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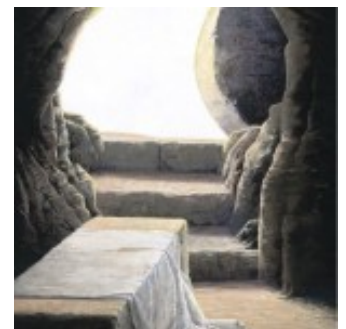
Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

"Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them." John 17:1-26 NKJV



Letter from the Spanish School student Bernardo..California.

When I entered prison, I felt that it was not a good place for me, not only the fear but the error that I committed gave me sadness in my mind and I said, "my God, why is this happening to me?" because my pain was strong in the sense of being apart from my family. Friends in jail would say let's go to church and then I began to read the Bible.

Each message by my brothers that came would reach deep in my heart and then upon returning to my cell the tears would begin. I felt so sad and then my mates who attended the church would encourage me. When I realized that the word of our Jesus Christ would give me revelation of what had happened to me, that is when I began to understand the Scriptures. I don't want to say that I already know much, but just that each verse gives me understanding of what I did not know. My wife also have begun to go to church with my youngest child. I am looking at what happens inside us, I and my family. I have committed myself to God that I have to follow a different path, honoring the commandments and study the Scriptures.

With respect to my brethren that have been with me in different prisons, they have always helped me with the Scriptures and we respect each other. It was here when one of my brethren, when I told him I wanted to do a Bible Study, that he had an address where he was studying and that is why I wrote to you to study further with reference to the Scriptures. I thank those in the ministry that continue helping and give thanks for sending me a stamped envelope to help others also. May the Lord bless you all in the ministry.

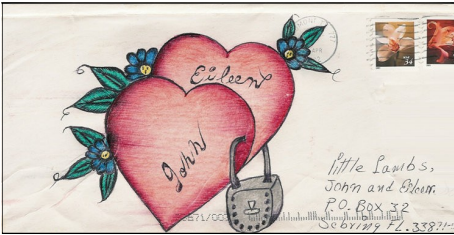
Christ died for even me!

Dear John & Eileen,

God bless you both. I read John's book how he came to Christ. It is amazing what God can do for one according to his will. I became a child of God on 9-11-2015 after many attempts to leave the Islamic Group of 21 years, being a group leader for a time as well as Imam. What got me to really trust in God was on 9-11-15 I was sitting in my segregation cell reading the bi-monthly bulletin of the Muslim faith and the question asked on a questionnaire really stirred some feelings inside of me, "Can the prayer be done in any other language besides Arabic?" was the question. The answer is NO. It can be taught in one's mother tongue, then you have to learn the prayer in Arabic. I know this for years as I got stuck on a train of thought. All my mind was thinking of the bible Genesis, the story of Babel where God confounded the language as we have today many of. I then started thinking of the prayer, praying a certain direction, at certain times of day, washing a certain way, eating a certain way. All these play on culture, traditions, and rituals as in Isaiah 1:11-14 says of God being tired of all these customs as religions partake of now days: Islam, Judaism, even Catholic and Protestant, all use traditions. When Christ came into the world He came to fulfill the laws not do away, so we wouldn't have to have the burdens to administer sacrifices, which also have no use in the kingdom of God. How can the blood of a ram, goat, sheep pay atonement for sins? Well, as I was sitting there I got up, put up the Quran and prayer rug and prayed to God asking Jesus to come into my life, to forgive me of my sins. What intrigued me more of a Christian faith was this scripture in Isaiah 7:14...speaks of a virgin being born with a child as in Matt 1:21 hundreds of years apart. This was mentioned also in Isaiah 9:5-6.

