



# Little Lambs Inc

A John & Eileen Sala Prison Ministry

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## Graduations Galore

We have finished 2017 on a high note! Our problems at Avon Park Prison were solved thanks to Col. Brock. As a result, we are getting all our class time, even allowed an extra 30 minutes. Because of this change we were able to graduate our current classes so we held 2 graduations, one at the Main Unit and one at the Work Camp. These Graduations included both the Marriage, Family & Parenting (Anger Management) Classes as well as the Overcomers Addiction Recovery Classes.

It was exciting for us because we get to hear the testimonies of change in the men and their families. Some of the men request extra materials to send home to the wives. Others teach them during visitation and calls. They are often eager to see the same change in their loved ones. Several of the men also graduated our Bible Study Course and received their Graduation Bible as well. I am going to let their letters and essays speak for themselves.

**Jeffrey:** I have to admit when I first came to the Marriage and Family class I was really skeptical because I had already signed up with the IVP class and was highly disappointed. I went through my last prison sentence blaming all my problems on everyone but me and when I got out August 2013, I fell on my spiritual face. I say spiritual because I studied religion from 2003-2013, but I had no roots. It's been my biggest fear to know the truth and the real truth is: I was my biggest problem. But through this class I find out that some of my main issues came from and originated from my wrong thinking about life and a lot was instilled throughout my life by my parents and grandparents.

Through this class I heard something about what the bible calls Generational Curses, handed down sometimes 3-4 generations, and I've had to do a moral inspection of myself and how I interact with others. Up until this point in my life I thought I was the only member in my family that was dysfunctional! My life was in shambles only because I gave God a part of my life, not my whole life. I've learned you cannot take two empty people and make each other whole. I can only achieve this through Jesus Christ.

I thank Little Lambs and Ms. Eileen for opening my eyes to the real truth and pointing me in a different way of life. I have reached a point in my life that generational curse or not I plan to get out of prison and continue to learn where life is concerned and take what I've learned and try to stop this curse from hurting my children or other family members. I wish this class was introduced to me before I left prison in 2013. Maybe it would have helped me stay out or at least have a better chance at what freedom I had. I feel I went out worse than I came in. I go home again Dec. 2018, and I feel I'm way better equipped for my journey. I even stopped religion and started having a relationship with Jesus Christ and my eyes have opened up to amazing heights. Thank you Little Lambs and Ms. Eileen. Jeffrey, Avon Park Prison

## 2017 SPANISH

Lessons	1,103
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Graduates	32
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## English Bible Study

Mon.	Courses graded	Graduates	New Stud.
Jan	378	18	178
Feb	333	13	133
Mar	397	15	122
Apr	306	14	127
May	359	14	169
Jun	387	18	145
Jul	349	13	155
Aug	394	12	164
Sep	338	10	110
Oct	395	10	151
Nov	335	9	168
Dec	319	13	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,290</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>1697</b>

