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Earthquakes in the Body of Christ

Oftentimes we are led to believe that once we are born again, it's peace and prosperity forever, "It will take care of all my problems," as an inmate once said. In my own personal experience, the greatest trials of my life were after I knew Christ. There was a sort of 'honeymoon' period where a good foundation was laid, and then the test of faith for obedience: Would I follow Jesus or not, even if the cost was extremely high: would I pursue holiness? It was like an earthquake hit my life! Jesus said it this way: "Eileen, Eileen, Satan desires to have you, so that he might sift you like wheat." Luke 22:31 It could be said, "Eileen, Satan has demanded I turn you over to him, that he may shake your very life." There is a very clear warning: Satan is going to have permission to test my faith in the worst way. To sift means to "shake violently, up and down, sideways, back and forth, to stir in every way." But the Lord assured me in verse 32 "But I have prayed for you, that your faith fail not: and when you are converted, strengthen your brethren." We have un-addressed areas in us that still need converting. Paul said he hadn't arrived but he was pressing on to the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. There is purpose to all the shaking.

Going through this earthquake, the Lord quickened this verse to me: "Yet once more, I shake not the earth only but also heaven. Yet once more signifying the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. We have received a kingdom that cannot be moved (or shaken) so let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire." I simply had to endure the shaking, the trials, the upheaval, the loss of all I had known, the loss of comfort, and just endure. And some days I felt like a cat, hanging by her claws. But the Lord said, "Stand, and above all else stand." Slowly, as I died to my will and my way, in my trials, the storms passed. I asked the Lord, "Why did you let this happen?" He answered, "I, the Lord, sowed good seed, believers in the earth, the devil sowed bad among the good seed. Their roots became entangled. (we use the word enmeshed.) I had to let the good seed mature and die so that I could separate the wheat from the tares. Maturing in the test, you died more to self and the world, then I could raise you up to more new life in me".

Those of you who are going through the fire now, "Don't think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try (test) you, as though some strange thing happened to you- (and now the hard part) Rejoice, in-asmuch, as you are partakers of Christ's suffering; that, when His glory shall be revealed, you may be glad also with exceeding joy." Yes, Rejoice in knowing the Lord in the midst of all these tests.

Today, as we consider our trials, we should ask the Lord, What do <u>you</u> want me to learn? What do you want to change in me? Do I need to stand for what's right and not retreat? Do I need to be more financially disciplined and responsible? Do I need more caution in whom I listen too and associate with? Do I need to be more diligent to discover the tares in my life? Do I need to trust you more? Do I examine my motives rightly? Do my words and my thoughts demonstrate Christian character? <u>Do I need to get some things right?</u> Do I just need to stand and wait on you? We have a poster at home that shows a speeding car going in the wrong direction and it says "U Turns Permitted." Thank God we have opportunity to adjust our course and put more of Him into our life.



Home to Glory Last few weeks, we had a lesson sent to us by an inmate needing a response, which we wrote and enclosed in the lesson. Yesterday, that lesson was returned to us and marked 'deceased'. I checked on the internet and it was true. Brian was only 45 years old! As I was going through my letters, I found a letter from Brian written on March 23 and was greatly comforted when

I reread the letter and grateful that we were able to play a part in this man's salvation.

To Mr and Mrs Sala, Hello and praise Jesus. Happy Easter! Jesus is risen and He's alive. I am writing to you because I am waiting for my next lesson a long time.

I really love the studies with The Little Lambs. I am or I was before I met you, well, I guess I kinda still am, at the crossroads spoken of by Jeremiah in Chapter 6:16-17: He, the Lord says, "Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.... Also I set watchmen (Little Lambs Inc. John & Eileen Sala) over you saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet."

Thank you Little Lambs Inc. for leading me to the crossroads and being the Watchmen that helped me to choose the old path where there is goodness and rest for my soul: I give the glory to God and am not taking nothing from Him, but He has chosen watchmen like yourselves for this task. (Praise Him PS 148-150!)

