



# Little Lambs Inc

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As we look forward to 2021, we take stock of our mission given to us from the Lord: to deliver Little Lambs! Jesus burden in Matthew 9:30 “But when Jesus saw the multitudes he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.”

It was 1996, January, and my first visit to prison with John to Sumter Correctional in Bushnell on Sunday morning. The big chapel was full, one side completely filled with the youth prison. After service at the altar call, the majority raised their hands to receive the Lord. I can truly say, I saw, I received, Jesus’ burden: His sheep scattered, made prey for the beasts of the world, sick, lost and lonely because they had no shepherd. Enrolling them all in bible study allowed us to become Jesus’ under-shepherds to his flock in prison. This is

our sacred charge and mission. We are to help his flock in prison grow in the word and relationship with the Lord Jesus so they can stand in the evil day. Our flock doesn’t have a glitzy church, great sound systems, lots of money, or material things, In fact, what they do have are lots of distractions, temptations, loneliness, huge problems and wounds. And they have believed lies about themselves. They don’t come to us in beautiful clothes clean and pretty. As you can see in the picture, sheep are messy! They need the care and protection of the shepherd. The reward for the shepherd is the safety of the sheep. And the Lord saying, ‘well done, my faithful servant!’

Eze 34:10 continues, “Thus says the Lord God, Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep and seek them out. I will seek out my sheep and will deliver them out of all the places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. I will feed my flock and I will cause them to lie down. I will seek that which was lost and bring again that which was driven away and will bind up that which was broken and will strengthen that which was sick.”

Jesus, by His Holy Spirit, draws little lambs to us, for deliverance, for salvation, for healing, for teaching, for encouragement, for love. They write to us having heard that we could help them. We love them and allow the Holy Spirit to teach them through the word we send to them, being faithful to our mission that God and you have allowed us to do these **25 years this January**. We continue as the pandemic roars through the world. We continue, because we want to be found faithful. Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep.” Because his sheep are a sacred trust, we are not hirelings!

“Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that Great Shepherd of the Sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in very good work, to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ. And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, we shall receive a crown of glory that fades not away.” Heb 13:20-21 1Pet 5:4

2020 SPANISH			
Lessons		749	
Graduates		26	
2020 English Bible Study			
Mon.	Courses graded	Graduates	New Stud.
Jan	322	11	153
Feb	303	8	80
Mar	334	8	125
Apr	301	6	124
May	358	9	108
Jun	400	14	66
Jul	417	13	74
Aug	371	14	110
Sep	370	9	142
Oct	360	14	126
Nov	379	11	92
Dec	294	5	90
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,209</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>1,341</b>

## from our mailbox **Dear Salas, (Little Lambs)**

I am interested in your Bible Study. I got a glimpse of one of your lessons and would like to apply. My name is Nathaniel O. Larry B. was the brother who introduced me. He is already evangelizing and producing fruit! Thought you might like to know. I hope to participate and learn more soon. May God bless and keep you. Nathaniel *It is always so great to hear that our students are spreading the Word. "You shall bear fruit and your fruit shall remain." Amen*



**Hey Little Lambs!** Boy, as always it's Good to hear from you. I want to thank you for continuing to help people to understand the word through these hard and troubled times. For I myself and many others who are hungry for the word, you are there. It is refreshing just to be able to learn God's Word. Your lessons are truly spiritually uplifting far beyond my dreams. I pray Father that you will shed your wings over Little Lambs and protect them. I pray that you will give them the Will, the Strength, the Courage and the Health to continue. Also Father, I pray that you will continue to open new doors to them. Thank you and God bless, Bill....PS Love you all .....Stay safe! *The appreciation for being there for them during the pandemic is awesome! PTL*

**From Avon Park Prison:** Greetings Sister Sala, how may you be doing today? I was talking with brother Sampson C. and he showed me his new Bible that he had received from Little Lambs Inc. After talking to him he told me that I could receive a Bible also, once I finish your Bible course. I need it in spades. Thank you, may our Father God bless you and the rest of your family. Inmate Jose A. *Another Little Lambs bearing fruit! The Graduation Bible is a great tool for them to witness with. You are a part of this fruit! Thank you for giving to the Lord for them.*

