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

We are now past the 21,000 mark as far as courses sent for the calendar year so far. This is just my latest reminder at how much the Lord has allowed us to grow these past couple of years, and speaks to the quality of the material that they are reading. While there are those involved with the ministry that know various aspects about the courses we provide, many are unfamiliar with the wide range of literature that our students receive from us. To that end, I will use this space to begin providing a summary of one of our courses each month. I hope that you find it helps to give a clearer picture of what the inmates are learning, and the impact it can have on their spiritual growth!

Course Highlight: BORN TO WIN

“Born to Win” is the first course we send to a newly enrolled student, and starts off the block of courses we call “A Prisoner’s Guide to Christ”. We send more of these than any other course, averaging over 450 per month. It was written by William McDonald, first published in 1977. It contains a wonderful testimony from Steve Thompson, a former inmate who grew up in Chicago, entered the Navy at 18, was stationed in Japan, but was then was convicted and sentenced to prison a few years later for his involvement in the death of a Japanese citizen. But then while in prison, a missionary came and shared the Gospel with him, and Steve turned his life over to Christ. He closes his testimony by writing, *“This course is especially designed to meet the needs of men and women like ourselves—those who have had a view of hell and dread the idea of going to such a place. If you are where I’ve been, and perhaps even in worse condition, read it with an open mind and heart and seek God and His Word. This correspondence course will help you find Him.”* This is one of several courses we send that is written specifically for inmates, and touches on such things as the lost sheep, the good Samaritan, the life of Jesus and His death on the cross, and salvation.

“Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.” - Proverbs 30:5

DEAR LIFE’S KEY,

*“Dear Life’s Key, I can’t explain how grateful I am to be taking the courses and how helpful they truly are. I am saved because of the course “Born to Win” and want to help others. This has been so helpful to me and I believe it needs to get to as many people as possible. I was living and doing things that I did not know were wrong, but because of these courses I am no longer lost. I will put a list of people below. Please help them as well!” - Dale (Virginia)*

*“Keep praying about the Covid-19 issue affecting everyone around the world. The prison population isn’t excluded. Daily we receive reports on passing fellow inmates and it is heart rendering. Both inmates and staff are at risk daily and the institution is on total lockdown until further notice. Staying close to God with these lessons seems to lessen the amount of uncertainty. Keep ‘em coming! God bless you all.” - Stacy (Florida)*

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