



John & Eileen Sala Prison and Teaching Ministry

<http://www.littlelambsinc.org>



Little Lambs Inc.

PO BOX 504 @ 710 S EUCALYPTS ST SEBRING FL 33870 **February 2015**

Home Again I was away from Christmas to the 8th of January in Boise, ID. My children and their families gathered together at my daughter's home there and we enjoyed an awesome time of fun and fellowship. All thirteen of us in one home, meshing together like a well-oiled machine! Although the weather starting snowing the night I arrived and continued that way throughout my visit, it was actually a nice pleasure to enjoy a real winter for a few days. I thank God, though, that I live in Florida where when I get home it will be nice and sunny warm. I even shoveled snow, reminding me of my years in rural Kansas.

Julie, my eldest, is a Physicians Assistant and her husband is a Vice-President with Orion Corp. The past few years he has worked extensively with the Military around the globe. Their children: Mallory, Joshua and Sophie are all in school. Alex and Jessi, the next in line, own and operate a Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Portland, and just captured a ton of awards professionally as they compete in ballroom dancing. Natalie and her husband, Duncan, live in Durham where he designs for the Ratchet and Clank video game company, and she plans to substitute teach. Danny, my youngest and his wife, Kristin are in Lawrence. Danny does research near the University of Kansas and Dr. Kristin works in research in Kansas City. They had the youngest with little Hanna the queen of the Christmas. Happily, they informed everyone that a little brother is on the way!

Having each child in a different time zone is somewhat difficult and costly. However, the new 'face-time' video phone calls really transform relationships long distance. Hanna and I talk, sing songs together and play games via video so when I met them at the airport, she knew exactly who I was and was excited to see me.



Eileen's Family

All my children participated in some way at the founding of Little Lambs Inc. Julie and Devon have been partners since the founding. Alex is a supporter and bought us our first case of Graduation Bibles back in 1997! Dan and Nat have actually spent time in the downtown office on their vacations and donated equipment and a car to us in the ministry. Natalie continues to help me with all things technical and with our web site.

I can truly say that I am a most blessed woman!
All your children shall be taught of the Lord and great shall be the peace of your children. Isa 54:13



Danny, Alex, Julie, Natalie

Little Lambs Inc is a Not for Profit 501(c)(3) Corporation—All Gifts are Tax Deductible



Inmate Mail Bag

Dear Friends,

I find myself wanting to reach out to ya'll and to say how blessed I am to have found the Sala Bible Study (Lil Lamb). I truly enjoy the study, mostly I like how it goes from Old to New Testament. I am learning where to go in my bible just by opening it to the chapter I need. Before I had to refer to the contents in the front of my bible. I look forward to all the rewards the rest of your study is going to avail me. I am currently doing a double life sentence without parole. The strange thing is, I'm ok with that (we reap what we sow) once I've come to realize it was not the fault of my God, but the choices I made to lead a life a crime. As far back as I can remember I have always blamed God for all my misfortunes. I have cussed out the Lord and asked Him, Why?! Years later as I sat in my cell, convicted of the R.I.C.O. act, after the drugs and booze was out of my system it all became clear to me! God had never condemned me, in fact had it not been for me being a chosen one by God, I'd be dead. I now realized my hate and anger was towards the wrong direction. God loves me so much it doesn't matter how sinful I was. This realization was too much for me to face alone, so I finally got down on my knees and asked God to take over my life. Oh, I still fought Him. I used to be so disappointed in myself to the point of saying, what's the use? Then I read how the enemy lies to us for this same reason, to get us to fall away from God. Then in Rom 7:15-25 the Holy Spirit opened my mind and I am new man of God.

I have turned my back on my gang, friends of the world and all bad activities. I'm drug and booze free. I still struggle but that's ok. My bible tells me I will always struggle while a human. Matt 26:41 gives me strength to not give up, the good news is I now feel bad when I think, do or say something I'm not supposed to. I immediately ask God for His forgiveness. No matter how many times I fall, God is there to pick me up.