Here I have many trials in my life as a prisoner as a Christian cause of my past involvements with things. Now I have had many altercations on my life back to the Islamic life. I am waiting to go to a special management unit. I am serving a 27 year sentence for double murder (14 yrs remaining). I regret it tremendously. I was a husband, father, had a good job. I had my vices: alcohol, drugs, adultery, deception, manipulative seducer etc. I can only be responsible for my part in the murders. Can't blame anyone else although I was protecting a female friend instead of being at work or gone to work, I went and aided my female friend as she got jumped. I chose not to go to work that day,. As I continue telling you this of my life, it's not to glorify it cause it is ugly. It is how I came to Christ. Within my battles with my demons and giving up on everything else that failed me as Christ is the answer. I have let go of my drug addictions and other things. My life in Christ is all that matters. Well, it was put on my heart to ask you for a bonded leather NKJV bible with concordance specifically saying 'Holy Bible', not one saying McArthur's Study Bible, or Joyce Meyer, or Dake's study bible. It is holy as God's name is on it! So how can one put their name on it? Color doesn't matter. I have written many ministries and no help in 7 months. Can you aide me in this matter? It's not as I am asking to buy me a house, or car or support me in lively hood. It's a bible also any other material to aid my spiritual wellness.

In Christ , Charles NM *We have enrolled Charles in our lessons so he can get that special bible! Pray for him as he is marked for persecution.*



Translated from Spanish...Letter from Jose in California prison. This is an unusual and inspiring letter from a Spanish student. We are so excited about how our students reach out in very simple ways to bring the love of God to others and win souls for the Lord.

I have been in prison for 2 1/2 years over something that I didn't do. I was frustrated and full of anger towards those who made false testimonies against me, accusing me for their benefits. Because of that serious accusation I was full of hate and resentment. I wished them the worst at being here in prison. It was harming me because that hatred and anger and hate inside of me prevented me from sleeping and resting in peace. But thanks to God everything changed and that hate and resentment that was inside of me disappeared soon after a 20 year old young man introduced himself and gave me a Bible, which I still have. It was the first Bible that I have held in my hands in my 32 years of life. But I didn't know where to begin reading nor what I would find in it. Also, it came to mind if God really existed then why was I paying unjustly for something I didn't do. I had heard about Christ and I didn't know anything to meditate upon and I became aware that Christ also paid for something He had not done.

I began to speak to God and ask Him why this was happening to me. I began to speak and ask Him if He truly existed give me a sign so that I can confide in you and that you will not leave me alone regardless of what happens. I remember that I cried and cried as I had never done in a long time. I began to feel that something was coming out of me, everything I was worried about disappeared from my soul and a great weight separated from me. I don't remember how long I cried and I fell asleep like a child who finds comfort in the arms of a mother. I had not been sleeping for days, but that day nothing disturbed me sleep, not even the lights that remained lit all night, nor the sounds that are heard in these places.

The answer to my prayer didn't take too long to reach me. It took less than a week to come even though I didn't know how to pray. I know that God heard me and wasn't late in giving me a sign that I needed that God, true and faithful, would not leave me alone for one moment whether good or bad. He would be present to strengthen me. Perhaps some of my story will appear foolish or perhaps a coincidence, but for me it was the opening of doors to Christ.

For weeks I couldn't communicate with my family in Mexico. I used to speak to them 2-3 times a week. When I was arrested everything was taken from me, my phone, my computer. A friend was able to call my family and they finally called me! All I know is that with God it was possible. After speaking with my family I calmed down. The next day I received another sign. A cousin of mine, who knew that I liked to draw, wrote a letter. Before I received it, I had drawn a special picture for her of little hands praying and beneath the drawing I wrote the name of her months old baby daughter, Nathalie. I had finished the drawing around 11 am. The mail came around a half hour after I had completed the drawing. I was called to pick up my mail and I had no idea who was writing nor what I would find— something that would give a turn in my life—a life full of ignorance and a life full of sin which I already knew, but didn't see it then as something bad since I didn't know the truth and the love of God and His Son Jesus Christ. I was about to start on a new life in Christ because the life I led was dead. Yes, dead in my sins. I was about to feel the real love, the one which I had never known; that is, the love that one in this life gives to another person who loves.

