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Christmas Blessings

The Christmas Season is usually a time to gather with old friends and loved ones and thank God for another good year, a year enjoying the blessing of God, our Savior. It is in service to our Savior that we live. This year has become a poignant one for me, counting my wonderful blessings. I was introduced into the ministry and ordained through Rev. Mike Karl and his wife, Rev. Pat Karl of the New Testament Mission. Through the years John and I have enjoyed a loving, supportive relationship with the Karls. Their life of absolute dedication to God is a tremendous example for all of us. He taught me a lot about ministry. Brother Mike was the first one I talked to after John's death and they were very generous and helpful to me at that time. The Karl's celebrated their 40th year in ministry in Sebring in November. It was a joyous time and the work of the Karl's goes on around the world, not just in Sebring. As you probably know, Rev. Karl is in a struggle for his health right now and we covet your prayers for Brother Mike.



Rev. Mike Karl



Evangelie & Tom

Another blessing to us at Little Lambs, has been Tom and Evangeline Johnson. Evangeline is of Hispanic decent and being bilingual, she helped us to set up, translate, and run our Spanish Bible Study Outreach. Through this program, our Spanish team have ministered to several thousand inmates throughout the United States. Her attention to detail and her care that the gospel be fully understood by those in her 'class' caused her to spend many hours at the office, often coming in twice a week to get all the work and letters done. Through her framework, we can now continue the program. Although Tom fully recovered from a very serious heart problem two years ago, Evangeline fell at her church several months ago and with that came the

realization that they need to be near their children and have given in to this move. Knowing her through all these 12 years and working with her and Tom has been a huge blessing in my life and the life of many inmates. Tom has volunteered all these 12 years as a Thursday office volunteer. We will certainly miss these two and we pray they enjoy many more years with their children and grandchildren.



Alice Latham

Another blessing (as I am counting my blessings!) is Alice Latham. Alice and Harry Latham came to us when we were downtown about 14 years ago. Alice has been in the office and grading ever since. She rarely misses a week. I would say that Alice has graded thousands of lessons through the years. And she and Harry were always ready to help us with our move or any other need. They supported the recovery program by attending all the meetings and giving the men and women encouragement. Harry died a year ago and Alice has carried on. However, it seems that Alice is now struggling with a heart problem also. It lay dormant a long time but has now resurfaced to give her a lot of trouble. She is awaiting tests right now to see if surgery is an option for her. I know that she and I would covet your prayers for her recovery also

Now the greatest blessing of all: that lady who came to me and asked, "Do you have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ?" some 36 years ago! My Savior, born of a virgin, in a manger, worshipped by kings, crucified on a cross, and ascended into heaven, is coming back for me! This Savior has given me friends in Christ who believe like I do, who work for Him for nothing, who gladly give to others, who are on the same mission as I am on. This Savior has blessed me with supporters and partners like all of you and more than this, He has blessed all of us with this special mission that no one else can fulfill. Truly, we want to 'occupy till He comes'. We pray that Little Lambs has been a blessing to this community and this country simply by showing Christ in all our affairs and teaching others to do the same. Our motto has been "Leading prisoners from Crime to Christ". I Rejoice in Him!!

A Blessed Christmas to All of You!

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Little Lambs and Church, I want to say how grateful I am of your ministry and volunteer work here at Avon Park Prison. I've been attending Spirit, Soul and Body Class with Phil Esposito for over a year now and have learned so much about the Spirit of the Lord which lives in me. I've been able to share with my family & friends the Love of the Lord and his greatness that is working in my life and I know I speak on behalf of other men here as well our class keeps growing and it's wonderful to seeing your ministry touch and change the hearts of troubled men such as me who know that we have a place in the Lord's word. Thank you, Phillip

Dear Little Lambs Ministries, Hello. I just wanted to send a little note to tell you how much I am enjoying your correspondence Bible Study. I am learning so much! I asked for John's book and received it from you all. It was so inspiring. I found out I was not giving everything to Jesus and needed to give Him EVERYTHING. So I finally did. Thank you so much for giving me that book. It's so good. Praise God for all He does for all of us. Is there any way I can get stamps to send my lessons back? I am not doing good financially but I really want to do these studies! Thank you, Benjamin, Hutchinson KS.