<p><b>ALABAMA</b> Jacquiondalyne Corr Terry Harve</p> <p><b>ARKANSAS</b> James See Nancy Spencer Millard Russey</p> <p><b>ARIZONA</b> Jose Salazar Humberto Alvarado Plam Ender</p> <p><b>CALIFORNIA</b> Santos Mendoza Juan Gonzalez Jose Castaneda David Cruz Odilon Placido Antonio Sanchez Arnoldo Guzman Juan Herrera Santiago Larez Enrique Gonzalez Russell Pegram Brint Clark Rafael Figueroa Robert Staedel Christopher Demos Mike Devine Jerry Stevens Jose Nunez Tyrone Hunt Charles Brown William Pollock Henry Cogswell Joseph Smith Shane Gottlieb Santos Mendoza</p> <p><b>Connecticut</b> Michael Champagn</p> <p><b>DELAWARE</b> Daniel Webber</p>	<p><b>FLORIDA</b> Carlos Suazo Filberto Perez Jose Rivera Eliezer Ayala Juan Miguel Eduardo Gonzalez Arturo Miranda Yuri Estevez Santos Lopez Efron Rodriguez Ronald Mays Rebecca Forward Jennifer Latham William Saffell Natalie Sims John Roach Brian Romanczuk Robert Sanders Kenneth Culver Catherine Pileggi James Pullens Sandy Bulla James Griffith Timothy Moore Jay McMullen Joey Henry David Candy David Landrau Terry Yates Timothy Zeigler Micky Clark Carl Owen Pamela Faulks Bernier Jackson Barry Miller Charles Stennett Stephen Baker Michael Nawrocki Billy Andrew Kristopher Sanders Thomas Vennel Daniel Lampasona</p>	<p><b>KANSAS</b> Jennifer Witherall Darrin Sherrill</p> <p><b>GEORGIA</b> Betty Wilkins Edward Walker Jacqueline Robillard Jennifer Kent Annie Shepperd Desiree Bane</p> <p><b>ILLINOIS</b> Luigi Adamo Edward Pence Sr.</p> <p><b>INDIANA</b> Mark Black John Mills John Naylor</p> <p><b>KENTUCKY</b> Tounce Young John Martin Billy Wyatt Norberto Morales Jeremy Maxey</p> <p><b>LOUISIANA</b> Mitchell Stevens Craig Lachney</p> <p><b>MARYLAND</b> Medardo Rodriguez Bernadette Lasater Jill Kay Banks</p> <p><b>MICHIGAN</b> Kevin Brady</p> <p><b>MINNESOTA</b> Raul Mascorro</p> <p><b>MISSISSIPPI</b> Candi McKenzie</p> <p><b>NORTH /SOUTH CAROLINA</b> Jerry Teague James Cope Larry Henry Barry Styles</p>	<p><b>IOWA</b> Marilyn Vaughn</p> <p><b>NEW YORK</b> Lee Lashway</p> <p><b>NEVADA</b> Katherine Clement Juanita Carr Chris Brumfield</p> <p><b>OHIO</b> Ulyesse Hawkins Steve Haley</p> <p><b>OREGON</b> Michael Price</p> <p><b>OKLAHOMA</b> Winifred Fulgium Daniel Brumit James Wood</p> <p><b>PENNSYLVANIA</b> Maximo Perez John Swartswelder Matthew Milisiti</p> <p><b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b> David Jerrett</p> <p><b>TENNESSEE</b> Martha Thompson Rebecca Jones Robin Griggs Aaron Floyd Dewey Gregory</p> <p><b>WEST VIRGINIA</b> Alexander Smith</p> <p><b>VIRGINIA</b> Santos Tomas Juan Chavez Jose Arevalo Winston Blanke Michael Mudd James Beverly</p> <p><b>WASHINGTON</b> Matthew Roderick</p> <p><b>WISCONSIN</b> Jeffrey Picard</p>	<p><b>TEXAS</b> Juan Torres Mose Madrid Manuel Lobos Alfredo Santana Landell Davis Tommy Whited Russell Trejo Karyn Manuel Michael Dickerson Alfred Rice William Wells Joyce Battaglia Danny Minor Comfort Gates Francis Connelly Dwight Whorley Randolf Puckett Harold Brown Johnnie Buckaloo Joseph Eitel Juan Garza Earl Oswalt Jerry Lisenbe Elizabeth Bailey Anthony Cline Tim Hoskins Ronald Peterson Kenny Odom Michael League Nense Rodela Daniel Garcia Paul Zarate Phillip Jackson Tina Alberson Rita Cooper Shirley Adams Peter Huerta Willie Sifuentes Gary Peoples Alberto Garcia Shelly Melder Russell Trimble Joyce McDaniel Kathleen Newburg Juan Almestaca Mario Hernandez Tommy Thomas Delores Brooks Vicki Jackson Juan Ramos Ronnie Day Tabby Martinjak</p>
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## 2017 GRADUATES OF LITTLE LAMBS INC

**This year we had a total of 191 Graduates who persevered through 16 intensive lessons with their assignments. Each one of these 159 men and women have received the English "Open Bible" as a reward for their hard work, a total value of \$11,925.00 with postage. Thirty-two of these inmates are Hispanic and also received a Leather Study Bible. It is very rewarding to grade the lessons of these students as it stimulates us and even challenges us to grow more. Grading a lesson is always an adventure as you would be surprised at the responses, especially from those who are new to the faith and who sort of think 'out of the box.' Please keep these men and women in your prayers as they leave us and stand on their own, so to speak. Remember those too, who leave this country and return home with the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.**





**Essay** Mrs. Ilene, I learned a whole lot from your class. It is by far the best class I have ever took :) I truly love it :) I learned about what's a healthy functional marriage. Also about codependency, Boundaries, and anger and its effects. What is love and what is not love. How to pay attention to when urges come on. How to talk and the things to say. I really like how you taught the class and your loyalty to us. The way you spoke and how you directed your words. Ms. Ilene, we as a class love you as a sister in Christ, at least I can say that. You are truly an amazing woman. I can see Jesus talk through you and your light shines really really bright. We will miss you and you will always be in our prayers. We love you, B.

