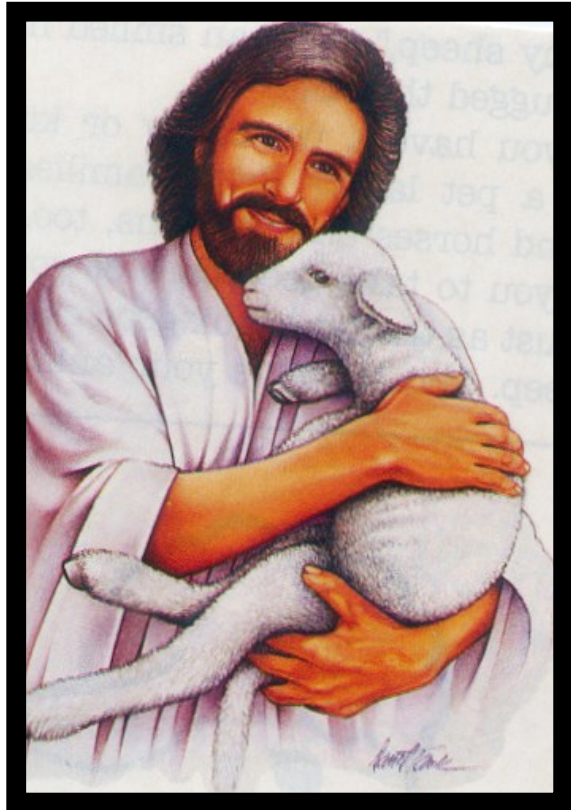


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Training Manual



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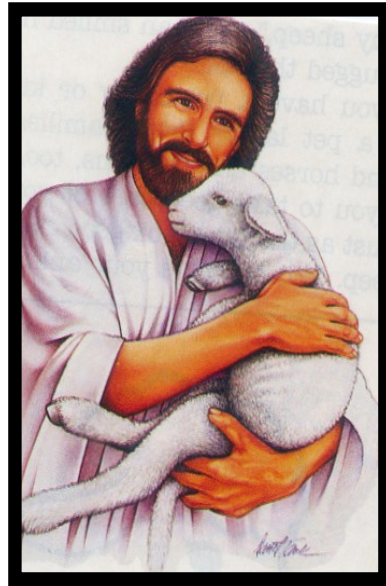
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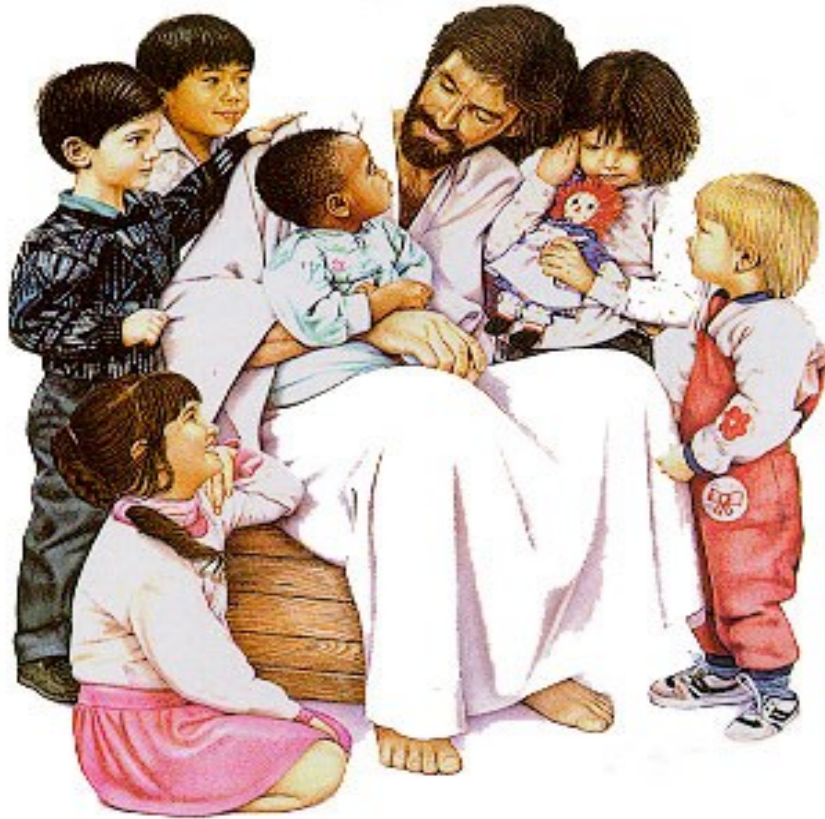


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The Spirit of Prophecy Says...