I took the letter and looked at the name on the envelope and it was from my cousin. I went to my bunk to read the letter. At the side of my bed was the young man sitting on his bed. He had gifted me with the bible. He asked me if the mail was from the family. I said that it was. He knew about the drawing that I had finished half an hour earlier, who it was for and what I had drawn. I opened the letter and the page had an illustration, a drawing, and only a few lines were written. Just looking at the drawing brought profuse tears to my eyes. The young man looked at me and asked if I was OK, if my family was alright. I could not answer. I had no words to say to him what I was seeing and reading in that letter, and what I felt in my heart in those moments. I couldn't say anything! I gave him the letter to read. While he read it, just like me, he began to cry.

The drawing that I had finished a half hour before receiving the letter, of little hands praying was there. It came printed on the letter, not with the name of Nathalie but beneath the lines was written, "hi, I hope you are fine and later on you can draw for me the little hands praying with Nathalie's name beneath." What other sign could I ask God when He gave me not one but two! How could show love and that He was at your side every day of your life. Since then I accepted Christ into my heart and I surrendered my life to not do my will but God's will for me. Not even with my life can I pay the price Christ paid! My pact with Christ was to surrender my life and follow Him.



Dear Partners,

Spring is here and robins are all over my yard. I have tremendous excitement for what God is doing as my class at the prison now numbers 38 or so men. The hunger is deeper and stronger. On the other hand, I am disappointed that our wonderful Chaplain has retired and his replacement is in the works. Retired from the federal prison system, he started to have health problems and his children asked that he really retire. We will miss him tremendously. His commitment to the spiritual programs was a great help and encouragement. Before Chaplain Weaver our class time was often 20 or 30 minutes per class. Now, with the Chaplain's input we get one hour and 15 minutes almost every week! Class time to him was sacrosanct! God's time to impact the inmates! Please pray for his replacement.

Great news! I visited Martha at the Hernando Prison on Sunday. Tomorrow, Feb. 29th, she will be graduating the Faith and Character Program of one of Florida's few female faith-based prisons. In July, she will be graduating from the Christian University at the prison as well. She has been a very busy lady. She continues to be bold and of good courage as she finishes the last two years of her term there. We are looking forward to having Martha be a part of Little Lambs after her release. She has long been a part as she was included in our first women's codependent group in 2009.

Our deepest gratitude for the gifts of graduation bibles and for your continued support as we continue all our outreaches through your generosity and giving.

Eileen Sala

MARCH SCHEDULE 2016

Mondays.....Bible Study, Avon Park Prison
Mondays... Overcomers, Hogar Resa
Tuesdays... Overcomers Avon Park Prison
Tuesdays....Marriage, Family & Parenting,
Avon Park Prison
Wednesdays..Overcomers 6 pm
Bible Fellowship Church
Wednesdays...Anger Management &
Biblical Boundaries 7 pm
First Presbyterian Church
Thursdays....Released to Love
Women's Codependent Recovery
6:30 pm upstairs @ Little Lambs
Call 273-7388 for free counseling



HOGAR RESA NEWS Lots of changes being made in the Men's Program!

Because of the big influx of recovery candidates, more beds were added to the program at existing facilities. In Avon Park, the upper story apartment was vacated and made into a staff dormitory increasing beds available on main floor. In Sebring, more beds were added by converting an office space into a dorm room. Because there are over 70 men total in the

three facilities, each facility will be feeding 3 meals a day instead of eating in Avon Park. I would say now that they are maxed out! And looking for more property and/or buildings. I suggested that they hand out more brochures on their sales trips, but they responded that it would bring in lots more candidates and they have no space now! We at Little Lambs are happy to get a regular 'house' crew who will remain on the property every day. Upper right photo is Gilberto, the new head cook. Below is Angel in white (over construction changes) and Jesus, who was at Grace Place earlier in his treatment. All of these men love to garden and we are excited to have them. We continue to have the majority of the men at Little Lambs on Monday nights for bible study and addiction recovery as well as Thursday mornings. We are excited as Hogar Resa thinks about their future and growth that seems to be happening without even trying!! Perhaps they need a building program! They would welcome donations of property and buildings! Please continue to pray for these men. Their



recovery must be a life long commitment and courage is needed to put all this into practice. Men helping men, in Christ.