These falls are getting less and less! As you know friends, humility is the hardest thing I had to do. I'm sure we all have had to suffer this problem, but I've come to learn this, if I don't humble myself, God will! I know this because in 1994 I had the chance to turn away from my life style, but once I got out in '96 I forgot all about God and well 2003 I picked up a life sentence. I love my God so much, friends. He didn't condemn me by this, I WAS SAVED! I finally opened my heart and eyes to the truth and yes, it has set me free!! I've never been this happy in all my life. The enemy is defeated and I am saved to have eternal life with you all and to be with Jesus one day. Praise God!!

Currently I spend 23/7 in my cell. I used to think how lonely I was, but not now. Now I know God put me here to have a one on one with me. I am a new Christian of 3 years and I enjoy this alone time I have with the Lord and Savior. I tell anyone who wants to hear how God is working in my life. I also know to expect any and everything in God's own time. Well, my friends, I love ya'll for all you do for men and woman like myself. We look forward to doing all studies you provide. I love the fact that our studies together will take 18 months to complete, even though I get anxious awaiting my next lesson. God be with ya'll always. JR, FL

Graduates: AUGUSTIN HERNANDEZ

I AM ASKING GOD FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART TO BLESS YOU IN YOUR MINISTRY AND TO CONTINUE HELP OTHERS LIKE ME THAT ARE IN THESE PLACES, TO KNOW AND BEGIN A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST. I RECEIVED THE GRADUATION BIBLE AND THANK GOD. IT IS THE BEST GIFT THAT I HAVE RECEIVED BECAUSE THROUGH THE WORD I WILL CONTINUE THE BATTLE IN THIS LIFE UNTIL I REACH ETERNAL LIFE. THE LORD HAS PLACED ME IN CHARGE OF TWO BIBLE STUDIES IN SPANISH HERE AND THANKS TO THE HELP I RECEIVED FROM YOU THROUGH YOUR STUDIES I AM NOW TEACHING WHAT I LEARNED, I CONTINUE PLAYING IN THE SERVICES AND SINGING. I ALSO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING MESSAGES. YOUR STUDY BIBLE WILL HELP ME TO PREPARE AND IS THE GREATEST BLESSING. THANK YOU AGAIN.

When I began your studies I was attending the Jehovah Witnesses' meetings. Thanks to your ministry, I asked God for His guidance to know Him better. Rom 8:9 was my answer and a change began in me because I began to know Jesus as my true Savior and my God. In December 3, 2012, I was baptized a Christian. Today I serve God with all my heart and practice what I, as an unbeliever, used to criticize the Christians of doing—I praise my God. Thank you for the Bible. Everyone asks about it. They ask for your address in order to register for bible studies.



Essay: The Role of Discipline in My Life

Being rebellious toward my parents only brought me more problems. The fact that they would not hit me anymore and began to overlook the damage that I was doing to myself in my addiction -which only grew- I mean they did not approve of it but I was allowed to return home after have been doing all sorts of things that I know were wrong due to my disobedience, never the mention of discipline in the physical sense, but the verbal kind was there. The tears, remorse was genuine but the next day there I went with the influence of the rest of the world around me and discipline was there even when I was in the middle of the havoc that I was creating for myself.

I still had a sense of values if any at that time to say no to certain ill behavior, but later on, ha, it all went out the window. Money, is huge motivator for one's disobedience from the golden rule of discipline. How I compromised my core values that I was taught at home on how to respect and be respected. All for a small moment of euphoria and all that came with it.

Discipline in my life has been a good part to look back on and is an excellent part of my future as I am applying it to my daily walk today with much value. The most important thing that I can exercise is the principle of patience using discipline as the core of my walk to a better life, one of obedience and accountability to the Lord. I will have to answer to my Lord for my every move and thought, behavior or act, in or out of prison.

Knowing that discipline is accountability and that is part of my life today makes me feel at ease with what I do and how I carry myself today. Yesterday and many years ago I was undisciplined by choice but today is a new start with a beautiful future, a happy one with God involved in my life. WOW-how long it took to come to this point! Thank you for the lessons, maturity sure looks different now. L.. FL

Scientific view by inmate! Dear Little Lambs School of the Bible,

I would like to thank you, all of you, for everything you do. You have helped many I am sure but I **know** for a fact you all have helped me. Doing this Study Course I have much more understanding of the Bible and what I must do. You have taught me and opened my eyes to the scriptures and opened my heart to Jesus and to other people. I have learned that I have been selfish all of my life and I lived and chased worldly things. Now my Spirit seeks righteousness and instead of searching for the next pot of gold or the next thing to collect I will lay up treasures in heaven for the rest of my life.

