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

Well perhaps we spoke too soon? Just as it seemed we were headed in the right direction concerning Covid-19, we are now hearing about an increase in cases resulting in certain things being shut down again around the country and right here at home in Pittsburgh. But once again, we go back to the fact that with God there are no surprises. We continue to trust that His will is going to be done in this situation, regardless of how long it lasts.

Despite the restrictions, I am thankful that we have been able to check a few big items off our list of building projects at the office. The first was that we took care of the moisture and mold problem in our basement via a fumigation and spraying process, as well as the purchase of two industrial dehumidifiers to keep it dry down there. The second was that we had an experienced masonry crew come and take care of the wear and tear showing in our brick and mortar around the outside. They did a great job sealing things up, and our building is in much better shape than it was a few months ago. There are several projects upcoming as we plan to remodel our bathroom and kitchen areas, among other things, for the benefit of those that continue to utilize the office space from week to week. Both are much needed improvements over what we've had for the 30+ years we have occupied the building.

I continue to be encouraged by the number of new students we are getting, and pray that momentum will continue as we move through and past Covid-19. God certainly has gotten many inmates' attention!

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”
- Matthew 6:33-34

“I just want to let you know I appreciate all your prayers and the time you take to grade my tests. Also for the time you take from your lives to share the Word and help me become a better Christian. I'm in a very bad spot. I'm surrounded by a lot of evil and your encouraging words give me a sense of purpose.”
- Dannie (Florida)

In response to being told he has finished all of the courses:

“I had to laugh & cry at the same time, congratulating me for finishing, yet I feel like I'm losing my best friend. This curriculum has kept me going for the last few years and without it I don't know what I would have accomplished. My favorite, and I feel one of the most important courses came in this packet (Ready to Give an Answer). I have been studying apologetics for a few years now, along with material from Ken Ham, and feel that it's very important to be able to answer questions in an intelligent manner (1 Peter 3:15).

I want to thank you and all the people who put these programs together. Whether it be people that correct our papers, writers of the courses, secretaries, donators, etc, etc, you have all been great vessels for our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray these courses go along for many years to come.” – Michael (Michigan)

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)

