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

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on what has transpired in the Pennsylvania state prison system during the last month. The lockdown was lifted in early September, and almost immediately we started receiving letter after letter from our students with new directions on how to send mail. No longer is mail allowed to be sent directly to an inmate at a state prison. It must now go to a mail processing facility called Smart Communications in St. Petersburg, Florida where everything will be opened, scanned, and e-mailed to the institution. From there it will be printed and delivered to the inmate.

Since the lockdown was lifted, we have been receiving completed answer sheets from students for the most recent set of courses that were sent. We are processing these as normal and sending them, along with their certificates, to S.C. once they have been graded. Unfortunately, our ability to send new courses to inmates remains in doubt. I was told by someone at S.C. that they would not copy, scan, and e-mail an entire booklet. However, another person working in prison ministry recently told me that they tried sending a course booklet to S.C., roughly the same size as ours, and without staples, and it eventually was received by the inmate. That course was around 30 pages, but ours range anywhere from 32 to 250 pages.

For the time being, there are different avenues that we will explore. Perhaps the smaller courses will get through. Many inmates now have tablets, so perhaps we could begin to utilize Emmaus' electronic courses. Perhaps each institution would allow us to stock the chaplain's office or library with each of our courses so inmates can get them as they need them. Whatever the solution is, we have faith that God will open that door in His perfect timing. Please keep this situation in prayer!

“In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

With this in mind, be alert and always keep on prayer for all the saints.” - Ephesians 6:16-18

“Thank you for offering these Bible courses. On 9/13/18 I went to a free concert here at prison, then later that night got baptized with complete water for the first time in my life.

Please pray for me. I have 14-18 months left before going home. In 2013, I donated a kidney to my father, and praise God, he's no longer in a wheelchair, but able to walk and do what needs to be done for his family and church. Pray for my sick mother, and my 9 year old son who has downs syndrome, and my 23 year old daughter. I am divorced, and at times feel very much alone. But I KNOW my God is with me all the time, and I must continue to learn and grow.” - Aaron (Virginia)

For HIS Glory,

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