



Little Lambs Inc

A John & Eileen Sala Prison Ministry

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Graduation 2019

I can't tell you how welcome this year's graduation is! We have struggled since March with these 6 months classes. The men have endured lockdown's, security challenges, overdoses, hurricanes, drills and many late meetings to complete the course. We began with about 40 men but through exits, and transfers and drop outs, we are graduating 30 men. Our graduation ceremony was late by almost an hour, and some of the men never made it out of the dorm to attend. I am so thankful that these obstacles are nothing for the Lord and continues His work in their lives. We have survived 'chicken night' by moving to Monday night but it has not given us any relief. We continue to run very late. At the Work Camp we graduated 10 men and our graduation there was less ceremonial than the Main Unit. There the cake was omitted and the camera denied. Yet the men had a great time with testimony and sharing. We were welcomed with music from the Worship Team in thanks for music equipment that Little Lambs donated to the Work Camp church. They again asked for help with the getting the chapel reinstated or rebuilt after closure for almost 10 years now.

My sincere thank you to Chaplain Vinson for the use of the camera and our first picture in 4 years. The men love the souvenir to send home to family and then tell them what they have learned, although some take extra lessons so they can send them home to loved ones. Others share the information at visits and telephone. My being a little discouraged, the men ministered to me that Monday night. You see, I have not had such obstacles in all the 19 years doing this class. It was worse than battling Ramadan! I complained about the seemingly lack of cooperation and wondered if I made a difference. Oh my! The men gently reminded me over and over again how they were affected by the class. Juan came up to me, (he was a typical Don Juan, ladies man, and selfish when he started 2 sessions ago, brash and outspoken) and said, "Miss Eileen, you know since I have taken this class, I am changed. I came two times, and I am not the same man. You have taught me how to have relationships. And you have to come back because I need to learn more." So many had the same sentiments that I was gently rebuked by the Lord for complaining!

I knew that I had several language challenged Hispanic inmates. One has been in two sessions now and taking the bible study course as well (in Spanish). At graduation when they were to turn in their essays, to receive the certificate, they said "Yo no comprende" for the essay. That meant they could not read or write



English, yet they all came to me and said they understood, they learned, they changed and wanted to come again. "No comprende" became the chant for about 5 inmates. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship, even chanted with them, the prayer, and the knowing that they have grown and life is so much better now. Thank you all for your support in ministering to these lambs and the countless other lambs. We are growing strong sons in the Lord!



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Hard to be a Christian? Testimony

Here is a wonderful praise report and confirmation. While doing #2 lesson, I was interrupted by a Babe in Christ who was questioning some areas he's been fighting, saying "It's hard to be a Christian." I asked him, "Well why do you feel that way, what's hard?" and he said, "Well Faith, it's hard to have faith." and I told him "No brother, what's hard is, it's not our Faith but God's and He's given it to us, all we have to do is receive what God has given. I took him to Romans 12:3, then Heb 12:2, then Gal. 2:20. We ended with Heb 11:6. ML

Testimony: what a joy and privilege to take your course! god bless you! thank you so much for all you've done for me and my walk with Jesus! how exciting it'll be to receive the graduate bible! you can send it straight to me. it wouldn't hurt to say something like this on the package, this graduate bible is for completing our bible study course :) i will get it in the name of Jesus. god bless you and your ministry for all you do. thank you again for allowing me to be a student of yours. thank you for the birthday card and wishes! Kyle

Testimony: Got Time Ministry:

Dear John and Eileen, David and I (Andrew) enjoyed our first lesson and we are excited about the next one. We thank God for you and we have put your ministry on our prayer list. We are part of a ministry as well and we ask if you would put us on your prayer list? Our ministry is young and was started just last year by a group of inmates who had come to the end of themselves. Our name is "Got Time Ministry" and it stands for "Grace Over Trouble", the Inmate Ministry Evolution. It has grown to the outside, although I have not yet attended any outside meetings. I conduct meetings on the inside and God has given me purpose in doing so. I hope you are encouraged by this. God bless you and thank you! Your Brother Andy

Dear Little Lambs Ministry.