Thank you. Then he quotes St Francis of Assisi, "O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled, as to consol; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen"

Thank you again, for the studies and the love and the prayers. Everyday I say these prayers along with this one: Teach me, Jesus, to love all, both friends and enemies. Teach me how to wish them well. Teach me how to be an instrument of your peace. Look at my heart... remove from it all bitterness and hatred. Fill my heart with a great love for You and my neighbors. Bless our Chaplain, that he will be a light to those who work here. Help them to do their duties according to Your holy will the for physical and spiritual well-being of all who are confined here. Bless all my fellow prisoners. Help us to see and acknowledge the errors we have made in life and help us, and have mercy on us. Turn Your face to us and give us peace! Amen. This was Brian's last letter. We are sorry that the prison system has lost a fervent prayer warrior, but rejoice in his presence with the Lord in heaven. All his work testified to a passionate love for the Lord and we are grateful! Amen.

To my new Family, To everyone who is involved at Little Lambs School of the Bible Ministry. For the last couple of years, I have been with you blessed people. Learning all about my God (Jesus Christ) has been so awesome!! Mr. and Mrs. Sala have made me feel like a real family member. When I was reading the letter of Graduation, I was moved to tears! I felt the love of Jesus in your letter! I never had a real family, because I was raised by the state of Pa form 5 to 17 years old. I was abused very badly. But Jesus took all of the Hatred, Anger, Confusion, Pain away. July 29, 2012 I woke up on a bench in Bristol, Pa. and cried out to Jesus for help. My healing came through a lot of tears as I'm doing right now! You great and blessed folks brought me closer to Jesus by teaching me about the One and Only True Living God. I pray one day that I will make it to Florida. I would like to give all of you a great bug hug! I see the parole Board this year. looks really good for me! I've been told to write a testimony book about my 40 year walk in darkness. That's what I'm going to call it because I was not arrested, I was rescued. Thank you, Jesus! I got your new Bible and its awesome!!! I love you all always!!!. Your brother in Christ, Kevin

Hello, as my Mother and I write back and forth, she tells me about her witnessing at the hospital and giving out bibles. In this letter, she told me about Little Lambs Inc. I study God's word daily and would love to learn more. She said her friend used to volunteer for you. I will be in State Jail for 80 more days. At first I thought the judge was harsh for this one year sentence, but now I realize it was the grace of God that guided me here. I had rejected the Lord after being saved at a young age. I made some bad decisions at work and got a theft charge. I asked for God's help, and asked for help that was being offered through the people that run the Veterans Program. I learned I have PTSD form childhood and military trauma. Plus I have learned so much from God's word. God loves us so much that he gave his son to die for our sins. Many think I am crazy for being thankful for this sentence at 57 years old. Without this challenge, who knows when or if I would have realized how much I needed help. God has helped me and when I prayed, he answered my prayers. Now I thank him every day and I look forward to starting my new life.

Thank you. TR, Tx.

Little Lambs Inc.... How's everybody down that way. Just concern about my lesson I sent back. We have trouble setting mail out and coming in and I was worried. I have really enjoyed doing these lessons. I have started A church service on Sunday and Wednesday night.

There was a man supposed to be taking care of church service, but he was not concerned none whatsoever about lost souls. Just pray for me as I continue to carry on the Lord's work in this place. I have seen an 86 year old man come to know Christ sometime back. Now I am working with one that the Lord has fixed him where he will listen. He has been where anybody would try to talk with him that he would get upset. Now I have seen the Lord work with him. He is in church on Wednesday night service. He will sit through the whole service. He doesn't give no problem and will listen also paying attention. I have prayer with him every day. Just happy to see him come to know Christ. I am sorry if I am in a big hurry for my lesson, but just concerned about the mail. Bro Johnny (My 911 number the Lord gave me...Jer 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.)

Matt 25:36 I was in prison, and ye came unto me. It is the greatest pleasure to be used by the Lord to love and impact these young men and women for the Lord in His stead. We are His hands and feet! Hello, my name is Joshua. I am currently 27 years old and incarcerated, serving a 24-38 month sentence that I have just started, though I do not have any idea of a projected release date at this time. I am writing to you because I have seen advertisements here about your Little Lambs School of the Bible Correspondence Course, and I am extremely interested.

As I said, I am 27, almost 28, and have spent my entire adolescence and adult life incarcerated or strung out on heroin and homeless. I am literally desperate for a change in my life, and feel that the Lord is trying to help me do that by showing me your course. I have always struggled with my faith, and mental health issues like ADHD, Depression, Anxiety, and my addiction and no matter how bad I've wanted to change, have never known where to start. I truly hope that I am considered for and possibly able to participate in your course, and earn a certificate, as I have never earned one before except for my GED some years ago. I also have no family or friends out there helping support me or corresponding with me, so receiving mail of any kind would be a pleasant surprise. I am praying that this works out and that I hear back from you soon with good news. Thank you and God bless you. Joshua, NC.

