



Little Lambs Inc

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A Different Graduation Day

October 7, 2024, twenty young men at Avon Park Prison came together to celebrate 6 months of intense soul searching and repentance! Usually we took a group and personal picture of each graduate to send home with them as a reward for their hard work. However we are no longer allowed these things due to a change in security. Please make this a matter of prayer for change!

I was disappointed but God had other plans. Instead of food and pictures, it was a sobering and blessed time. Actually almost every inmate gave testimony, some at the insistence of others. What I observed was a lot of bonding among the students with the elders very respected and loved by the young, even treasured for their support and help. And these older men were humble and admitted their errors but displayed a lot of hope.

One man, very respected, quiet & sober, gave a testimony that brought tears not only to him, but to every one of us. This was the second time he took our class, one whole year with us. He told of his growth as he saw the tremendous dysfunction of his life, Weeping he admitted he wanted to become a teacher of the material for the enormous change it brought into his life. He showed the special and deep discernment that he discovered about himself and his family. He asked to take the course again, a third time. Pray that he is able to continue to do self-study with a reading list as well as class. He said that every week arrows pierced his heart as he sat in class. My view and I tell the men that each class is an opportunity for repentance, not condemnation.

Another moving testimony: an older gentleman, 74, called himself a 'killing machine' while in the military. He said each target was seen as the father who relentlessly beat him as a child. He could not understand his tremendous anger and rage! Having been with us over a year now for 2 sessions, he offered his testimony that he has spent many years in prison and gone through many programs, but at last he understands what happened inside of him and how it disfigured his life. And he certainly has changed from a scowling, severe man to an open, ever friendly man who is offering to help young men as a mentor in web design so on exit next year they can have a trade.

This had been an exceptional class. They have changed the Chapel pews to these tall ones that sometimes I can only see their heads. So this graduation and testimony of the bonding of the men came as a very pleasant blessing to me. The pier support centered on the change Jesus has made in all their lives. Please continue to pray for them and their families.

As an addendum Earlier this week we received the letter on page three, in which the inmate says "I pray that you will have on overflowing Donations to pay the cost for all that you do for the lost sheep that strayed away from Jesus." Well a few days later this week I had a call from a lady who has been into the prison, in what function I don't know. But she told me that all the inmates had talked to her about the class and how it affected them. She called me to say she was impressed and that she wanted to make a donation to continue the work in the prison. She came in a gave us a check for \$1000.00. I will have to write to that inmate and tell him what God has done.

Our warmest and deepest Thanksgiving Blessing to all of you who have supported for us, prayed for us, stood with us throughout the year. We are so blessed to minister to so many who are so grateful. We are a blessed people to be alive at this day and hour. All our staff wish you the richest blessings ever this holiday.



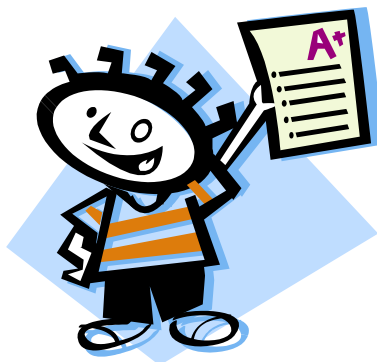
Mail Bag

I guess this letter says it all! What a neat thing to bless someone's life like this!

Dear Little Lambs inc

I thank you for all the bible lessons of the Four Series I'm still looking at all of them now saying I did a great job on there lessons. You all clear of my life changed me around with there lessons. I'm very thankful have all of Little Lambs in my life. Now I know I can believe what you did for me to help me understand God's words. You all blessed me with someone special that is the LORD you all gave me. now I can look back at all lessons you gave me thank you all. And I love my new bible you send me thank you very much for the VERY SPECIAL BIBLE. It's wonderful bible to read thank you for it. This bible tell me that I'm special that I have a family that cares for ME and do anything for me to put me on with the LORD. Thank you LORD putting me in the Family of the Little Lambs Inc. I love to thank John & Eileen Sala and everyone work with them I love you all. Thank you all for everything may God keep Blessed you all. People like you all help us real lies how much God loves us thank you and keep on helping us all making us real lies that God wants us. You all have a nice day & night. Thank you for the Bible.