Hello Little Lambs! Just a note to tell you I love you and that I am praying for you two. I took 5 weeks and read the entire Left Behind Series, all 12 books. Now Back to my studies! I am also enrolled in a ministerial school! I love to do your studies! They are great! I'm still writing Christian music and I am an Elder at Chapel! I play my guitar for God now! The Lord has led me to this Bible School! It is an ordination course for a prison minister degree! God has been having me give his word at the chapel! He has brought me a long way in 2 years! I was angry and evil and an atheist then! Praise God! I'm Born-again spirit filled and on fire for the Lord and his word and his will for my life! It all started from one scripture, Matt 6:33. I truly seek the Lord first! Love Dave

John & Eileen, thank you so much for what you are doing for me. The Bible Studies I'm doing with you are different than all the others!! With you I actually have to write the scriptures out and sometimes more than one time. As I am writing them I say them to myself, that way I keep them in my heart. I have learned so many scriptures and my relationship with God is growing. My hunger for the Word is growing as I stay in God's presence. Also the Little Lamb pamphlets is very helpful and encouraging. I feel as I am part of the Little Lamb Family. Thank you! Also thank you for the certificates that you send. They are very nice. To me its more than just paper. It's accomplishment, way of life, love, and a relationship.

How am I doing? I had my first contact visit in a while. My son (3 y/o) just started talking a lot. This was the first time I heard him say Daddy and I love you. That brought tears to my eyes and I almost hit my knees. The visit was amazing. That's my one and only kid and I will die and do anything for him. Sincerely, Craig

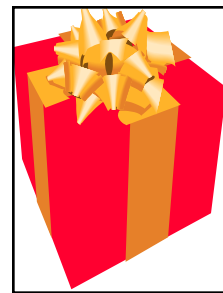
If I would have listened to my mother I never would have done a lot of the things I had done. I know that they say our lives are already planned out but I refuse to believe my destiny is spending life in prison. The discipline I have received in here has paved a whole different path for me, in a positive sense and I pray that I am able to prove it. Amen.

*This is the best study I have ever done!! It gets to the meat of the word and I really appreciate having to search out the scriptures instead of just having a multiple choice. When I saw the bookmark with all the books of the bible, I thought, "Oh, How sweet." But very soon after starting this study, I was using that bookmark diligently to find the books!! It was very useful. Thank you for this new study!! I have been in prison for 26 years, even the guards walking by commented on what was I working so hard on! :) Thanks again, Mary, Ar

I got ahead of myself on the back page (of the lesson), sorry. There was so much more I wanted to write but not enough room. What the brothers meant for evil, God meant for good. That's how I feel about my situation in prison. I live and relate to Rom 8:28 (Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose). I was convicted for murdering my husband. I was trying to kill myself, he was trying to take the gun away from me and was accidently shot. I still shot myself in the left chest, but God let me live. The Drs. Called it miraculous. But the family wanted revenge. I was so depressed and had 2 other attempts, so I know good will come out of my stay in prison. I got life and it is so hard at times. Being away from my family who live in Atlanta, Ga. But I know God has a plan and I just try to do the best I can in here. Sometimes it seems unbearable, the shame of what people think of me. I want them to know the truth. Please pray for me. Thank you for this bible study. I crave these studies. This is a good one. Live in Christ, Kathy GA

CHRISTMAS EVERY WEEK AS WE SEND OUT GRADUATION BIBLES!

Dear J & E Sala, I received my bible from you the day after I received my Graduation Certificate. I thank you very much for it. I will enjoy reading God's word from it because it is showing me a whole new way to read the word. The Biblical Cyclopedic Index is another great help to me. Explaining the Books, the authors, the times, the Christ, the Keys and the Survey of each I get a better understanding of "The Word." God helps me through my trials and suffering every day. I was a caterpillar just eating up sin until I was rescued (arrested), I'm now in a cocoon (studying, learning and getting closer to God). Then I will be a butterfly released from prison so I can preach and teach the Word of God. With Christian love, Paul TX



A UNIQUE IDEA... Dear Brother John & Eileen and Little Lambs Workers'

Thank y'all for the NICE "Open Bible"! The "Biblical Cyclopedic Index" is EXTENSIVE. I love it! I love the certificate too. :) I loved "I'm Not Coming Back", finished it in 1 1/2 days. Couldn't put it down.

Tonight I emailed a friend and told her exactly how to get saved. I'm tired of telling people about Jesus but failing to try to bring them to the point of the actual second birth. So pray for my friend, Ginger, to be saved. She is elderly, crippled up, and extremely lonely and sad.

