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

Each month I look forward to sending this letter and sharing with you how God is working through us. That could come in the form of something happening in our office, an experience shared with me by one of our volunteers, or words coming directly from an inmate that is taking our courses. This month however, I write with a prayer request. Yes, we are always asking for and in need of prayer, but more specifically this time. The request is that God would present us options regarding what to do about our printer, specifically the lease that goes along with it.

Two years ago, we entered into a 63 month lease agreement with a company that supplied us with a high quality machine. We use it to print out all of our envelopes, enrollment cards, grade slips, answer sheets, and certificates. We use it to make all of our copies. In short, I don't know what we would ever do without it! It has been a wonderful addition to what we do on a daily basis and has saved us lots of time. However, one thing it has not saved us is money.

One of the original thoughts behind this machine is that it would make it easier and more affordable to print our birthday cards. After having problems such as low picture quality, wasted ink and card stock because of printer jams, and uneven prints, I realized that printing the birthday cards ourselves was not easier nor more affordable, and found a good deal on getting them printed elsewhere. It was then agreed upon that we should look into a more affordable machine that would perform certain tasks for us, but that we did not need all of the bells and whistles of our current machine. I was hoping that by sticking with the same company and downgrading our machine that we could keep the same lease and lessen our monthly payment, but found out just recently that is not the case.

Life's Key currently pays \$697 per month to lease our machine, and this has become increasingly difficult to manage. We have 39 months left, which means we still owe \$27,183. The lease does not allow for any flexibility, so ideas like downgrading to a machine at a much lower rate or even attempting to sell our machine to someone that would take over the lease are not allowed. It appears we are stuck with this payment until we can downgrade 3 years from now.

Our prayer is that God would show us some options! We are still digesting all of this, and are sure there are helpful ideas we haven't thought of yet. Please pray for knowledge and wisdom as we aim to make the best possible use of the recourses that God has provided.

"Cast your burden upon the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken" - Psalm 55:22

*"Greetings in the name of Jesus. I wanted to write and let you know that I am learning a great magnitude from the Emmaus study courses. They have not only taught me things I didn't know, but also brought me closer to God. They have shown me a lot of things I need to change in my life, helped me find the person I wanted to be in life, and helped me have that 100% security on going to Heaven.*

*I look forward to my studies and I enjoy them. The more the merrier!" - Erick (West Virginia)*

May all we do be for the glory of God!

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