**Dear Little Lambs Family,** Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus. I hope this letter finds everyone well. Thank you for sending me the first lesson. I found it to be a welcome challenge, having to write out scripture. I needed that! The lesson showed me things I already knew but most importantly, opened my eyes to things I didn't know. I am looking forward to the next lesson. I was wondering if you provide envelopes to return the lessons in? (*We do.*) If so, may I have one with my next lesson. Please pray for me, that I will continue to grow in my relationship with Christ. I back-slid and I am having difficulty trying to move forward in my walk. I am following Psa 119:105 as a reminder to why His Word is so important. Richard, Oh. *Even one single lesson has an impact!*

**Dear Salas,** Thank you again for sending me another study. Each time the challenge and endurance must intensify. I try to do what I can and answer the question as best as I can. When I sent my very first letter to you as a means of enrolling, my desire to get deeper into the "Word of God" was at the forefront of my agenda. God has been blessing me with deeper insight and revelation, particularly about scriptures I'd previously read but did not understand. Your study covers the entire Bible: Old Testament and New Testament, and those who would accept that fact would gladly appreciate it's worth and benefits.

I would like to know the curriculum or outline as to what all of your studies are. Can you please send me that information as it is very much so needed for me to show others? I have mentioned your study to some of the guys and the first thing that seems to leave their lips is: how many lessons are there? My desire and concern is that I don't be slothful. I don't want to shy away from God if a Bible Study offers one more study that I would prefer. I want to dive in and find all the treasures that are mine for free just because I searched for them. I keep sharing with these guys that God is in the blessing business. There isn't anything good or beneficial that He will keep from us if we would follow Him.

I knew my life needed to change so I repented for the old life that I once lived. God can come into anyone's life, just as He did with both of you, me and millions of others. Your efforts to reach out and share the Father, son, and the Holy Spirit with the wayward, vile, lost and sinful was what Jesus Christ also came to do. He commissioned His disciples in Matt. 28:19-20, to go and preach the Gospel in this world. They did it too! Just know that God sees what you are doing, even if you do not feel that you deserve a reward, He will surely remember your 'labor' and gladly give you one anyway. God bless you! Richard, Tx. *More fruit!!*

# Graduate Note

Dear Family, I pray that all is well with you all at Little Lambs. I'm doing well on this end in spite of my present circumstances. **I received the Study Bible you blessed me with.** It is truly unexpected but I'm thankful for it and for you. It just assures me even more that when you are in the will of God, He will supply all our needs according to His riches and glory. This Study bible has already been a help in my morning reading as well as throughout the day when I spend time with God in His Word. Again, I thank you all, for the knowledge I've gained through the lessons. And I will continue to grow in His Word with the help of the new resource of the Study Bible. God bless you and may every one who benefits from your ministry be blessed. Though we are many parts, we are one body in God. Love, Aaron, Graduate North Carolina

*This letter made us all chuckle. Something he said in his letter led us to think he needed assistance with stamps so we noted that on his lesson. He wants to send us stamps! What a generous spirit!*

Dear Salas, I hope this letter finds you blessed and in great spirits. I am so ashamed of myself with me efforts in my Bible Study. It was so bad you had to send me another lesson. Wow!! Well, it took me a few different requests slips, but I finally got a Bible to use. It was a lot easier to answer my study questions, but I put forth the effort the first time in the only Bible I had (Life Recovery Bible, NLT) :) More studying will assist me in my growth. It's great that I get a deeper meaning and understanding, right? Well I don't know why you wrote "Stamps" on the cover page of my new study—Do you need stamps? Let me know. I can donate stamps to your ministry if that would help out. I'll send some when you let me know, ok? For once I am not afraid to look at the man in the mirror that looks back at me!! Russell,



Dear Little Lambs, I would like to take this opportunity and thank you for the many prayers in the time I was **going through cancer treatment.** Praise God, prayers do work and even today, God is still working miracles in the lives of those who are faithful and loyal to Him. *2 Chr 16:9 confirms that the eyes of the Lord is upon those whose heart is loyal to him.* Praise God for the miracle hands of God who sent my cancer into remission after 8 months of treatment. I am so grateful and careful to give Him the praise and glory He so deserves every day of my life. I was on my dying bed when I was admitted into the hospital, in fact, I had to be air-lifted because of less

than a couple of hours to live and after eight months of treatment, praise God, I am free of cancer with 85% chance of it never returning to my body. Today if I was to ask the question, does God work miracles today? I would tell you my testimony and ask you if this is not a great and mighty miracle working that nothing is too hard for Him to do. Again, thank each of you for your prayers and may God continue to bless the Correspondence Bible School. I am so grateful for this course and I look forward to complete all of the lessons. Thank you and I want to encourage you to keep the lessons coming! A Brother in Christ, Henry, NC