Early childhood is the most important period.
Too much importance cannot be placed on the early training of children.
The lessons that a child learns during the first seven years of life
have more to do with forming his character
than all that it learns in future years.

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What is the Purpose of this Manual?



- **This manual informs you of the purpose, goals, and procedures of the *LAMB Program*.**
- **It provides instruction, encouragement, and inspiration for those who want to help others in need.**
- **It also teaches the "Do's and Don'ts" of ministering to inmates and their families through the *LAMB Program*.**

*Florida Prison Ministries (FPM) wants to fully support and protect our volunteers in this program. The guidelines found in this manual are provided to insure that the program runs smoothly and safely. We hope that through this training, you will be effective in this ministry. Any questions or concerns not covered in this manual should be directed to FPM's *LAMB Program Coordinator (LPC)*.*

*Please read this manual
thoroughly and prayerfully.*

What is the ***LAMB Program***?

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The LAMB Program is a division of *Florida Prison Ministries*.
It was specifically created to minister to inmate mothers and their families.

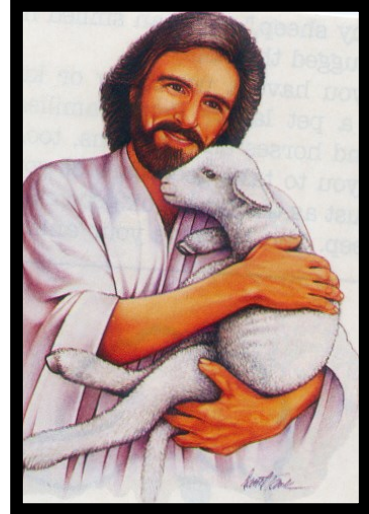
Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the help of volunteers,
the ***LAMB Program*** will provide years of physical and spiritual support
to these precious children!



Why a **LAMB Program**?

"Early childhood is the most important period. Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the early training of children. The lessons that the child learns during the first seven years of life have more to do with forming his character than all that it learns in future years."

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When newborns and children are torn away from their incarcerated mothers, the consequences are tragic for all involved. Newborn babies, whisked away at birth, are unable to bond with their mothers. Children become confused and heartbroken when separated from their mother's arms. Caretakers feel overwhelmed with the awesome responsibility of caring and providing for these needy children. Inmate mothers are begging for a caring person to help their children find a better life.

Since all of us are children of God, we must do everything in our power to see that these children have a chance to know Jesus and experience life changes that only **HE** can bring! The **LAMB Program** was created to fulfill this urgent need. We believe that by providing the child with basic physical and spiritual needs, not only will the child's life be affected, but also the lives of the caretaker, family members, and inmate mother herself.

Inmate mothers are not only physically detached from their children but emotionally as well. They are not allowed to purchase gifts or needed items for their children. In desperation, they will often barter in their prison environment just to get a tube of toothpaste for their child. These mothers do not want their children to think they have been forgotten. They want to be a part of their lives.

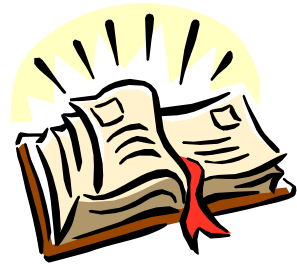
This program enables you to send the children Christmas presents, birthday gifts, and spiritual literature in the inmate mother's name! As she serves her time, this may be the only bond she has with her child. What joy the inmate feels when she knows her child is receiving a little gift from her! If you could see the joy on the children's faces, it would tell all! It really doesn't matter what they receive; it is from "Mama."

In addition, the inmate mother will receive the same spiritual materials as her children. The goal is to create harmony with the lessons being read at home. If impressed with the spiritual lessons she is reading, she will be anxious to see that the caretaker is providing the same lessons to her little ones. God is able to create great results from the seeds we plant.

