



# Little Lambs Inc

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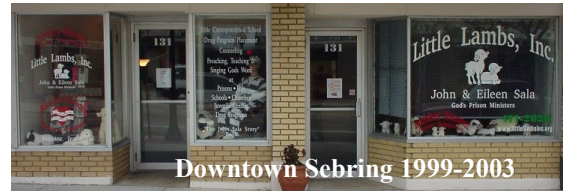
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## Celebrating 16 Years of Little Lamb Ministry in Sebring

We have served the Lord in Highlands County now for 16 years! We had 151 students in 1998 and graduated our first 4 graduates the year we arrived. Thousands and thousands of inmates have passed through our doors so to speak, in the form of their lessons. The amazing thing is that we will never know what effect we have had until we are with the Lord in heaven. Just this month a letter came from an inmate that started with us way back in 2004 and he is still serving the Lord **in prison** today! I remember the day, in 2003, a voice called up to us on the second floor of Little Lambs. It is an ex-inmate who was bicycling through the USA and when someone in Lorida told him that Little Lambs was in Sebring, he made it a point to pedal here and say hello, still serving God.

So many volunteers have served with us. Two of our first volunteers who began working with us when we started in our own home in 1998 are still with us: Jan Ryan and Ruth Esposito! With sadness, we will miss our dear friend Ted Tinberg who went to be with the Lord this week. Ted was instrumental in getting us settled in our present office IN 2003 and at Grace Place. He was a monumental help to us. I am sure his reward is sweet.

But you, our partners, are the real success story! It is really your work and it goes on. It seems the letters are filled with more and more pain and agony but we have the only hope for relief and healing. It is with that power that we will continue to serve the prisons and jails of America. Thank you for giving to the Lord.



**710 S Eucalyptus**



Prisons and jails we serve in the USA. ←



John at Central  
FL Reception  
Ctr.



Our first Span-  
ish lesson in  
2002.

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# Growing in God

*We continually sow seeds and believe that God waters them and provides the increase. We can't actually follow our students but rather trust that God will change their lives and that their fruit would remain. This month we had a letter from a student who was arrested on August 5, 2002, sent to prison on June 3, 2004 and enrolled 2 months later on June 27, 2004, and graduated January 25, 2007. Here is his letter.*

Sr. Salas,

A long time ago I had the opportunity to do the Bible Studies (in Spanish) which your ministry offers. At that time I was a babe in Christ and I want you to know that I learned much and am very grateful to our God, Jesus and you. I want to thank you for the Study Bible which you sent when I finished the course. At that time I was in Marion CI. I want you to know that as I look at the past it seems unbelievable that 12 years have passed while I have been in this prison walking with Christ. I have grown much spiritually. I have had the opportunity of being in a seminary here where I find myself walking by faith and not by sight.

I feel fine. I continue with this study for a year and now I understand more things and I feel that I have grown more spiritually. I want to tell you all of this so that you may know that the seed that God sowed through another inmate (John) has grown and it has given fruit 100:1. Our God has used me in preaching His Holy Word in the yard and you should know that I do not know how to explain how good it feels doing His Holy Will.



I write to thank you and to be able to say that I am in the home stretch. I heard in the news that those that had a case with drugs without weapons would receive clemency and I am in that process. Because of this I ask the favor of sending me a letter of recommendation by your ministry. When I finish all this and am outside here or in Colombia, Medellin, I will communicate with you. Thank you again for all your efforts and dedication that you show. Your friend in Christ, Edwin, FL

Hello Beloved Family in Christ, I congratulate you on your love and effort with me, now that I am starting a new life and of course, beautiful, that it is in Jesus Christ. I am so very grateful to God and you for helping me, for encouraging me and accepting me. Upon receiving the first returned study I noticed that on each page I would read and smiled with a desire to cry! Yes, when I looked at those phrases, example: 'excellent', 'well done', 'fabulous', 'fantastic', 'you have done well and very well'. You made me feel valuable and loved. Thank you. Thank you. May God reward you. Your Brother in Christ, Erick (in Spanish)

To Whom it may concern: I am a former student and was given The Open Bible as an award for completion of your bible study course. I have had the bible for about 9 months now and I'm still finding new things each time I read/study.



I am sending this letter to you to once again thank you for the lessons that you provided to me and also the wonderful gift of The Open Bible. It is great and I am truly blessed to have it. I use it daily and enjoy all the extra study guides and the history in the back, as well as the outlines for each book, just a wonderful bible I feel and I can't thank you enough.

I have been asked by a couple guys to send their names to you so they can participate in the Bible Study. We participate in a weekly bible study and church service here at our facility in Iowa and they have seen my bible and have asked where they can get one for themselves. So if you could/would please send them the information and first lesson so that they can begin earning their bible as well. Thank you again for the great things you do, and I pray blessings of our Lord upon you. In Christ, Dale

Dear Little Lambs Inc.

I am writing to let you all know that I have received the Bible that you sent me. I was really happy because actually wanted a bible with references like that one. That just proves again how great and loving our God is that satisfies the desires of our heart. Thank you very much for the opportunity to study with you all and for all the time and work you all dedicated to me. I really enjoyed the studies and hope I can be a very good servant of God. Please keep me and my family in your prayers that we may stay close to our Lord Jesus always and follow him with all our heart. Your Brother in Christ, Arturo, TN



*This has to be the saddest letter we have ever received. If you would like to send Jimmy a card of encouragement or wisdom, please send it to us and we will get it to him.*

Dear Salas,

My name is James. I'm a prisoner of Washington State...again. I did 9 years on a 120 month bid before. I have little faith in anything and feel like giving up and giving in but just can't seem to submit. It's not pride either. I have no pride left. Just angry! I am so ashamed of my life. I gave up on myself and love at a very early age. I was physically and sexually abused as a little boy. I was tortured by an uncle who abused me sexually and I was given hard drugs at age 9 (heroin) and I smoked pot at age 10 and on and began using cocaine as an early teen. I was also sexually active at age 9 too and my step-mother's sister has sex with me when I was 12 and grew up watching porn movies.

