



February 2016

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

I am happy to report an answer to prayer! After a lot of product testing and procedure review the last couple of months, we were able to make the appropriate adjustments and implement a new mailing system. This is ultimately a way for us to save on postage, which is easily our biggest expense.

The software allows us to save because it does the extra work that the post office would normally do. After submitting the list of students we are going to mail to each week through the software, along with their institution information and the approximate weight of each package, the data is returned with special fields that I am able to print out right onto the envelopes. There is a bar code that includes information about the zip code and weight. There is another string of numbers that can break the packages down as far as carrier route. And each envelope has a counter which indicates that they have been packed in the exact chronological order that they need to be. These things save the post office time, which results in lower rates for us.

We had been paying 32.6 cents per package until we started using the software. Now, based on how many packages we have and where they are going on a given week, all of the addresses that the software can validate (which is all but one or two each mailing) are being sent for less. Some are going for 28.7 cents, some for 25.4, some for 11, and incredibly some are able to be sent for 6.4 cents! Over the course of the three mailings that have been done, we have saved between 13% and 24% each time. What a blessing from the Lord!

It is my hope that I can use the software to save on our birthday cards and first class mail as we move forward. Please continue to keep this project in prayer as this will be harder to figure out than the bulk mail, but I am confident that we are only just beginning to see the benefits that are possible!

“Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.” - Psalm 9:10

“Just wanted to write a quick thank you for the beautiful certificate I received after completing twelve lessons. Though my purpose in studying the lessons provided in God's word are not for praise or certificates, they no less provide a sense of accomplishment. I say the accomplishment is in drawing closer to the knowledge of our Heavenly Father.

The lessons you all provide are a wonderful blessing, and I am sincerely appreciative each time I receive them. Along with several other correspondence courses, I have come to realize that ECS Ministries is definitely following true biblical principles and doctrine. So I pray God continues to bless this ministry. Please keep this letter as a testimony to God's wonderful grace and to the ministry He has given you all.” - Jason (Virginia)

“First off, thank you so much for the beautiful birthday card. The picture looked like it certainly could be a wonderful place to sit and meditate, and give thanks to God for all of his many wonderful creations. How very blessed we are that God so loves us, that He surrounded us with so much beauty.

I am also so very blessed to be part of your wonderful study program, in which I have gained so much knowledge and deep insight. May God bless, protect, watch over, and guide all of you and your families.” - Robin (Pennsylvania)

Tim Priano, Director

PO Box 10
Bethel Park, PA 15102

www.lifeskey.org
lifeskey@verizon.net

