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

Sometimes time sneaks up on us, doesn't it? In this latest example, I realized a little late that April was over, May was here, and it was time to write this monthly letter. I try to make sure it is ready to go by the 1st of the month (or the first weekday), but Monday has become a busier day since we have implemented our new mailing process, and I ran out of time despite my good intentions.

As this morning went along, I was still behind. I entertained the thought of delaying the letter again, but then the Lord handed me the subject matter on a silver platter. I heard someone walk through the door to the office, and even though our Tuesday volunteers were here, I wasn't surprised because I was expecting a delivery from our paper company. Our delivery was here, but I didn't recognize the man who had brought it. He told me was contracted by the paper company for deliveries, which is the first time I can remember that happening. After introducing myself and showing him where I wanted the boxes to go, he said, "I just got my birthday card from you."

I had to stand there for a second and think about what I had just heard. It was a stunning statement and one that was completely unexpected. My mind was racing and I felt like I had a million questions. What's your name? How many courses have you done? When is your birthday? How long have you been out? Are you going to church anywhere? Are you still taking courses? Is this your first time here? A few of those answers were given to me. His name is Darrick, he has completed 13 of our courses, he is attending a Baptist church near Pittsburgh, he had not been to our office before, and his birthday is this week. GOD IS AMAZING! We went on a little tour of the office, and I let him choose a couple of courses to take home. It's safe to say that we both went back to our jobs extremely encouraged!

There are no coincidences here, which makes the string of events incredible. One of the nice things about our new software program is that if someone has recently changed addresses, the software will recognize it and give us the updated address ensuring the card gets to the right place. Darrick falls into this category. Were it not for the software, his card would have gone to his prior address and come back to us undelivered. Also, I had not had any verification to this point that this new mailing process had been working the way it was supposed to. Clearly, it is. And what are the chances that the paper company would assign Darrick that specific delivery, and that it would be within days of him getting his birthday card?

All involved with Life's Key can feel good about this. You could have packed up Darrick's courses for him, or prayed for him and commented on his exam answers, or made a financial contribution that helped us pay for his postage, or entered his grades into the computer so his certificates could be printed, or any other number of things that helped him receive and learn more about God's word. You make a difference! Praise God that Darrick is living for Him!

"Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite." - Psalm 147:5

"Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you for everything you have prayerfully done for me, including sending me a large print bible. I'm just a very happy and joyful man. God never ever ceases to amaze me. It just keeps getting better and better. It's so easy to miss the mark, but with Life's Key, they help me to stay on the mark. Thank you a million times." - John (Ohio)

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