I pray I will be able to help others as well as my own family, for many of them are lost as I was.

I RECEIVED THE NKJV OPEN BIBLE LAST WEEK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

It will help me further in my studies as well help others with the understanding of God's Word. I was

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE 2015

MONDAYS.....Prison Bible Study

TUESDAYS....Prison Overcomers

TUESDAYS....Prison Marriage, Family & Parenting

**WEDNESDAYS...Overcomers Recovery
Mtg. 6 PM Bible Fellowship Church**

**THURSDAYS... Anger Management/
Marriage, Family & Parenting
710 S Eucalyptus St.**

**NEW CLASS BEGINS FEBRUARY 12
Counseling by appointment 863-273-7388**

asked by someone what my favorite scripture is. I have many now, but I chose Job 28:28. That sums it up pretty well. I was also asked , How do you know God made everything? I wrote that just look at the cloud. Ten metric tons of water defying gravity, but not God. He puts it where he needs it.

I am a scientist and have another explanation of that also. Just look at the earth. 5 feet below the surface it keeps a constant temperature of 58 degrees F, but at the core is molten rock spinning very fast, defying science. Again, only God can do it. :) Again Thank you so very much for everything. Take care, God Bless, Sincerely, SJ





An Old Friend and Quiet Soldier For the Lord

Brother Norm Metzger went to be with the Lord in January. A retired school principal in Pennsylvania, he first volunteered to help tutor for a GED program. With the opening of the Teacherage we did not continue that program but he became a grader for Little Lambs. He took some years off with the death of his beloved wife and his own illness but came back last year. He was very diligent. Brother Norm could encourage students like no other. Honest, sincere and interested in their work, his comments made all of us who read them feel so inspired. He worked fast, often bringing in lessons twice a week. But alas, we did not know that his disease was progressing. Even in December he was still grading lessons. Shortly thereafter he went home to Pennsylvania and surrendered his life to the Lord.

Dear Partners,

I personally want to thank you for a very good year. We have continued the work that the Lord has called us too and you have made it all possible. After getting all the legal (taxes) things out of the way, we are now focusing on painting the Ministry building. The last time work was done on the exterior was around 2006, after the hurricanes. That means we have some extensive repairs then lots of scraping and painting. Bill Daily, builder and contractor, has volunteered to help with the repairs and Gregg Carr of MC Painting has volunteered to supervise and help with the painting and scraping. We are asking for paint donations and you can pray about that. The men at Hogar Resa will be helping us with the scraping and painting also. We will also remove the awnings and hopefully install new ones. Our old ones were rotten to the core! The repair and replacement of some rotten wood is also being done by our friend Albert Merriweather. Please keep us in your prayers, especially our volunteers, some of which have serious health challenges. They are such a loyal bunch! We want to welcome our newest grader, Roe McAdams from Bible Fellowship Church. I'm sorry I don't have a picture but he is an old friend and partner. More next month. Your Servant, Eileen Sala



Wednesday I visited the new Hogar RESA facility in Wauchula. Filling both the Avon Park home and the Sebring Grace home, Hogar expanded to Wauchula last fall. They have leased a former doctor's office with lots of exam rooms that are perfect dorm rooms. With six in all, their capacity is 12 to 16 men and are now full. From here they will have their own spiritual programs and participate in treatment and work with the Avon Park Hogar. Supervisor of the home is Juan Ortiz. Juan and Carmelo, the founder, attended treatment together as young men around the age of 18 in Puerto Rico and recently reconnected.

They still have some work to be done, like secure fencing and porch. They will be a welcome asset to the community as there are numerous Hispanic churches and families in that area. The general population is probably 50% Hispanic in Hardee County. Continue to pray for them as they sell their products to earn their upkeep. We tried all their pies at Christmas

and voted Coconut Flan the best!

