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

Welcome to a new year! I look forward with great anticipation to what God has in store for Life's Key in 2016.

Looking back, there was a lot that I enjoyed about 2015. To name a few, I'm glad that I got to meet so many of our loyal volunteers for the first time at the banquet in May. It's encouraging to see the commitment and love for this ministry that so many have, and to talk about how God has touched so many lives through it.

I'm also thankful that those of us that work in the office got to enjoy the upgrades we had to make to our building, namely the new lighting and the new heating system. It's amazing what we can get done when we're not freezing and can see what we are doing!

I very much enjoyed taking on the task of re-assuming the responsibility of distributing our courses and working with the inmates of the state of New York. It has been great to read of their appreciation for what God is doing through us, and their excitement over receiving a birthday card and taking new courses.

And finally, it's always enjoyable to visit new churches and meet fellow believers. I love sharing what we are doing and all the blessings God has given to Life's Key, and I had a chance to make a few of those visits last year. It seems like there is always someone that knows someone else behind bars, so these visits have resulted in more opportunities to share God's word, and even provide a way for some to reach out to inmates through volunteering.

Please continue to pray for us in the upcoming year! Opposition to religious material continues to grow in the prison system. I have adjusted quite a few of our records to reflect that we can no longer send certain things into certain institutions. Not once have I had to make an adjustment that we can send in more. Pray that God will continue to get these resources to those who desire them, that flow back and forth will be an encouragement to both sides, and that we may soon be able to implement some new processes that will help with our postage expense. It's all in His hands!

"For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods, in whose hand are the depths of the earth, the peaks of the mountains are His also - Psalm 95:3-4

"A few men where I am presently housed are interested in participating in the Life's Key bible study. As more people become interested, I or one of my fellow Christian brothers will forward their names and IDs so they can join in. We would like to thank you for guiding us on our spiritual journey with the study material, and also for remembering us on our birthdays with your cards, showing we are remembered." - Anthony (New York)

"I am incarcerated in Eastern New York Correctional Facility and a brother in Christ which belongs to the local congregation gave me your address. I would like to enroll in your bible studies because I have a thirst for the word of life that is unquenchable. Thank you in advance for considering my request, and may our God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ bless both you and your ministry." - Isael (New York)

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