By becoming a **LAMB volunteer, you will have endless opportunities to live and share God's love! It is our hope as you touch the life of an inmate's child with His divine love, that all those involved will also be forever changed!**

How Does the **LAMB Program** Function?

1. The **LAMB Program** is presented to women inmates during Bible study times and revivals presented by our Florida Prison Ministries' volunteers.



2. Each inmate who wishes to participate fills out a **LAMB Application** (see sample in the Appendix B). She supplies information about herself, her children, and their caretaker.



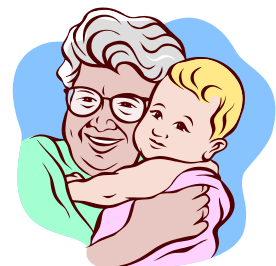
3. All applications and requests go through the *Florida Prison Ministries'* office for screening and processing. When approved the application is sent to the **LAMB Program Coordinator** (LPC). She also sends the inmate mother a letter which welcomes her into the **LAMB Program** (see a sample letter in Appendix C).



4. The LPC locates a sponsor who lives in the same area as the caretaker and children so that personal witness can be made. If a sponsor is not already working in that area, the LPC will contact a local church, present the **LAMB Program** to the Community Services Director, and try to enlist new sponsors.



5. The LPC sends a copy of the inmate's application and a training manual packet (unless the sponsor received one earlier). The sponsor is now ready to "adopt" a new family!



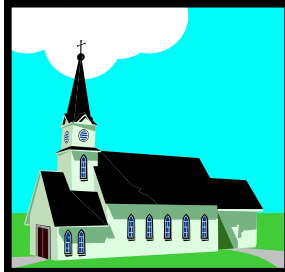
How is the *Lamb Program* Supported?

Who Pays the Expenses?



The *LAMB Program* does **NOT** expect the sponsor to be the financial support of the program! It is supported by the following:

The Florida Conference, local churches, and free will offerings.



All volunteers are encouraged to evaluate their
commitment to God
and the use of His funds.



What Does a Sponsor Do?

A Summarized List of Sponsor Responsibilities



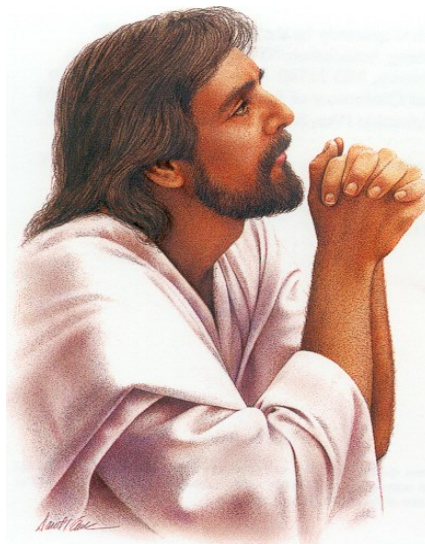
1. Present the **LAMB Program** to your church family to enlist physical, spiritual, and financial support.
2. Make arrangements to purchase or make layettes, gifts, and other needed materials for the caretaker and children.
3. Enroll the child and inmate mother in our Bible-based materials (Little Friend, Primary Treasure, or Guide magazine). Continue to provide spiritual literature whenever the doors open for you to do so!
4. Send birthday and Christmas gifts/cards to the children in the inmate mother's name.
5. Build a relationship with the caretaker and children by visiting and phoning frequently. Continue to provide encouragement and help where you can. Remember, the inmate mother is counting on you to follow through.
6. Keep in touch with the LPC. You can call or write anytime!

*I showed you in all things that you should
work as I did and help the weak.
I taught you to remember the words of Jesus.
He said,
It is more blessed to give than to receive.
Acts 20:35 NCV
National Children's Bible*

These responsibilities are covered in greater detail on the following pages!

How Can I Become a *Lamb* Sponsor?

- Have a genuine personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Have a deep love for people and a desire to see them grow back into the image of God.
- Thoroughly read, understand, and follow the *LAMB Training Manual*.
- Prayerfully make the commitment to God.
- Complete your *Sponsor Application* (see sample in Appendix A) and send it in!
- Wait for the LPC to contact you; she will do so when a child is found in your area!
- Start working as soon as the information on your LAMB family arrives!



