



Little Lambs Inc

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The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakens morning by morning, he wakens my ear to hear as the learned. Isa 50:4

Why do I love to grade the lessons? It seems a tiresome chore. But there are those times which make you smile and say “finally he gets it. He understands.” As we work through the 17 to 28 page lessons, reading for correct answers and making note of their essays, we get the feel of their heart. We are free to write appropriate comments throughout the lessons. We don’t write anything negative, we only write over it with a red pen. **I love those red pens!** It is our weapon in the warfare against the devil. That red pen can be mightier than a sword. It seems on this one lesson, the student wrote some comments about the nature of his problem (drinking) and how he was dealing with it. As you know, I have extensive experience in that field and I could see where he was going, in denial and permitting himself too much slack. I was impressed to simply write **“total abstinence”** with my red pen and let it go. You can imagine my surprise and amazement a few weeks later to see what God has done with those simple words to that young man! In his letter below he tells how God answered him, brought him out of denial and told him what He wanted from him.

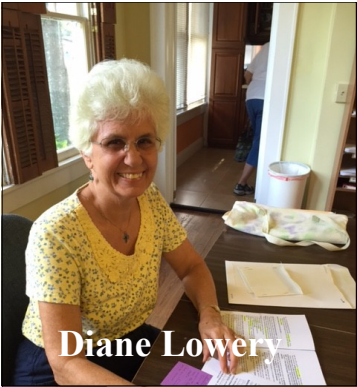
I think that is the thing I confront the most in ministry: denial. “I am not such a bad person.” Most are living in gross sin but think everyone else is doing it so it’s not such a big deal. And of course most are bible illiterate, never having been churched or taught the basics of moral living, or having had one real godly role model in their life. Then when you explain with the Word how they have sinned, the tears, the cryings, admitting the truth and the earnest desire to change. It is a broken spirit and a contrite heart that God loves! Now He has something to work with. Godly sorrow leads to true repentance. Surely we don’t want to be in the crowd that says, “Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?” And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Mt 7:22-23

Here is the student’s letter: Dear Mrs. Sala, I received your second book of the study. I had forgotten to tell you that I didn't have a KJV bible, so I did the best with that I had. I asked my girlfriend to send you a message (via internet) about not having one. And wouldn't you know it, I received two bibles! God will deliver His word wherever He feels is necessary and desired. And I sure did need it.

I wanted to share with you about a certain thing I had on my mind. I sometimes share my stories here with guys about how I came to be here. It's funny how we always come to talk about how we could have done things different when we got into trouble. Which leads me to my own personal battle in my head. I was always thinking how I can change things when I get out. Like 'what can I do different with my drinking'. Maybe I could just stop driving all together. I was actually trying to defend that one thing that landed me here! I was making excuses for the beer. Insane right!? Well, that's how I was thinking. Anyways to get to my point, that thinking was popping up once in a while. 'Can I actually get away with drinking sometimes but just be more strict on my drinking behavior?' So that's where your bible study comes into the picture. First thing I notice in red writing is those words that you wrote down, **total abstinence**. And which made those words stand out to me was that it was underlined. It reminded me of when I was in school when my teacher wanted to let me know where I made a mistake. It was always in red and underlined. And to make things even sweeter and crazy was the picture of Jesus Christ on the front page. Literally, Mr. And Mrs. Sala, my teacher Jesus Christ told me that I need to not ever drink again if I want these troubles to go away. God works in mysterious ways but so simple are the ways He talks to us that we only need to pay close attention. Thank you once again for helping me come closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Dear Staff, God bless you! I was so moved and still am by the very sweet precious “Welcome to the Family Card!” My little lamb Birthday May 1, 2015! How awesome this is! :) the picture with my name attached to it brought tears of joy and happiness for I know for sure I am a child of God! :) This alone is so awesome I have not seen this before from a course or bible school for this is so very loving and personal! :) Great job on the course! :) Thank you so much for your awesome testimony. Praise our God who loves us no matter what! What an awesome thing it is that we who are His children are washed clean with His blood that was shed for us as white as the snow! :) What an awesome ministry God has blessed you with! :) Your love shows very strong for our God. May you always be blessed richly and may God pour out blessings upon you.