My father beat me and my brothers and sisters all our young lives. I hated him for hurting my brother and I still do remember all our fear..all our tears. I prayed to God when I was a little boy...I cried for help...but **nobody came** and my dad abused us all till we all ran away. I ran to my mom in Washington at age 14. My mom was a stripper and sold herself for money. She gave us drugs instead of lunch money and she never took us to school or even woke up to make us breakfast or to see us off to school.

I fought all my life and became so full of hate and violence. I hate authority and I hate society as a whole. There is no justice in this world and I see no real love anywhere. Christians are such hypocrites these days and most of them can't be trusted any more than the non-believers. The whole world seems lost in the game of commercial gain and will step on anybody to get ahead and pay their own bills. Nobody helps unless for some gain.

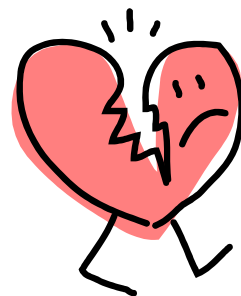
When I'm not in prison I live on the streets. Why? Because I hate money and I hate the game that society has devised, consumers capitalistic agenda designed only to oppress and drain the life's energy from the public venue...slavery...a rat race...vanity... all. I don't want a house...I don't want a car... I don't want jewelry...gold..silver..platinum..cash or vacations.. All I want is to know why....**why was I left to suffer...where was my God?** Where was society then? Where was justice when I was the victim? **I was a helpless child!!!**

I will be 50 years old when I get out. I will be homeless and will have nothing. I have nothing to offer a wife. Who will ever love this broken man? I hold on desperately to life because I dare to dream...I dare to hope. I pray to my God above and I'm waiting for God to work his miracles in me... to rid me of these demons in my mind and heart...to heal me and take my bitter hatred away.

I know that God ain't gonna do it for me. I am so weak and so full of hatred and so disgusted with life and the system. I was in jail once and they strapped me in a chair, punched me repeatedly, put a spit bag over my face and sprayed me with pepper spray and left me in that chair for so many hours I passed out. They tortured me and **no one was there!!!** Dear God...please help me to forgive...please help me to forget... **Be there!! Be here!!** It seems like I will never be rid of my hatred. I have tried. God knows I try!!! I have taken overdoses too and I have turned to Jesus and tried to change my heart. I have no success stories to tell. I've only been used by my pastor and I gave up again! **Where is my God?**

I still dream of a happy life and a good Christian wife. But who will ever love this broke and broken man?? I pray to God to work in my life and I hope to make something of this time... nobody will ever love me if I ain't healed! *All things for the good to those called to his purposes...right?* Anyway...that's me...I'm a mess...I know but I still hope, I still love deep in my heart and I want to be rid of my bitter hatred for ever.

Jimmy



Dear Jhon ellie, may God bless your ministrie for saving us from our sin's I requesting corsponde from your ministrie a Bible Studie that love have from your ministrie well I'm closing this request as of now until here from your ministrie. Sincerely, Duayne , GA  
*I pray that God bless every effort this young man takes in spite of his lack to reach out for the gospel. Amen.*

## Dear Partners,

I am home after 17 days visiting my children and going from one end of this glorious land to another, Florida to Oregon. All are wonderful and at peace. As I traveled the land, I was reminded what a great resource and gift the United States of America is to us. The freedom to travel, to pray, to believe as we see fit, to vote, to run for office, are all treasures that we should hold very dear. Our homeland is changing. What older generations saw as worth fighting for is considered expendable for the comfort and ease of doing nothing. I myself am guilty of 'letting someone else do it'. So our standards have slipped and continue to slide into the abyss.

I want to warn you and myself. I feel as though God is moving man on a giant chessboard, putting all the pieces in place before the great and terrible day of the Lord. If He needs a leader to bring about certain conditions, he is in place. If He needs unity in a certain part of the world, He has leaders who will unify as in the case of Israel's enemies. All the while, we are eating and drinking and watching movies and playing games as in the days of Noah, right up until disaster comes.

Beloved, the celebration of your liberty is here! July 4th. Treasure it, safeguard it, honor it. Your spiritual liberty will depend on it. Jesus is coming soon, maybe even in a year, a few years. But He said that we should "occupy" or work till He comes. He says that we should pursue holiness, for without it no man shall see God, "Be ye holy as I am holy". Jesus said we should remain faithful, "will I find faith when I come?" Jesus said to watch, 'for you know not what hour your Lord will come'. And Jesus said, 'no man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Beloved, I want to wish you a great fourth of July and pray that we all have a rebirth of reverence for our freedom. Our freedom to prepare for Jesus' soon return. Our freedom from the idols of our culture. Our freedom from the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, Our freedom to serve Him with all our might until He comes.

**Matt 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.**

Your servant  
Eileen Sala

### **JULY SCHEDULE 2014**

**TUESDAYS....OVERCOMERS, AVON PARK PRISON**  
**TUESDAYS....MARRIAGE, FAMILY, PARENTING, AVON PARK PRISON**  
**WEDNESDAYS... MARRIAGE AND FAMILY/ ANGER MANAGEMENT CLASS**  
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**Grace Place was purchased in 2009 and completed in 2011. We moved in October, 2011. Today it is occupied by the drug program, Hogar RESA, from Avon Park, Fl.**

