eyesight could no longer allow it. Now she does general office duties supervised by Linda. We have lots of office duties that are handled by

an all volunteer staff. Monte Dowling from Lake Placid Presbyterian does all our printing, Bill & Bonnie Clemmens from First Assembly do our mailing, Ruth and Phil Esposito from Union Congregational is on computer along with Tom and Evangeline on the Spanish School with the Galarzas from a local Hispanic Church. Brother Charlie Coriell comes from Faith Missionary Baptist, Jan Ryan and Kim Tish from Grace Church, Alice Latham & Judith Ryder from The Way Church, Margie Delong, Alberta Sims & Graders from SIM Village, Delora Christian from Southside Baptist works with Jackie Walker, Eileen Saracino from Placid Temple, Calvin & Eloise Miller from Bible Fellowship along with Jeff Shoemaker and Richard Percy and the Jones. The Body of Christ at work!

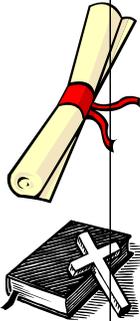
### **In the New Year.....**

We are hoping for new things this New Year. As David encouraged himself in the Lord, I am encouraged just reading the many letters we get. I had one that blew me away last week. Do you remember Lula Ousley in our concert in 2006? She had just finished Faith Farm in her treatment program which we helped her through. Lula and her husband relapsed soon thereafter and we feared the worst through the years. John had talked to her son once and the news was not good. We never heard anything again. Suddenly there is a letter this Christmas offering her condolences from Georgia and the good news that she has been in recovery again and is doing well. I know John would have loved to hear that. Another phone call this week from an ex-inmate out since 2008! He called asking if he could finish his lessons having completed half of them in 2008 before his release. He has been out and has settled with a job and in church. He has kept his lessons all these 5 years as a free man and decided to finish what he started. PTL, Fruit that remains.

In the next year we are hoping to partner with Pastor Joe Valentin in offering meetings in Spanish. He is also working on establishing a Spanish Bible School. Pastor Joe helped us with translation of all our lessons in Spanish some ten years ago. He has also served for 5 years as Prison Chaplain at Avon Park in the 90's. In the Highlands County Jail Pastor Joe has served 14 years working with the men and the youth. He has a special heart for the Hispanic population. Pastor Joe and his wife, Gloria, reside in Sebring and minister in the Eleventh Hour Ministries.

Special thanks this year to Forrest Hilton, who helps me whenever I need it and to Bugs-Bee-Ware who has kept the ministry bug free and has done so these many years. Also thanks again to the women of Tanglewood Community Church for their goodies for our classes at Christmas. We are indebted to Pastor Darrell Peer at First Presbyterian Church for hosting our Anger Management Classes there for several years now. And a special thanks to the staff of Avon Park Prison who have always treated us with respect and grace. Please pray for all those who encounter the Lord through our lessons and classes. And thank all of you for your continued support! Much love, Eileen

# 2013 GRADUATES



## ALABAMA

Larry, Opp

## ARKANSAS

Louis, Cummins CC  
Donald, Forrest City FCC  
Joe, Cummins CC  
Darnell, Wrightsville CC  
Howard, Pine Bluff

## ARIZONA

Jimmy, Yuma SP  
Moses, Federal CC  
Denise, Perryville SP  
James, Cibola SP

## CALIFORNIA

Richard, Ironwood SP  
Ann, Imperial SP  
Ramon, Chuckawalla SP  
Eileen, CA Womens SP  
Victor, Calipatria SP  
Harmon, Mule Creek SP  
Josiah, United States SP  
Joshua, High Desert SP

## Florida

Jerome, Dade CI  
Carroll, Santa Rosa CI  
Tina, Lowell CI  
Tony, Mayo CI  
Brian, Wakulla CI  
Conrad, NWFRC  
Anthony, Blackwater CF  
Adam, Blackwater CF  
Mesfin, Dade CI  
Marianne, Lowell CI  
Mark, Gulf CI  
Joseph, Columbia CI  
Michael, Marion CI  
Nicholas, Suwannee CI  
Richard, Bay CI  
Halsey, Graceville CI  
Rickey, Jefferson CI  
Bessie, Lowell CI  
Renee, Hernando CI  
Martin, Released  
Gregory, Dade CI  
Timothy, Apalache CI  
Joycelyn, Lowell CI  
Samuel, Blackwater CI  
Isiah, Everglades CI  
Tyrone, Fl State Prison  
Donald, Lawty CI  
Steve, Martin CI  
Zoe, Lowell CI  
Gerald, Everglades CI  
Ralph, CFRC  
George, Wakulla CI

