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

We are a prison correspondence ministry. We are responsible for ensuring that any current or former inmates that would like to take Bible courses can do so, not just in our local jails, but in all institutions across nine states. This means that the majority of what we do must be done through the mail, and subsequently our biggest expense is postage. Most of the time, postage rates go up each year, and each time that happens, it puts a slightly larger burden on the ministry.

These are all things you are probably aware of, and our postage expense is something that I have brought up a number of times as something specific to pray about. The reason I bring it up again is because I believe that we are on the road to answered prayer! We had a meeting last month with some people that took a look at various aspects of the ministry to determine if there were things we could do differently to cut costs. They returned a couple weeks later and told us there is a software package available that would allow us to put bar codes on our outgoing mail. The post office usually does this to ensure that packages get to the correct zip code. Since they would no longer have to do that, we would be eligible for a lower postage rate on everything we send including the course booklets, graded exams and certificates going back to the inmate, and even the birthday cards.

In the month of November we mailed out 1,029 bulk mail packages, around the same number of envelopes with graded exams, and 1,276 birthday cards. We would need to pay for the software package each month, but paying a lower rate per piece would more than make up for that payment.

This is an exciting venture for us! It will present some challenges though. There are some office processes that will need changed and some new ones will need to be created. Some of the volunteers may be asked to do different things, and everything will need to be done correctly to stay in compliance with the post office. Then once we figure out how we are going to make it work, we will have to figure out the new software package. There is a lot of work that will need to go into this, so please continue to keep it in prayer!

I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God bless you in 2016!

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.” - Luke 2:14

*“Hello. I would like to start your Bible study program. I have some time to do and I need some help please. This is my second time that I have spent in jail and I have a long time to do. I need help to change and the only way I know how is the Lord. I've tried everything else and now I'm at the bottom of my life. I have no one beside me, so I'm turning my life over to the Lord. So can you help me please?” - Henry (New York)*

*“I just want to thank you for being so faithful to the Lord in the ministry He has called you in. I truly am thankful how often and quickly you get these Bible studies out to me. You put the Lord's work first. I can see that in you. I pray that our Father and Savior Jesus Christ will bless you and your family this holiday season with love, peace, joy, and good health.” - Noah (Michigan)*

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