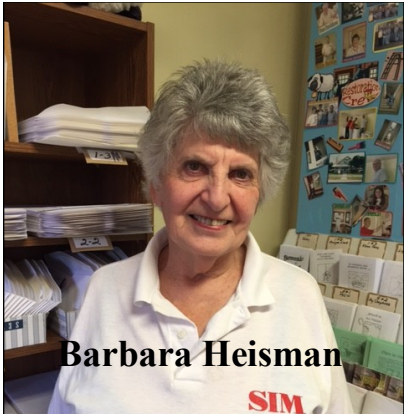
At age 15 I made a commitment between myself and God to go into His mission field and at age 41 through this incarceration that commitment has been restored. I am 43 now and shall turn 44 on May 22, 2015!:) I am growing stronger every single day in His love and living Word and love sharing His word with others. I surrender myself completely to Him. Say no to my soul, yield to my spirit and ask the Holy Spirit to guide me very single day. Thank you for your support and prayers. Your brother in Jesus Christ and missionary-in-training, DM, FL.



Diane Lowery

Volunteer Gallery– New and Old

A banner few weeks orientating 4 new volunteers. *Diane Lowery*, from Tanglewood has joined us on Tuesdays and Fridays. *Barbara Heisman* has joined us a grader. *Peggy Helwig and Linda Brooks* are also starting a grading career! All these young ladies *are* retired from their professions and eager to serve the Lord with us. They are also all from local churches with lots of experience with the bible and Bible Study.



Barbara Heisman



Linda Brooks & Peggy Helwig

And here is our beloved Jo Anier. I visited her on Memorial Day in Hardee Manor in Wauchula. I had a great time with her. We spent a few minutes outside on the swing and walking in the facility. She, of course, is longing to come back to Sebring. Please pray for her to do so!



Jo Anier

Dear Partners,
It has been a very very busy time for us. We are being stretched somewhat as the snow birds leave and we gratefully orient our new volunteers. We are so encouraged with these ladies who have answered our plea. We have had bibles to the Highlands County Jail courtesy of Tanglewood Community Church and readying for our new class at the Avon Park Prison, and new bibles coming in and bibles going out, bibles, bibles everywhere. We have had a tremendous uptick in the number of new students, especially female inmates, averaging 50 new student packets **a week!** Thanks to those of you who donated to not only cases of bibles but the cordless microphone at the prison.

Diane Lowrey and Peggy Helwig , two newest volunteers, brought in a friend, Linda Brooks, to join as a grader. They have started their training and Diane will be our Tuesday and Friday help as Calvin and Eloise Miller, Jan and Roe MacAdams head off for the summer. Diane has coordinated our Christmas give-aways each year providing gifts and treats for our anger management parents to give to their children during the holidays. Peggy seems to be a good friend of both Diane and Jan, and is happy to be on board. They have both become graders too. Beth Skipper is back in town grading too. And Alice has recovered much of her eyesight and is grading again. I am so grateful to all these women. We have also added Barbara Heisman to our volunteer family from Bible Fellowship Church. Barbara has been grading for a couple of weeks now.

We have started a new anger management class and urge you to pray for the people in the class. Their needs are great. We are being hosted again by the First Presbyterian Church and Pastor Darrell Peer. The facilities and parking are a big help to us. We also have a class of 47 enrolled in the Marriage and Family class at Avon Park Prison thus far and are hoping to start an addiction class again this summer. Marriage & Family will start on Tuesday, June 2, and I appreciate you keeping us in prayer there too. Below are pictured myself, Jan, and Dean with Warden Timothy Sheffield, Chaplain Clark, and Regional Chap. Al. Al-Khatib (back row) in a picture taken at the Avon Park Annual Volunteer Banquet in April.

Hogar Resa from Grace Place will be hosting their annual Graduation and Banquet at the Civic Center this year in Sebring. I will be the guest speaker for the night. I will miss a lot of these young men who have resided at Grace Place for the last year. It has been very rewarding to see them grow into worthy young men and we can pray too for them as they return home and put their life back together.

To all you Fathers, I want to remind you that fatherhood is the most influential position you will ever hold! Celebrate you family as they celebrate you! Love them with the Love of the Lord.

Your servant and friend, Eileen Sala

JUNE SCHEDULE 2015 Happy Father's Day

Mondays:..... Bible Study
Avon Park Prison
Tuesday:Overcomers
Avon Park Prison
Tuesday:..... Marriage, Family & Parenting, Avon Park
Wednesdays: Anger Management & Biblical Boundaries
New Class Beginning May @
First Presbyterian Church
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