That is, if one neglects the duty Christ has enjoined, of trying to restore those who are in error and sin, he becomes a partaker in sin. For evils that we might have checked, we are just as responsible as if we were guilty of the acts ourselves.

Desire of Ages p. 440

I've made the Commitment!

A Detailed List of Sponsor Responsibilities

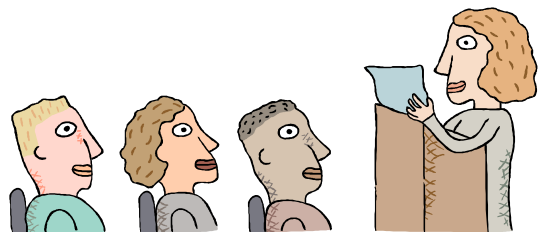
What am I supposed to do first? Second?...
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1. **Pray without ceasing!** Pray for guidance, wisdom, and understanding to fulfill this mission!



2. **Present the *LAMB Program* to your church family.** This could be done during SS or church announcements- whatever works for your situation.



Make an appeal for spiritual, physical, and financial support. Ask "Who would like to help nurture this family?" Your entire church family could take on this project as a mission outreach. Divide up the workload so everyone has a part. Another option is to choose a specific group to direct the project such as ***Community Services*** or ***Women's Ministries***. It doesn't matter how your church chooses to support you. The bottom line is:

You don't need to do everything!

Remember in every church there are those who love to have some worthwhile missionary project to donate their time, talent, and means. Divide the workload among many. Let everyone delight in the spiritual blessings of doing God's work!

How can your church help? See ideas on pages 16-18, "*Working Together To...*"

I've Made the Commitment! *Continued*

3. **Make contact with the caretaker by phone.** If the caretaker does not have a phone, you may have to write a letter. Below is a sample of what you might say. Please call the caretaker by name.

Good morning, Ms. (caretaker's name)!

This is (your name) with the *LAMB Program*.

(Inmate's name) signed up for this program to help with the nurturing of her little ones. When would be a good time to bring a gift and to visit them?

- A. Be sure and ask how many children reside with the caretaker. Please take note of the sex, age, and birth date of each child.



Girl? Boy?
1, 2, 3, 4, 5



- B. Make an appointment to visit.

- C. Ask for directions to their home.



I've Made the Commitment! *Continued*



4. Make that first visit! The first encounter sensitizes the caretaker and the sponsor to each other. It is important to make a good first impression; one that is sincere, caring, and nonjudgmental. Below are some suggested guidelines:



A. Pray



guidance. Ask for the Holy Spirit to reveal how you need to respond.



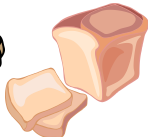
B. Read Understanding the Caretaker and Communicating with the Caretaker on pages 14 and 15 in this training manual. Follow these guidelines during all visits and communications.

C. Put together a box of goodies: an age appropriate gift for each children, a layette for the new baby (if applicable), and a copy of Happiness Digest for the caretaker. Remember, get your church family involved!



D. Choose a person to go with you. Do not go alone.

E. Begin by asking, "How can we help make your situation better? How can we help you materially and spiritually? Generally this is a good spiritual and psychological approach. Right away we are attacking the problem of the caretaker's basic needs and concerns. Never begin the conversation by telling the caretaker what you think is wrong and why they are living in their current situation.



F. Most importantly, be a good listener! During the visit, assess other needs (such as clothes, shoes, food) that would help this family live a better life. Take these needs back to your church and try to fulfill them the best that you can.

G. Remember to always ask if you can end your visit with a word of prayer. Sometimes a prayer and if appropriate, a hug can break down any defenses the caretaker may have.



I've Made the Commitment! *Continued*

5. Enroll the child and inmate in our Christian spiritual literature (*Little Friend, Primary Treasure, or Guide depending on the child's age*). Caretakers can read these materials to babies and young children, instilling an early love of Biblical lessons and principles. The inmate should receive the same subscription so she can read the same lessons being taught to her young ones at home. **Please see page 17 for complete instructions on ordering this literature. It must be sent through the Adventist Book Center.**



6. Remember to send a birthday gift in the INMATE MOTHER'S name. Suggestions can even be taken from the inmate mother. Attach a card to the gift that reads, *With Love from Your Mother* (or something similar).