**I LOVE YOU ALL
LOVE GREGORY BYE**



Dear Little Lamb Family,

Thank you for the kind messages & Bible Studies. They are greatly appreciated! I am a 45 year old male. I came to Christ in 2008, actually many years before then, however, I endured Spiritual Warfare for a long time. I was involved in organized crime, drugs, alcohol, and all fleshly desires. I let money and power do my bidding. I was shot in the head, had 2 heart attacks, even lost my own child in my arms, but none was enough to stop me. Until one day I was high on cocaine, drunk and up for several days, I was drawn into a church in Philly, like a magnet, as a church would be the "last" place I would be in my condition, but, God called me in, "as is". He changed me in an instant. I came to him and he humbled me. I got a "pass" from the Mob, got clean & sober and got involved in the church and started helping others. I became an interventionist for troubled teenagers, a 2 time published author. God had done for me what I could not do for myself. I even have a movie deal in California.

What happened? Why prison? Well, I came to Florida in 2009 to visit and 'help a friend' or so I thought. "Bad company corrupts good character" is all I'll say in regards for now. I took my focus off God placed it on flesh and know better. God took my EGO and pride to bring me closer than ever to him, via Florida Prison. I've lost my family & children over it, friends too, as I was advised by all not to make the Florida trip. But someone was asking for my help and I came. I wound up with a 4 year prison sentence which cost me 'everything' except God, Amen! I receive no visits, no mail (except studies), no calls; no commissary funds, nothing. It's the hardest, loneliest place on earth. Especially enduring "the dark night of the soul." I went from Racketeer to Racketeer, from money & power to zero, from hanging out with the stars like a famous Baldwin brother to no one, but I have Jesus Christ and his unconditional love. I even have to sell my meals for stamps to write. I wear plastic shoes, have 2 T-shirts, no hygiene products and I cry at night sometimes, but grateful I have that much as some who are 'free' don't even own that, so, I'm ok. It's very hard to be in a 'deep south prison', especially a 'yankee' from Philly, or ever hearing 'Shelly' at mail-call, or being able to buy a decent bar of soap, toothbrush, deodorant. All the little things I never realized were blessings when I was Mr. Big-Shot, wearing Rolex watches, driving a 68 Silver Shadow Rolls Royce with a pocket full of cash at home in Philly. However, I had no God, and wasn't even Ok. Make sense? If this is all I'm worthy of until Nov. 2015, I'm ok. And then I'll go where God sends me to do his bidding. Because I know with him, I'll be...OK! B

Graduation Essays

The choices that I have taken and made along the way so far have been unhealthy, with much regret and plenty of penalty behind it. This has been one eye-popping class as each hand-out hives clarity to the behavior that I have displayed, received, commanded, forcefully at times. Quiet honestly, my dysfunction or emptiness has deep roots of resentment toward my parents for their neglect with they many unbeliefs and dysfunctions that I expressed and carried along the way by re-enacting many unhealthy behaviors.

I am aware that the cultural difference that I came from has much to do with my way of viewing my fellow peers and other ethnicities. This had played a big role in most of my dysfunction and how I treated my wife and family. There were plenty of empty tanks created along the way, the children becoming caretakers of their parents. This class has made me look intently deep within me and made me realize that without God, well I am just as empty as I have been for so long. The fact is that I have to move on and accept the fact of my mistakes, leave it to the Lord as He sees fit in my life, and continue to be in love with Jesus. All that I was used to be unhealthy and destructive behavior. One big product of false pride commercialized lifestyle that was presented to me by the elements of the streets and television. I was one huge empty take wanting to fit the Madison Avenue lifestyle and always out of reach, a mirage of life!

I am greatly thankful for have had the opportunity to hear John in previous classes and now Mrs. Sala as well. God is good in delivering his message through his people, your work has not gone in vain in my eyes and I am extremely grateful that I took the opportunity to be taught by you guys. Your ministry is a blessing. Luis

To the Salas Family and to the Wonderful Staff!
Dear Little Lamb Family!