I want to thank you for all the studies that you have shared with me and helped me to learn in order to know God better and my relationship with Christ more. Your lessons have been a pleasant challenge to me and I have learned a lot because you guys use the most effective and powerful teaching tool, the Word of God!:) Please keep me in your prayers. I am 26 years old and still have 18 years to serve. I know God is able to change that of course, but I pray that He will continue to use me here and strengthen me to lead others to Him and Jesus' saving power and new life. In fact last year I started taking classes via mail at "Christian College and Seminary" in Florida which God led me to enroll in "Crusade Evangelism Ministry". I would have never thought to go into ministry, but only God can call someone like Saul and make him into Paul. So please keep me in your prayers that God may continue to work in my life for His glorious purpose! Your prayers mean so much to me, for they are righteous and powerful through Him. Graduate, Emanuel

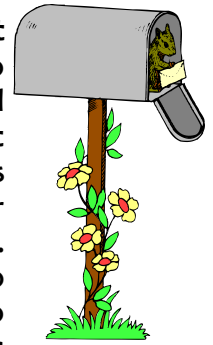
Testimony:

Hi guys! I just wanted to take a moment to touch base with y'all. First off, thank you so much for your ministry! It means the world to me. I think that your discipleship series is truly a blessing and it is absolutely my favorite one to work on.

This Lesson 3 really - really moved me into action. LOL I hope you don't mind, but I used some of the lesson in my own little bible study group here at the jail. It was very profound - for the eight of us and the realization that God is the divine physician and heals all our iniquities and sin and disease. The disease of addiction is so rampant around us and I used page 8 and 9 as a little group study. I didn't think you would mind and I think we had more than a few "Eureka" moments. The Spirit led that night for sure. Thank you so much Little Lambs! By the time you get this I will be transferred back to prison from the

county, I look forward to the next lesson from you guys. I don't know how you keep track of us but I know that you can check through the web. Last time I prayed you'd find me and of course God led you to me, or me to you. Again I just want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. I take in so much thru the Discipleship Training Series. The harvest is so huge and the workers so few, as you will know. I patiently await the next lesson. I love you guys. Your lessons are moving mountains. Jan in Ks.

Alone with God! Dear John, Last Sunday while at services I picked up your book, brought it back to the cell and couldn't put it down. I read it in a matter of hours. I can relate to so much of your life story, until the point you finally surrendered your will over to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Several months ago I accepted God into my life because I got to a point where I prayed for Him to let me die because I was tired of the pain, misery and hurt this world has caused me. I felt so alone. My mother died a year into my bid, my oldest sister died in a car crash in Boston in 2011. I could not attend their funerals or pay my last respects. My wife of nearly nine years left me in 2012 and on top of that, I was originally sentenced to 90 years to life. So you can just imagine how I must have felt doing all that time with no emotional, moral, or financial support from the outside. But God has a funny way of making his presence known and it wasn't until I sincerely prayed and asked God to help me live life on this earth according to his will because it's obvious that I don't know what I am doing. I surrendered completely to the Lord. People who see me now notice the change. I no longer smoke cigarettes, do drugs or hang out with guys that are in that circle. Now I can see things clear, how he has been working on me even before I acknowledged or even recognized that he was behind certain circumstances in my life.



This whole time that I have been in prison complaining about being lonely, not having a female companion, not having money for commissary etc, I was just in need of love and attention and everything suddenly started to hit me. This whole time I was making Jesus feel incompetent as if His love was not enough for me. Through scripture He was telling me be content with what I have, that He will never leave me nor forsake me. I know that God must come first in my life: in Matthew He said who ever loves father, mother, son or daughter more than Him is not worthy of Him. Our heart belongs to God and He is jealous. If you remember the story Abraham, he was old enough to be his son Isaac's grandfather when his boy was born. As he grew older Abraham became an eager love slave to his son. The baby represented everything sacred to his father, their hearts were knit closer and closer together till at last the relationship bordered upon the perilous and God had to step in to save both father and son from the consequences of an uncleansed love. When God asked him to bring his son to the altar as a sacrifice, it was God's way of removing Isaac from the temple of Abraham's heart so that He can reign there unchallenged.

For years I put women, drugs, money, materialistic things over God and I believe that in order to grab my attention I had to come to prison and be separated from everything I loved dearly in order for me to acknowledge God. Although I don't have anyone in my life at this moment and naturally as a man and a human being, I crave for the attention and love from a female companion and long to see my daughters. I am glad that I finally accepted God in my life. He is a beautiful and merciful God who shows how much He loves me. I can write you a book on my life and all He has done for me.