7. Remember to send a Christmas gift in the INMATE MOTHER'S name. This could include a storybook or a color book about the birth of Christ. Attach a card to the gift that reads, *With Love from Your Mother* (or something similar).



8. Build a relationship with the caretaker and children. Let the caretaker know you care and are there to help. **Ask** if the children are enjoying their literature. **ASK** what you can do to help. Send cards of encouragement. Continue to look for ways to help make their lives better. Your involvement should be as a grandparent in the children's lives, helping whenever you can.



Phone and ask, "What can I do to help?"



Visit regularly!
Interact with the children!



Write notes of
Encouragement!



Understanding the Caretaker

As with any new acquaintance, it will take time for the sponsor to build a trusting and open relationship with the caretaker.



Please be patient and understand that the caretaker:

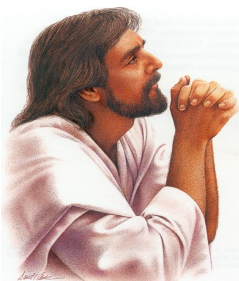
...will see **YOU!** You can talk "Jesus Cares," but the caretaker wants to know, "Do you care?" Let God's love shine through your own life and actions.

...may be skeptical. The caretaker may be asking herself, "What's in this for you?" Unfortunately, many have experienced disappointment and frustration from unfilled promises from so called "do-gooders."

...may be a relative of the inmate, a foster parent, or an adoptive parent. The caretaker may or may not attend church. Many, being relatives of the inmate, have grown up in the same poor environment. They may still be struggling to overcome obstacles such as poverty and lack of education; except now, they have the added responsibility of raising children. To better understand the background of many inmates, please refer to page 19 "*Understanding the Inmate.*"

...may welcome you with open arms and friendship. In fact, most will be extremely appreciative and grateful. But understand, some will not accept you so willingly. Thus, we must do as the scriptures say, "Be wise as serpents and harmless as doves." It may take pure, unadulterated love to deal with those with hardened hearts. Some caretakers may reject your help and the **LAMB Program**. In this case, all you can do is send the *Inmate application* and materials back to the LPC and continue to pray for the family. Let God take care of the rest!

All caretakers have different circumstances, backgrounds, needs, and personalities. In order to reach their hearts, you must maintain a nonjudgmental attitude in all you do and say. Treat them as Jesus would! Once your caretaker knows that you care, then you will be able to say,



**"Because I care, I'd like to share the source
of my happiness with you
so you too may know real joy and peace
through Jesus Christ our Lord!"**

Communicating with the Caretaker

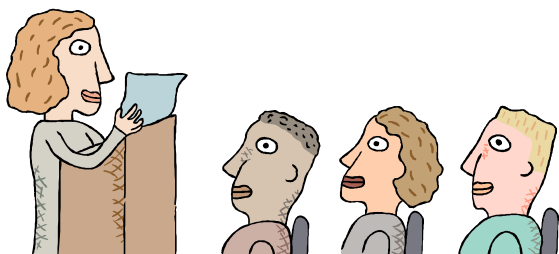
As a sponsor, you will find yourself in the role of a counselor. The Holy Spirit may provide endless opportunities to witness and counsel to the caretaker and children as time passes and your relationship grows. Subjects may be as varied as parenting skills, the health message, or simply God's love! The opportunities are endless! Just remember that God is with you and will provide wisdom when asked! He will give you the ability to communicate effectively which is essential in building a positive relationship with the caretaker. Following these guidelines should insure a good relationship.

1. Pray before communicating with the caretaker. This includes letters, phone calls, and visits. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the words and how to respond to each situation.
2. Display concern, not judgment, in your words and attitude. Make sure you let the caretaker know you are there because "I care about your physical, mental, and spiritual well-being." Don't try to explain what is wrong or why they are living in their current situation.
3. Know when to listen! Listening is the most important tool of all communication skills.