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### **Family Marriage Class**

This class taught me a lot. Since I've enrolled, I've quit all drugs. It's so amazing to find out how drugs can affect families, generations to next. If I would have known what I know now, I don't think I've would have ever tried them. It's a blessing to still be alive, when finding out what's in them & how they're made. It's crazy to understand the recovery, if you can. I always wondered why my family were like the way they were and now I know. With the things I know now, I can change my family around and the patterns it keep following. I've broke a lotta addictions and look forward to keeping it that way. This class helped me and turn my life around. I'll pass the word on to others and know it will do the same for them. The teacher is understandable and helpful. Thanks and may God bless. Tyrone

**Letters** Dear John & Eileen, Today we got our Christmas sacks of snacks form "Christmas Behind Bars". Then, later on we got our "Gospel Echoes" cookies and address books, our calendars from the print shop and Christmas cards from the Chapel. Then at 6:30 pm the "Open Bible" (graduation bible) showed up! What a Christmas! Thanks for the journey through the word. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. John, IN

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Little Lambs, Hello. I'm writing to request to enroll in your bible study. I seen your name in the Chaplain's office and thought, yeah, I'd enjoy doing that. Though I have surrendered my life to Christ, I often get it within that something is not quite right. I can't put my finger on it and I feel kinda hindered or held back. I know or as far as I know, I have repented of ever sin I've done. I have accepted the free gift of salvation but I have no joy of salvation. I don't feel like I have any happiness. And I know I'm stuck with something that I'm not sure what it is but I need to get past it so I can grow. I've prayed many times but still seems like I'm in the dark with it. Just want to say thanks for being there for us who are in here and I look forward to growing in grace along with you. God bless you, John, *AR Bible studies are a good way of helping someone repent unknown sin, especially the sexual holiness lesson as well as our lessons teach inmates to pray and develop their spiritual life. Pray for this young man!*

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*Tom and Evangeline Johnson retired this past year after 17 years with Little Lambs because of health reasons and moved near their son. Here is part of a Christmas letter they sent. We miss them.*

Dear Family, Our Father also sent His personal gift with signs of a star, a babe, a mother, light, joy, shepherds, song in the night, the manger of Bethlehem cradling a King, Our Savior and King— the best GIFT. Though no longer in the cradle, He lives in us to work through us, to change us and the world. We have become the temple in which God dwells (Christ in you, the hope of glory) and all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord. We can distribute his gifts free to those who receive them: salvation, life, hope, healing, joy, peace and an eternal home where we will celebrate again.

We stay close in fellowship with the Lord through the ups and downs. Through it all we learn to depend upon Him. It is the bet solution for getting above all that we hear and see happening. Showing compassion on those who feel abandoned is a tangible gift. Sharing God's love is permanent and it is already sprouting in our hearts. Our families and friends are the next best gifts we have. May you have a blessed Christmas and may your New Year be filled with good health, open doors and the opportunity to express the love of Christ to your neighbor. Tom & Evangeline Johnson



The Church @ Hogar Resa



Dear Partners,

2017 is out with a blast and 2018 comes in like a lion! I just returned from Boise, Id., and apologize for a few days late. In December, Willie, Joe and myself were honored by the Hogar Resa Program during this church service with flowers, plaques and many thanks for helping them in their quest for sobriety. Later in December, Bible Fellowship Church WOW group donated supplies for Christmas to the Women's Hogar Resa. The 17 men housed in Sebring's Grace Place are attending here.

What will 2018 bring? Well, first off was a notice for a postage increase! First Class first ounce is one cent more, from 49 to 50 cents. With our meter it goes up from 46 to 47 cents, so that will be a penny per piece of mail, unless they increase subsequent ounces too! The raise will begin Jan 21, 2018. Our postage costs last year were \$15,538.00, one fourth of our total expenses. We want to thank all of you who have supported this tremendous effort for the prisons of America. Our total expenses for 2017 were \$69,591. We credit our great volunteers for holding down our costs. We have also sent out 250 student bibles through the prison system and many of John's books. This year will be the expense of the new roof as we are on a list for one.

Our bible study census continues to go up and are taken care of by an army of volunteers. Some continue to have health challenges and covet your prayers. Our friend Martha has moved from prison to work release in Orlando for the last nine months of her sentence. We had a great visit just before Christmas. Her attitude is really good and her health is too. Martha is a graduate of Little Lambs School of the Bible as well, so she has first hand experience of taking it while in prison.

**JANUARY SCHEDULE 2018**

- Mon...Spirit, Soul & Body Study  
Avon Park Prison
  - Tues...Marriage, Family & Parenting  
Avon Park Prison
  - Tues... Overcomers Addiction Recovery  
Avon Park Prison
  - Wed... Overcomers 6 pm  
Bible Fellowship Church
  - Thurs..Overcomers, Hogar Resa
  - Thurs..Marriage, Family & Parenting  
Avon Park Prison
  - Thurs..Womens Codependent Recovery  
Upstairs @ Little Lambs
- Counseling: Call for Appointment**

We are heaving a great sigh of relief as our prison class times have become ordered. Enrollment is open for the next session. But again, we fear we will be losing this chaplain also in the coming months. Apparently his assistant has departed already. Please continue to pray.

We continue to counsel and to hold outside classes. The next Anger Management-Biblical Boundaries class will be held at the end of January at the Little Lambs office on Eucalyptus St. Call me, 863-273-7388 for appointment to register.

Thank you for making 2017 a great year of good service to the Lord and our brothers and sisters in jail and prison. I can tell you they deeply appreciate it and so do I.

Your servant  
Eileen Sala

