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

I was looking up some information on incarceration and found some numbers on Wikipedia that jumped out at me. For example, did you know that while the United States represents about 4.4% of the world's population, it houses around 22% of the world's prisoners? Did you also know that as of October 2013, the United States had the highest incarceration rate in the world? 716 people per 100,000 of the national population were behind bars. Second was Russia at 577 per 100,000, and no country was even close after that.

On the home front, the states easily with the most inmates as of the end of 2013 are Texas (1) and California (2). Five of the states Life's Key is responsible for can be found in the top ten with Pennsylvania (5), New York (6), Ohio (7), Michigan (9), and Virginia (10). The total incarcerated for all nine of our states at that time was over 400,000 people.

The point of this is just to show what a huge opportunity we have here! This is a group of over 400,000 men and women that have nowhere else to run. They are most likely at the lowest point of their lives, and it's the perfect time for them to be introduced to God's word. I'm so thankful for all of the people God has put in place to do a quality work for Him, causing inmates that have gone through our courses to share their experience with their cellmates and get them excited about learning about the Lord for themselves!

"Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples." - Psalm 96:3

"I have been here at Allenwood now for 13 months. It is hard to not think about having ruined my life by feloniously breaking the law and how difficult it is going to be once I go back into society. I have, however, been lifted up to find that the Spirit of God is here and He has not left me.

Someone here informed me that I could be enrolled in a correspondence Bible study with ECS. I desire and need to give myself more to my Savior and request you send me enrollment information. Thank you." - Paul (Pennsylvania)

"I wanted to write a short message to tell you all how much your input and these courses have helped me. They help me to better understand the scriptures and how to apply them to my life.

Your words are a blessing as well. They allow me to realize that I am truly on the path of righteousness and that I am humbled and loved. I realize that the Lord is working through your words and these courses to assure me that I am saved, and to encourage me to continue growing in understanding and faith.

I thank you all for the work that you do, and pray that you are able to continue, that the Lord blesses you with resources and success." - Jeffrey (Ohio)

"Thank you for the birthday card you sent me. Thank you for thinking of me. I am paroled after 20 years in August. Hard lesson learned. Thank you for the guidance, cards, and thoughts throughout the years. What you are doing is special. God bless you and all the work Life's Key does." - Mike (Pennsylvania)

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