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

We are coming up on the end of an encouraging year of reaching many more inmates than we did last year, but also end the year with some challenges. We have sent over 20,000 courses this year, which is something that I questioned as possible because of the ever-increasing mailing restrictions. We are fortunate thus far to not have many restrictions in Georgia, but also understand that could change very quickly. Adding that state dramatically increased our opportunity to connect with more inmates, and those opportunities have continued to increase as we are close to a year of service there. We pray that mailing continues to go smoothly, and that the transition of ministries has generated new interest in the inmates, causing them to continue to complete courses as well as share their experience with others. Growth is exciting!

We've also experienced some trials this year when it comes to the health of our volunteers. I am so very thankful for those that have stepped up in their absence to help us with our busy workload. But I would remised if I didn't specifically mention Mary Ann Bell, who has not been able to return to our office for several months. She is the matriarch of Life's Key and the way the Lord has used her to reach so many inmates over so many years is a wonderful example of how the Lord can work through us if we are open to His calling. Thank you, Mary Ann!

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?'
And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'" - Isaiah 6:8

DEAR LIFE'S KEY,

"I hope this letter finds you happy and well! As always, your Bible studies made my day and I greatly enjoyed learning from them, especially "Proverbs for Life". It has put my life into a whole new focus. I thank God for the work that you all do. Without the Bible studies you send to me I would still be struggling in utter confusion. I am looking for a mentor or a discipleship program, but that is just to learn to articulate what I read, that way I can be like you in a way, a beacon of light for the lost souls that don't know the majesty of God and Jesus' glory.

I will keep you all in my prayers for the continuance of all the wonderful work you do, bringing God's Word to those like me. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I can't wait for my next Bible study!" - Luis (Kentucky)

"I want to thank you for letting me have a chance to do these Bible studies. I am starting to grow more in the Lord and in my faith now. I have been locked up going on 6 years. Last year my wife filed for a divorce and I started to go back to my old ways. But a Christian friend would not let me do that. He kept praying for me and now I am back right with God.

Since I have been doing these Bible studies and going to church and prayer call, I have had a big blessing come to me. Me and my family lost contact since 2009, but this year I got a letter from my sister. I called and talked to her and she told me that Dad died in August 2021, and that made a little turn around for my family. Also I need to pray for my brother. He has turned to drinking all the time. When I get out, I am going back to Florida to be with my sister and let them see the new person that I have become. I max out in September 2026. Thank you for your prayers." - Danny (Georgia)

For HIS Glory,

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