## GEORGIA

Edward, Georgia SP  
Schylea, Lee Arrendale SP  
John, Dooly SP  
Gerald, Washington SP  
Alonzo, Johnson SP  
Ruth, Pulaski SP

## IOWA

Dale, Iowa M&CC

## Illinois

Starr, Logan CC  
Larry, Dixon CC  
Steven, Federal CI  
Anthony, Menard CC

## INDIANA

Michael, Wabash Valley CF  
William, New Castle CF  
Jeff, CIF  
Johnny, Released

## KANSAS

Carla, Topeka CF

## KENTUCKY

Dan, Ashland Federal PC

## LOUISIANA

Toni, Rapids Parish DC  
Gale, LCIW, St Gabriel  
Lon, Rayburn CC  
Shirley, LCIW, St Gabriel

## MASSACHUETTES

James, NCCI, Gardner

## MAINE

David, Maine SP, Warren

## MICHIGAN

Elveda, Released  
David, West Shoreline CF

## MINNESOTA

Jason, Rush City CF

## MISSISSIPPI

Samuel, SCRCF  
Terry, CMCF  
Scott, CCA Davis

## PENNSYLVANIA

Darren, SCI Forest  
George, SCI Waymart  
Jonny, SCI Smithfield  
Paul, SCI Coal Township  
Thomas, SCI Dallas  
Dawn, SCI Muncy

## PENNSYLVANIA

James, SCI Gaterford  
Joseph, SCI Huntingdon  
Donna, SCI Cambridge  
Tracy, Muncy  
Michael, Houtzdale  
Jay, Houtzdale

## SOUTH CAROLINA

James, Federal CI  
Billy, Livesay CI

## TENNESSEE

Michael, Whiteville CF  
Gale, TPFW Nashville  
Brian, released  
Brandon, BCCX Pikeville  
Ernest, Northwest CC  
Natalie, TPFW Nashville

## TEXAS

Bene, McConnell Unit  
James, Montford Unit  
Hollis, Clements Unit  
Herbert, Price Daniel Unit  
Robert, Telford Unit  
Gilbert, Allred Unit  
Gary, Coffield Unit  
Wayne, Bill Clements Unit  
Donald, Luther Unit  
Jose, Telford Unit  
Gregory, LeBlanc Unit  
Lonnie, Coffield Unit  
Reginald, Estelle Unit  
Jimmy, McConnell Unit  
Stuart, Gib Lewis Unit  
Gary, BMCC  
Michael, FCI Big Springs  
Santiago, McConnell Unit  
John, Robertson Unit  
Michael, Eastham Unit  
Ansel, Robertson Unit  
Michael, Jester Unit  
Wani, Released  
Debra, Lockhart WF

## VIRGINIA

Patrick, James River W/C  
Michael, Lunenburg CC  
Damyel, Buckingham CC

## Wisconsin

Daniel, Kettle Moraine CI  
Scott, Dodge CI  
Steve, Oshkosh CI  
Robert, Racine CI  
Wayne, Racine CI

## WEST VIRGINIA

Tony, FCI Gilmer  
Sara, Lakin CC

## WYOMING

Jerry, Wyoming CI

## SPANISH GRADUATES

Narcizo, Chowchilla CA  
Santiago, Donovan CA  
Julian, Tehachapi CA  
Rafael, Hardee FL  
Daniel, Taylor CI  
Jaime, LBJ AZ  
Demetrio, Mt Pleasant IA  
Liborio, Adams CC, MS  
Emily, Hobby TX  
Oscar, Goree Unit TX  
Manuel, Dade CI FL  
Henry, CFRC East FL  
Sergio, Dalhart Unit TX  
Luis, MCI, MD  
Heriberto, Hardee CI FL  
Modesto, Duncan Unit TX  
Nasario, Stevenson Unit TX  
Santos, Hightower Unit TX  
Ruben, Jackson CI FL  
Francisco, Pleasant Valley  
Jorge, Taft CI CA  
Ausencio, DCCI CA  
Luis, Valley SP CA

**Thank you!**

These men and women were awarded "The Open Bible" as a graduation gift, a simulated leather study bible. We want to thank **Mr. Gary Phillips** for helping us purchase these wonderful bibles at a price that we can afford. Without a doubt, this will be the best gift some of these inmates have ever received in their lifetime and will impact their lives forever. Mr. Phillips also helps us obtain the "Thomas Nelson Study Bible, LaReina Version 1960" a Spanish leather Study Bible for our Spanish Graduates.