



April 2020,

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

Wow. What a difference a month makes. So many things were different at the time I was writing the last letter. I was looking forward to my upcoming trip to Jacksonville. That did not happen. I was looking forward to watching two of my kids perform in their school musicals and watching two of my kids race on their school track teams. Those things will very likely not happen. I was looking forward to seeing my volunteers on the days that they are usually in the office each week. That is no longer happening. How much the world has changed in such a short time is staggering.

Now, with that being said, we know beyond the shadow of a doubt that **GOD IS IN CONTROL**. There is nothing that is too big for Him, including Covid-19. We have so much hope knowing that regardless of how quickly things change around us, God does not change! We see it in scripture in places like Numbers 23:19, Malachi 3:6, and James 1:17. We see it written so eloquently as Thomas Chisholm did in 1923 when he wrote the classic poem so many of us know and love about God's faithfulness over his lifetime:

*"Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee,
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not, As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be."*

As we patiently, and some not-so-patiently, wait for this pandemic to be over and for our lives to get back to normal, may we also wait upon the Lord, the Rock upon which we stand. The coronavirus may be taking over the world, but Jesus has overcome the world!

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail.
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." - Lamentations 3:22-23

"The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." - Psalm 18:2

"I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble.
But take heart! I have overcome the world." - John 16:33

I am pleased to report that amidst all of the business closures and quarantines, Life's Key continues on full-steam ahead. Yes, we have had to do things unconventionally and make many adjustments. I have instructed all office volunteers to stay away until further notice, but have utilized a handful of people that are processing all of the incoming exams at their homes. Many of our files are now on an online network, so they are able to be accessed from home to be worked as well. Exams are still being mailed to our course counselors, as usual. And therefore completed exams are still being returned to the inmates in good time, as usual. I have still been going to the office when it is necessary, but have been doing as much as possible from home. A huge "Thank you" to all those that are helping to keep us up and running, and to the many more who lift us up in prayer as we press on. It will take more than this to keep us down!

For HIS Glory,

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“I would like to thank you for using your ministry and resources to provide Bible courses for us prisoners. They are clear and concise, and I get a lot out of them! Mankind as a whole benefits from your generosity and heeding of God’s call to spread the Gospel.

I also would like to give you a heartfelt thank you for the nice birthday card. It brought a smile to my face and warmed my soul. Your card, and one other birthday card from a ministry in New Jersey, are the only birthday cards I received from the outside world this year.

May God continue to richly bless all of your team members at Life’s Key and their efforts. Be blessed and protected.” - Roummel (Michigan)

“I am just wanting to thank you all so very much for my birthday card. It has helped me so very much. I don’t get mail, so it was a blessing to me. When I first came in here I was a mess, but thanks to God, He has now saved my life twice and I thank Him every day.

I have lost all of my kids and now I am about to lose my home. My husband has been out of work for 5 months and has been looking but because of this virus going around, a lot of places are closed. I don’t want to throw my problems on you all, but I was just wondering if you all would keep me in mind when you say a prayer. Pray for my husband to find work and that I don’t lose my home. I know you all don’t really know me, but hopefully you will soon because I want to be a child of God. I pray and read my Bible every day. As you can see, I am not much of a letter writer, and please excuse the sloppy handwriting.

Thank you all for just taking the time to read this. I am so sorry to throw my problems on you all, but I am scared of losing my home. So I am putting everything in God’s hands and praying every day. I hope I am not in the wrong for asking for help. Thank you so much for everything!” - Samantha (Virginia)

“I appreciate your prayers and gift concerning my birthday. I was happy to know someone out in society remembered my birthday. God always puts people in your life path to care for you when everyone else has turned away.

This is my 32nd year incarcerated in Virginia. I am 57 years of age, and was only a young boy when I left home. This has been a long journey, burdensome at times, but Christ Jesus has kept me strong in spirit to endure.

By faith, the Virginia parole board members will grant me parole this year. My hearing should be scheduled in April or May. Recently I have been very sick, diagnosed with a liver disease, prostate cancer, and a scalp disease infection. The medical providers deny adequate medical care treatment to my needs. But through prayers, Christ Jesus will put people in place to help me.

Unfortunately my parents have passed away and my siblings have gone their separate ways. I have nowhere to go or turn to. It reminds me of when Mary was pregnant with baby Jesus, there were no rooms in the inn.

Prayer changes things. I believe Jesus will send someone to my aid. It is my goal and willingness to teach and preach a sermon about the goodness, care, and love of Christ Jesus. A good spiritual advisor, leader, or guide for those in need.

I will keep you informed of my parole hearing and health condition.” - Anthony (Virginia)