However before I close out, I want to be a part of the Inmate Correspondence. I want to learn more about God and the Living Word. Maybe one day you can come and visit and minister in prisons in New York. I am going to pass your book on to my brother in Christ, Rich, who introduced me to Jesus Christ. Through the grace of God in 2008, I received a time reduction and was left with 45 years to life. and in 2012 I was granted another motion. But it won't be until Jun when I hear from the court. Psalms tell me to delight myself in the Lord and He will give me the desires of my heart. All I have to do is be still and wait patiently for Him. Man I can write forever but if I don't hear from you just know that it was a pleasure and your book really helped answer some questions I had. Like why God allowed me to go through the heart-aches and pain to reach me now. Anyhow I love you Brother. Keep up the good work. Your brother in Christ, Hector

Could I Receive return postage and envelopes to send studies back? (So excited!)

Hi, it's David here. I love your bible study courses and appreciate the time you take in which it takes to create them. I am learning so much. It helps me learn where scripture is located in the bible and learn it in a way I would have never thought possible. Keep up the work you guys are doing. Praise the Lord Jesus Christ!! Glory, Glory, Glory to the Lord Almighty!! Could I be involved in the Little Lambs Newspaper? Also, could I receive a copy of John's book? I have no way of purchasing it and would love to experience the depth of John's book! Thank you so much for everything!! Peace be with you all!! Please pray for peace within my situation and that prison will be a positive experience for me. *Of course he gets a SASE and a book!*

Dear Family,

As I stated on the cover, I was somewhat discouraged Monday night, having only a few minutes for our graduation ceremony for honoring the men. On Tuesday, the Lord rebuked that discouragement by sending me evidence and help. He reminded me that all I need to do is be faithful! Nothing more, He does all the rest



with the circumstances. And work He does. So Tuesday started with a visit from a very nice Baptist Gideon, Mr. Jerry Steele, who wanted to take our information and bring it to a county jail where he ministered in Clarksville, TN. It so happened that Bogus Printing had just finished new enrollment form pads which we were able to include in his information. He will also take the information to the Baptist Convention and recommend the bible study to their ministers. A great open door. A great new friend. We gave him copies



of John's book for his facility as well as tracts. Here he is pointing to his location, we'll add another pin in Georgia! While he was visiting, the Lord convinced James Whittemore to stop in for a visit. He was a prisoner in South Dakota and graduated our Bible Study Course this year. His wife moved to our area and since he got out, he thought to come in and say hello. He and his wife have several family members living with them and they have a local church. Everyone was lifted up seeing evidence of our labor and love. Please keep praying for all our Little Lambs!

Then Thursday, I had my usual class at the Hogar Resa in Sebring. We have a great class and very enthusiastic. When I first started, we decided to start from Genesis 1:1! Most have no biblical knowledge, although some were raised in the church. You can't imagine their wonder at what they are finding in the Word! And now we are on the Canaanites! If you aren't aware, the Canaanites are some of the worst people in the bible, judged by God with annihilation. They are so eager to learn. Here are some of the men who are expressing their thankfulness for the new bibles we are able to purchase for them from Harper-Collins so that we are all with the same translation. My thanks to Aldo, Keith and the Hogar for helping me in Orlando when my tire blew out on my way to the airport. Keith came and met me and helped me with a tire purchase. Now they will be helping me move a generator donated by Phil and Ruth Esposito. Now we will have one for the next hurricane adventure.



Little Lambs held their Board meeting August 29 and an important thing was discussed. Retention of students is an issue we have struggled with. To enhance retention, we have decided to shorten our turn-around time from 3 weeks to 2 weeks. We had to use 3 weeks when we had so many students it was a financial burden. We know that this will increase not only our student body, but it will increase our graduate numbers which will mean increasing our graduation bible costs. Not only that but also our postage costs. All in all, we serve the Lord and will rely on Him to meet our needs. Just this month, one Chaplain at a women's prison in Georgia has sent us perhaps 15 inmates and these women are so excited. They just keep enrolling. Our new enrollment forms were created at their request. Now we will be sending them to prisons throughout the USA. Pray, Pray, Pray. Thank you for standing with us, as the harvest is very plentiful.

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Schedule October 2019

Mon... Marriage & Family/Biblical
Boundaries APCI on break
Tues...Bible Study P.M. Avon Park Prison
Tues...Bible Study@ Hogar Resa Sebring
Wed...Overcomers- Bible Fellowship
Church @ 6 pm
Thu....Bible Study @ Hogar Resa Sebring
Thurs..Marriage & Family/Biblical
Boundaries APCI on break
Thurs..Released to Love, Women
Codependent recovery @ 6:30 pm
@ Little Lambs Inc

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