- Listen by making eye contact and keeping your mind on what the caretaker is saying.
- Listen for ideas and underlying feelings.
- Listen without judging the caretaker's appearance or delivery of what is said.
- Listen by knowing when to nod, comment, or just be silent. Let Christ who is the answer have the last word!

4. Explain what you can and cannot do. Do not give a false impression.
5. Make only promises you know you can keep. If you are asked for a certain type of help above you know how, suggest that you both pray and see what the Lord would do with this situation.
6. Keep control of the situation by relying on prayer and divine wisdom. Remember you are there because someone requested it! Jesus promises...

*If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God,
Who gives to all liberally and without reproach,
And it will be given to him.
James 1:5 NKJV*



How Can Your Church Family Help?

Working together to...

A. Establish a local **LAMB** church fund.

These funds will NOT be sent to the conference office but will be retained locally to purchase needed materials. Remember to keep your church family informed on how your "adopted" family is doing. Giving periodic updates will also give you the opportunity to appeal for more offerings to keep the **LAMB** fund active. These costs will include:

- **Literature** (*will cost \$50.00 or more per family*).
- **Gifts** for birthdays, Christmas, and other special occasions. (*A limit of \$15 per child is recommended. Remember, these gifts are to be given in the inmate mother's name*).
- **Miscellaneous needs** such as food, clothing, and other items you may notice the family needs. Involving your Community Service Center would be ideal here.
- **Postage** for sending literature, cards, and gifts.



LAMB FUND

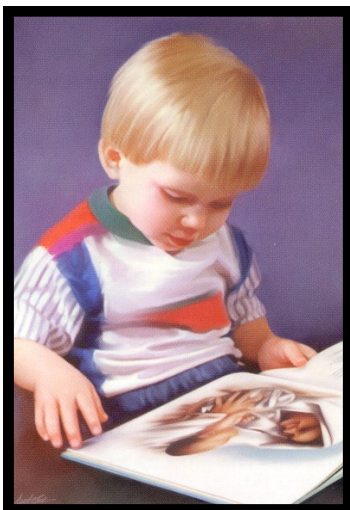
Working together to...

B. Enroll the child and inmate mother in Bible based materials. Gather appropriate literature for the caretaker and family.

- The child should be enrolled in the *Little Friend*, *Primary Treasure*, or *Guide* (whichever is age appropriate). You should also send the same subscription to the inmate mother. The goal is to minister to the mother by providing the same spiritual material so she can be reading what her child is reading at home. Remember, this may be the only bond she has with her child. This is an important reason you should not use old copies lying around the church.



- **Material to the inmate mother cannot be mailed personally** because the prison will not accept it. **It must be sent and ordered from the Adventist Book Center.** When placing an order, you must give the mother's name, ID prison number, and the prison address. This information should be on the inmate's application. The ABC phone number is 1-407-644-4255 and subscriptions are around \$22 per person.
- A copy of Happiness Digest can be given to the caretaker. As the relationship grows you may find other sources of literature to share on subjects such as parenting or the health message. The possibilities are endless!



Sow the seeds of life
to help change the life of a
child!

Working together to...

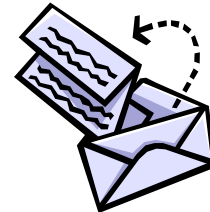
C. Knit, crochet, or sew a baby layette or clothes for the children. Many people would enjoy making special gifts for the family. Perhaps your church has a craft group that would love to take on this project. Your *Community Services Center* can get involved here as well!



D. Shop and plan for special occasions such as birthdays and Christmas. Volunteers are encouraged to buy new clothes and toys. Wrap them as brightly colored gifts from the inmate mother. Be sure to include a card.



E. Make special cards and write notes of encouragement to the family. This would be a great project for the pathfinders or the children's department in your church. The caretaker and children would probably enjoy being thought of in this special way. All cards should be given to the sponsor to deliver or mail. All correspondence will be addressed as the *Florida Prison Ministries LAMB Program*.



Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to me. Matt. 25:40

Understanding the Inmate

- Most of us will never fully understand the inmate and the circumstances that surround her situation. Just like the caretaker, inmates come from varying backgrounds and experiences that some of us can only imagine. We should always maintain a caring and nonjudgmental attitude when communicating with the inmate. We are **ALL** God's children. If we keep this in mind, it will not be difficult to open our hearts to these women. Listed below are statistical characteristics of many inmates. Granted, these do not apply to all, but these facts may give you some insight as to where many are coming from.
- Many inmates are black or Hispanic. However, the common denominator is poverty. Being poor is a substantial element of the problem. If they were not poor, many would not be in prison.
- Many inmates come from ghetto communities and were jobless when arrested. Lack of education is prevalent among many.
- Many Hispanic inmates speak little English. Some do not even understand the charges against them or how much their bail was set for. Few have any plan for dealing with the situation.
- Many young offenders are drug addicts. Their alleged crime is usually drug related—that is, possession, use, or stealing to support the drug habit. This also includes antisocial behavior due to the use of drugs.
- Some inmates do come from supportive, caring families. Some even have Christian backgrounds but, simply stated, made poor choices along the way.

*“For God so loved the world,
That He gave His one and only Son,
That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish,
But have everlasting life!”
John 3:16*

Making Contact with the Inmate

**If you as a sponsor choose to contact the inmate in any way,
you must follow these very important guidelines.
Read and understand these guidelines thoroughly.
Ask your *LAMB Program Coordinator* or *Prison Ministries Director*
if you have any questions.**

Just as with the caretaker, you will find yourself in the role of a counselor as you interact with the inmate. This does not mean you have all the answers. It means that if you rely on the Holy Spirit to guide you, endless opportunities to witness may be provided as time goes by and your relationship grows. You may be given the opportunity to share many of God's messages such as God's love, parenting skills, and perhaps the health message. We never know what God has in store!