So, the last bible study we have to decide if something was a blessing or a curse. So now I have a new one...completing Little Lambs Bible study....blessing or a curse? Looking at my Spiritual growth since I started all the way to completing the lessons, it has been huge. I took each and every bible study personally and have enjoyed them so much. I know when we do bible studies and read our bible the Holy Spirit soaks it up like a sponge. Many times already I know God used what I learned to remind me of many of things! That's one of the many things I love about bible studies and reading the Bible. These are tools for us not only to spiritually grow but to apply in our everyday life. Then completing the course in some ways is a curse. When I get my Little Lamb bible study, my tail wags like a dog getting a treat! I always wonder what adventure does God want me to take with this study. As soon as I get them I open it up ready to start my learning session.

I was very excited when I got my envelope today but I got deeply saddened when I read what was written where I put 'stamps' on the cover. It was written 'last lesson'. Two things came in mind when I read that. This is the last time I will be doing their bible study. It's been over 1 year since this journey has started and like all good things, they must end. The second was more personal and intimate for me. When I first applied and asked for this Bible study it was standing out calling me, as it came from Florida where my kids were born.

I wanna thank you very much for the Bible you sent me. I was overwhelmed by all the features and additions this Bible has. I know this Bible will be of great value to enhance my bible studies on my own. I feel so fortunate and blessed in so many ways with this bible. I promise to continue to work and study in my Bible every day. I thank you for your prayers and many blessings I have endured while doing your bible study, for all the hard work you all put in grading and sending the new one out! **I pray that you will have on overflowing Donations to pay the cost for all that you do for the lost sheep that strayed away from Jesus.**

You are a huge contribution for us lost sheep to hear our masters voice and find our way home! Thank you, James PA

Happy Thanksgiving

Holiday Giving

Remember Little Lambs Inc. in your Holiday Giving.

The work of Little Lambs Inc.

- 2,000 + men and women in the School of the Bible
- Community and prison classes
- Counseling

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Your gifts go to support the men and women in prison growing in the Lord.

Your gifts support the outreach to the local community as well.



Dear Partners,

We are happy to announce that Dean Keppen will be joining us as a prison volunteer. Dean will be taking over the Overcomers Addiction Recovery class that John started at Avon Park Correctional. Dean and his wife Judy, live in Sebring and have been in our recovery community for a number of years, maybe almost ten years. They are a precious brother and sister in the Lord and have helped me at crucial times in the ministry. Of course, Dean's passion is the Word of God.

It has been a few stressed months with a nagging throat problem, but I can see light at the end of the tunnel. The glorious fall weather is such a blessing.



We want to thank Tanglewood Community Church and Diane Lowry for the 2 cases of bibles for the Highlands County Jail, one Spanish and one

English. They were well received by Sgt. Tracey Stalter.

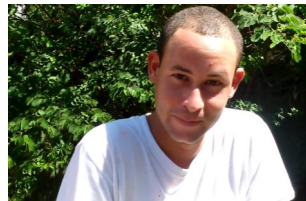
TELEMUNDO.....

Early in October, the Spanish station from Tampa, *Telemundo*, came to Avon Park and Sebring to interview and film a television segment on Hogar Resa. They filmed the outdoor segment at Grace Place. Hogar has residents from Tampa in the program as well as selling product (money raising) in that area. Hopefully this will increase their exposure to that population.

David and Jesus and the men at Grace have been giving the facility a facelift. They have painted the fences inside and out, and now have completed painting the porch as well. The grounds are in excellent shape and the fall garden is well on its way. Remember if you have extra fruit or produce, bring it here to Little Lambs and we will see that it gets to Hogar. Bill Daily is helping Hogar



with permitting for work done and hopefully they will soon complete their kitchen renovation in Avon Park.



OCTOBER SCHEDULE 2014

Tuesdays... Overcomers

Avon Park Prison

Wednesdays... Overcomers 6 pm

Bible Fellowship Church

Thursdays... Anger Management &

Biblical Boundaries 7 pm

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