Dear Salas, I want to thank you for all you do for us inmates. We deeply appreciate the both of you. I thank you for noticing my birthday. I don't get mail from hardly anyone. God sends me Bible studies that He put in my heart to enroll. This last one you sent me, as I completed it, has shown me the meaning of life and how I truly should act and how I should be as a loving father, son and husband. I come back up for parole in July 2021 and I pray that I learn much more about our Father in heaven before I am released so that I can take the knowledge that I have learned out into freedom with me and teach and tell everyone about him. Sincerely with love, Jared

**To every one at Little Lambs,** I wanted to thank you so much for all the lessons of the Bible Studies. I feel that I have grown so much in God's word; the way the lessons were prepared was outstanding. A lot of the time I felt God talking to me through the scripture I happened to be going over that day and it was awesome! **Now I really want to thank you for the beautiful Bible that you sent me.** It's really going to be a blessing to me as I continue in God's Holy Word. Again I want to thank you so much. John S. PS I am discharging and going home to Oklahoma soon.



Dear Partners,

As the New Year begins, I would ask you to keep our Jan Ryan in prayer for a speedy recovery! Jan, our first volunteer in 1998 and long time office manager, fell on the first day of December while working, fracturing her pelvis. She is now home after a stint in rehab and progressing remarkably well. Also we just have word that one of our graders has the virus along with her husband. He is in the hospital. Please pray for Miriam and her husband, who is in the hospital.

As you can guess, all our Christmas travel was canceled and we got to spend a lot of time with the Lord. I am sure you have much of the same. But our mail has continued to be heavy. I have noted that several months in 2020 where we had over 400 lessons exchanged along with the hundred or so new students as well as the Spanish lessons. We have had over 6,450 contacts with inmates through the school of the Bible in 2020. It is not a record, but it is very pleasing. You realize now that we 'compete' with all the 'ipads' in prisons. Their use has exploded since the pandemic and the cancellation of all visitation. It does let a family do Face-Time or video visits via the pad which is good for the children and spouse. It also provides games and videos as well, so again I say we compete with it. Yet in our letters it is seldom mentioned, which tells me the serious student does not let it distract them from pursuing God.

I want to thank all of you who contributed to Little Lambs this past year. You have met the needs of the ministry and allowed us to do necessary work on our building. We've stopped repairs for the holidays although our friend, Bill Daily, is helping us get our power line moved to a safer place. Your special gifts were a great blessing to me and to the ministry. As has been the wonderful volunteers at SIM Village. In fact, the backbone of this ministry are our wonderful volunteers and graders. Just reading the letters tells you what special people they are and how inmates relate to them. One of volunteers keeps a record of the encouraging notes she adds to the lessons always signing 'Little Lambs'. She has over 60 pages of notes! What devotion!

Yes, we close out the New Year, hoping for a better one to come. Praying for more contacts, more lambs, more saved. Thank you for taking this walk in life with us as we serve the Lord. May He fill your New Year with lots of hope and love and more of Himself.

*Your servant, Eileen Sala*

**Have a  
Blessed New Year**

I like to think of our ministry as the little shepherdess in the picture. It is messy, hard work to keep sometimes headstrong sheep safe. To teach them to learn to take direction or submit to the Great Shepherd of the Sheep. I guess I learned a little about this type of work in my father's dairy as a kid. Who would know what ministry preparation looks like! Only Jesus knows!

**Schedule January 2021**

Mon...Hogar Resa Bible Study  
Tues...Bible Study@ Hogar Resa Sebring  
Wed... Overcomers Bible Fellowship  
Church @ 6 pm  
Thu..Bible Study @ Hogar Resa Sebring  
Thurs..Released to Love, Women  
Codependent recovery @ 6:30 pm  
@ Little Lambs Inc  
*Counseling by Appointment*  
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