I'm fixing to start teaching a class here in APALS—gonna call it "GPS" (Gately Picture & Symbol Method of Bible Study). Gonna start in Proverbs: W...women Ø...shut your mouth FL...fear of the Lord ©...(like an ear) Listen ©...children =...paths, ways Yes, I'll write yall from time to time, promise. Love y'all soooo much, Helen Gately AR.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Sala, I wanted to express my Thanks for the gift that you have Bestowed upon me. I was not expecting such a wonderful gift. I was so excited that I could hardly wait to tell my loving wife about it. If you happen to have an advanced Bible Study I would like to enroll in that one too. I gained so much for so little I feel like I am cheating God. I feel that way everyday for all the Blessings that I have been given. I hope to some day thank you in person. Thank you again. I will pray that your ministry continues to help rehabilitate inmates and help them get close to God. James, FL

Dear John & Eileen, I thank you for the wonderful bible—as a graduation gift. The "real gift" however was "The Words of God" that came to me through your bible lessons. Very gratefully yours, Johnny TX

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2016 Graduates

English Graduates

Dear Partners,



How this month has quickly sped away! First we had a splendid day with most of our volunteers over for lunch and a time of fellowship. Then it was quickly off on a babysitting trip in Orlando as my son and his wife competed in a Fred Astaire competition. I had a week with Little Alex. Then for Thanksgiving I was able to spend a few days with Natalie and her little Emmett. However during this past month, Jan's sister, Louella passed away after a long illness. Louella had volunteered for us for a short time years ago. Jan is in Ohio to celebrate Louella's life with her family. Now that we are back it is business as usual with over 70 studies coming in on Monday!!! No lack of work here. Praise the Lord.



We have started our Christmas rush with cards placed in all our bible studies as well as the gifts and treats to our small groups. Tanglewood Community Church's Diane Lowery has organized the women there to make packages of cookies and tracts and books for all the students. Especially touching are the books and CD's for children with bible stories and songs. We have made them available to our classes at the prison. They can write us to send them to their families. These go over very well with the parents as do the 'comic book bibles'.

Through Tanglewood, we make bibles, books and now CD's available to each and every person coming to the Anger Management/Parenting Class. As you probably know, Diane is a Tuesday volunteer and a grader. Actually our favorite type of volunteer, a retired teacher!! They seem to take to the details of grading very well.

As I stated on the cover, we will be losing several of our long-time volunteers. These men and women have dedicated years to our mission. Of course we will need to replace them. Volunteers work from 9 to 12 in the morning unless involved in night meetings or classes. The Hispanic volunteer will need to have some computer literacy to keep the Spanish school in order. This is usually done on Thursday mornings. Our Monday morning and our Thursday seems to need someone in those slots. Office volunteers do a lot of folding, stuffing, writing, packaging etc. Graders will actually grade inmate lessons with an answer key. If you feel the desire to serve the Lord in this way, call us for an orientation.

As usual, I hate to see good friends and spiritual partners leave us. But God has always been faithful to supply our needs. I simply marvel at the caliber of men and women who have graced our doors to serve. And we now have two good men in prison, Willie Hubbell and Phil Esposito, who are serving that population with great success. Our discipleship programs are working and families are being blessed.



Schedule December 2016

Mon...Avon Park Prison Bible Study
Mon...Overcomers with Hogar Resa
Tue...Overcomers Avon Park Prison
Tue...Marriage & Family/Biblical
Boundaries Avon Park Prison
Wed...Anger Management/Biblical
Boundaries First Presbyterian
Church @ 7 pm
Wed... Overcomers Bible Fellowship
Church @ 6 pm
Thurs..Released to Love, Women
Codependent Recovery @ 6:30 pm
@ Little Lambs Inc
Thurs..Overcomers With Hogar Resa

Oh, on January 22, the postal rates will change. Some metered mail will go down and others will go up. I think our flats, which is the majority of our mail, will be going up 4 cents on the first ounce and it remains to be seen how much on each additional ounce. We will know more in January. Media mail (our books and bibles) will increase by 1.135% also. Because of the proliferation of 'easy reading bibles' we are sending a record number of KJV bibles into prisons and jails. This year to date we have spent \$15,580.00 on postage. But then we are sending enormous amounts of the Word into prisons across America. I think it is a unique investment for us to make in eternity!

May you all have the most blessed Christmas ever!

Remember us in your Christmas giving!

And thank you to those of you who have. We are blessed!

Your servant in Christ,

Eileen Sala