God bless the Fathers!



Dear Mr. & Mrs. Sala,
I like to thank you for your
beautiful Bible you sent me,
It's so pretty that I'm going to
send it to my oldest son as a
gift. I already have a study
bible that is broken in. I want

my son to break this one in since now he is starting his own walk. He is studying as well so I know he'll take care of his New Bible. Thank you for giving me a Bible so that I can pass the Word on. Thanks also for your wisdom, lessons and birthday greetings. It was worth the journey with you all. May your ministry go on for a long time. Love Nick.

May Grace, Mercy and Peace be upon your Family & Ministry, through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU & THANK YOU!!

I just received my "GIFT" for completion of your knowledge-packed studies, my New Bible. WOW, What a tool I can use to grow with! This is an incredible GIFT. So I

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For the hard work and dedication you do for the kingdom of God. Don't ever put the brakes on, just keep pushing the gas pedal down for God. And He will open the window's of heaven and let the blessing rain down on you and your family for all the hard work. Nick

Dear Partners.

It is wonderful to see how God works among us! We are so blessed this week as the Lord sent us a new Span-

ish Volunteer. Martha Byng is recently retired and always looking for ways to serve the Lord. As Jan's friend, really a friend to many through her work in eyewear, she inquired about working with Little Lambs. Blessedly, she is fluent in Spanish and computer which makes her perfect to handle our Spanish School of the Bible. Previously, Sandra Vilain led our Spanish volunteers and served valiantly through chemotherapy, but had to retire because of distressing side effects. I have been doing the Spanish lessons since then. Now we will be able to turn them over to Martha. Being very fluent in computer as well as the language will make her job easier. During orientation, Martha said, "I never realized all the things it took to run the school. We just assume it happens." But there are lots of little things that makes serving hundreds of prisons accurate and fruitful. Each prison or jail may have their own individual rules for mail that we must follow. Being careful saves on mail being returned. In fact, each job here has intri-



Martha Byng

cate details. As a measure of success of our staff, the only returned mail is usually when someone exits prison and we



have no follow up address. Martha and her husband Jerry attend Grace Church in Sebring. Welcome to Little Lambs! This May the Hogar Resa Drug Treatment Program held their graduation ceremony in Se-Our own Sebring Home graduated aldo Guzman, left with his wife, Brenda. Aldo has been a good friend to Little Lambs. Also graduating from Se-



Brenda and Aldo Guzman bring is Keith Page. Keith has been shepherding our home with a majority of non-Spanish speaking men and taking good care of our house and the gardens as well as helping me per-

sonally. Aldo will stay as Director in Avon Park and Keith will stay until he gets his CDL license. We're very proud of these two and pray great success for them.

All of us at Lambs were excited for the very successful work done for us by attorney T.J. Wohl. Please give him a big thank you in our name if you see him. It is very comforting to know that God has placed such able men to aid us when we are in need.

I have personally been experiencing some trouble with my back since February. I'll be taking some time in June to visit my daughter in Boise, Id., and get a checkup there. Jan and all the ladies and men of Lambs will be taking good care of the ministry while I'm gone. They are all part-owners so they have lots of interest taking care of our lambs.

Schedule June 2019

Tue... Phil at Avon Park. Assistant **Tue...**Marriage & Family/Biblical **Boundaries Avon Park Prison Wed...** Overcomers Bible Fellowship Church @ 6 pm Thurs...Marriage & Family/Biblical **Boundaries, Avon Park Prison** Thurs...Released to Love. Women **Codependent recovery** @ 6:30 pm @ Little Lambs

Counseling by Appointment

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To our volunteers: We give thanks to God for you all, remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father, knowing Lord, their election by you. They became partners of Little Lambs and of the Lord, laboring through affliction with Joy in the Holy Ghost. For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not our Lambs in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For they are our glory and joy. For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God and Lord. May he make you increase and abound in love one toward another and toward all men, to the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, our Father the coming of our Lord with all the saints.

Your servant, Eileen Sala