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

Happy New Year! Please keep us in prayer as we move into our 44th year of service. Thinking about that many years, it's amazing to consider how the Lord has blessed this ministry through all of the ups and down, the successes and the struggles, and the ever-changing landscape of the prison system. How wonderful it is to know that His steady hand continues to guide us, and that despite some of the more recent road blocks, we can be assured that there is no barbed wire He can not get through, and no cell doors He can not open.

Course Highlight: SECURELY SAVED AND SURE OF IT!

"Securely Saved and Sure of It" is part of our "Christian Character" section of the curriculum. It is written by Ken Fleming and has been in circulation since 2007. As the title suggests, the main theme of the course is that the salvation the Lord provides through Christ is eternally secure. It dives into the resulting confidence we can live with, what believers can know about both our present standing and future inheritance in Christ, and how the enjoyment of that assurance impacts our daily walk. We are currently mailing about 16 copies per month, and this is one of our courses without a course sponsor.

DEAR LIFE'S KEY,

"Hello to whoever reads this! When I got my test scores back and written responses, it felt so personal. Like I had a close friend here to help me. It felt very good and I feel like I'm not as alone as I thought.

This is a written thank you letter. Praise God there is people doing the work you do. It has helped tremendously and lifted my spirit.

My time in prison this past year has been very hard. I have been in prison since I was 18, now I turn 26 next month. I am getting close to going home now but it seems things have gotten so much harder and bad stuff keeps happening that's out of my control. Yet I always kept my faith no matter what. It's all I have left to draw strength from.

The greatest lie satan ever told was in convincing the world he doesn't exist. I was blaming my misfortune this year on "bad luck". Sadly I realized I'd been deceived. For it was the devil laying traps and snares to tempt me away from the Lord. But God revealed to me this plot and in the end my faith and God prevailed!

Yes all the bad stuff happened and it can't be taken back. Still, that's the beauty of it all and the grace of God! It's not about what "happened", it's about what is ahead! And the path before me is bright with God's love and glory.

Thank you so much for the Bible studies and the personal feedback. Thank God too! You filled me with joy and helped me closer to the Father up in Heaven. As you pray for me, I too pray for you. God bless you all and I hope this finds you all in good spirits! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year." – Steven (Kentucky)

For HIS Glory,

Tim Priano, Director

