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Dear Supporters, Volunteers, Counselors, and Friends of Life's Key Ministry,

I am very thankful to the Lord for all of the encouragement that I have received since I started serving here. Whether it is a letter from an inmate, a kind word from Mary Ann, interaction with ECS (Emmaus Correspondence School) personnel, a large number of returned courses, or a free sidewalk repair; it is humbling to see God's hand at work guiding us and blessing our efforts.

Romans 12:6-8 - Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

One of the most encouraging things for me is seeing new people show interest in becoming involved with Life's Key. I received a phone call from someone to that end, once again as I was staring at my computer screen and thinking about what I could write in the newsletter this month. This person resides in Virginia and contacted ECS because he goes into one of their maximum security institutions once per week and wanted to know if he could start a Bible study. After some research, he felt that ECS courses were the way to go. ECS referred him to me because Life's Key is responsible for sending courses to Virginia. We had a great conversation about prison ministry, the logistics of grading and commenting, and how we could best help each other to make sure those inmates are getting everything they need to experience God's Word.

Praise God for the addition to Life's Key and another opportunity to share His love with others!

"I just wanted to let you know that I got out of jail on the 23rd and am continuing to stay in God's Word. Thank you for sending my bible studies to my home. It is so helpful. I am still sober and have not returned to smoking cigarettes after 21 years. Thank God! Thank you all for all you've done, and I love the comments I get back on my exams." – Kimberly (Virginia)

"I'm currently serving a three year sentence. I would really like to work on my relationship with Christ, but I have found that the church services offered here are usually attended for the wrong reasons. Inmates go to meet each other, to fight, to cause drama. After attending a few meetings, I decided it was not right for me. I think doing your bible studies on my own will be better suited for me. A friend of mine gave me the address for your program and told me how much she enjoys doing the studies. Please send me all the info I need to get started! Thank you." – Debra (Ohio)

May all we do be for the glory of God!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Priano".

Tim Priano, Director