WRITING TO THE INMATE

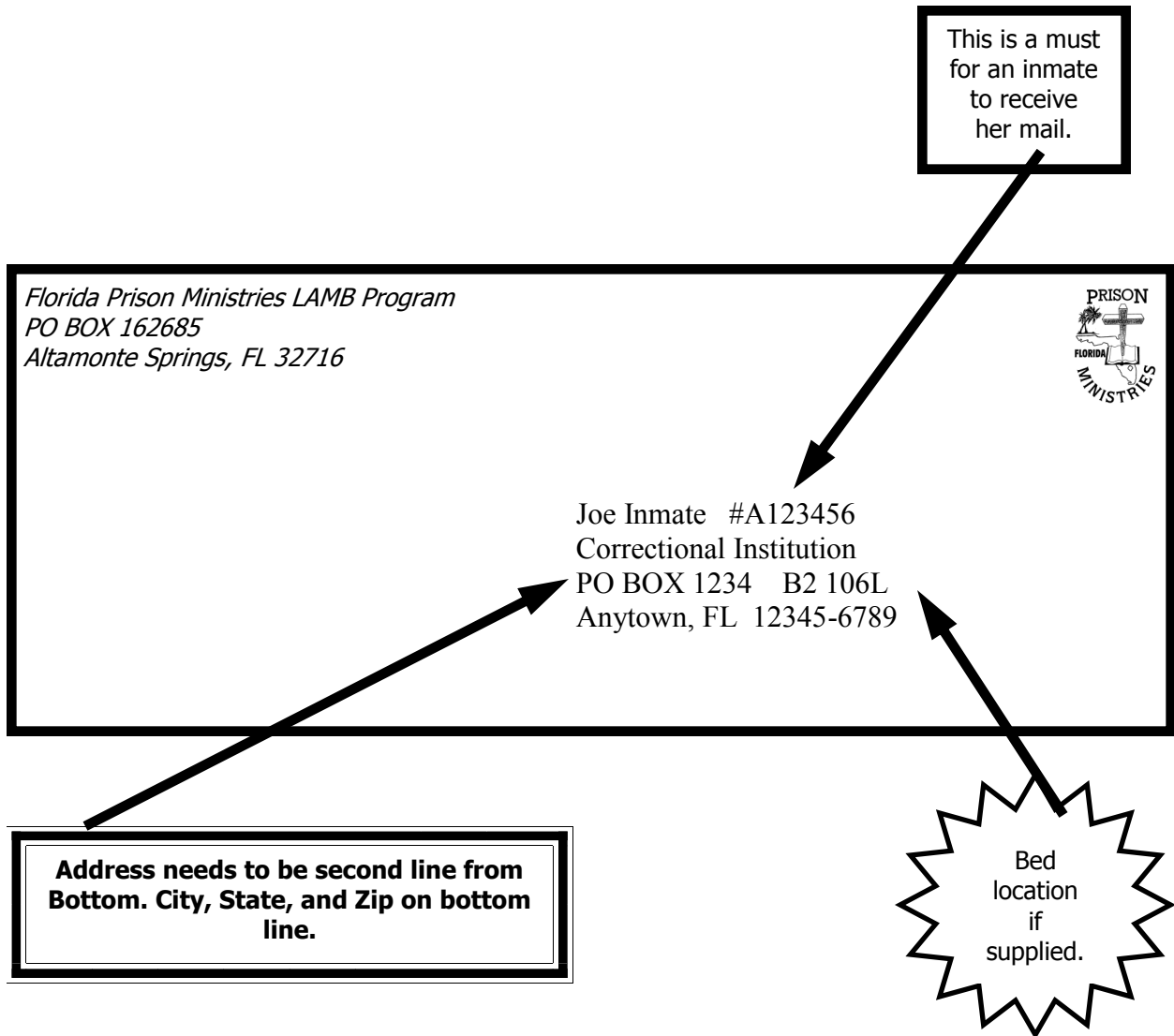


Write as you would to any other person, but understand that an inmate may or may not answer in the way you might imagine. Again, you must understand the inmate's point of view and the difficult situation she is in.

1. Pray before writing each letter. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal how you need to respond to this inmate.
2. In your first letter, let the inmate know how you feel blessed to have this opportunity to help her children. Ask, "How can I help you spiritually and socially?" Right away this attacks the problem of the inmate's basic needs and concerns. Don't ever begin by telling the inmate what you think or why they are in their current situation. Don't ask why they are in prison.
3. When you receive a return letter, spend some time evaluating her needs as she tells you any problems or background information. *Listen* to what she is saying.
4. Don't judge ideas by the inmate's language, spelling, grammar, or handwriting.
5. Let Christ who is the answer have the last word. Not yourself.
6. Please use the form on page 21 to address all your correspondence with the inmate.
- 7. Do not give your phone number or address (or anyone else's) to the inmate.**
8. Become intimately familiar with the **Do's and Don'ts** on pages 23 and 24. It is important to follow these rules.

SAMPLE ENVELOPE

The following is how you must address all correspondence with the inmate to receive your mail.



VISITING THE INMATE IN PRISON

Making the Arrangements

After corresponding with the inmate for a period of time, the inmate may desire a personal visitation. As always, pray for Christ to guide your decisions and follow His leading as you take this next step.

MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO VISIT THE INMATE

1. Ask the inmate if you may visit—unless she has already requested a visit. **The inmate must give her permission.**
2. The inmate will need to add your name to her visitation list. If you are not on the list, you will not be let in.
3. Prisons have set days and hours for visitation. You may only visit during these times. Be sure you inquire about these times. You must bring a picture ID with you. The prison personnel usually asks for your Driver's License. Call the prison if you have questions or concerns.
4. Arrange with the inmate which visitation day and time she would like you to come.
5. Keep that appointment. Do not disappoint her!

*“Remember those in prison
As if you were their fellow prisoners.”
Hebrews 13:3 NJV*

Visiting the Inmate in Prison



DO's



1. **Always pray before going to see an inmate. Ask for the Holy Spirit to reveal how you need to respond.**
2. **Follow the *Florida Prison Ministries/LAMB* guidelines.**
3. **When in doubt, ask.**
4. **Be a Christian friend.**
5. **Share your faith.**
6. **Keep your objectivity.**
7. **Try to find ways to encourage and give hope.**
8. **Be a good listener. Make eye contact, listen for underlying ideas and problems and keep your mind on what she is saying.**
9. **Be dependable.**
10. **Be patient.**
11. **Be honest.**
12. **Be trustworthy when someone shares with you personal or confidential information.**
13. **Be aware of con games.**
14. **Ask questions when in doubt!**
15. **Let Christ who is the answer have the final word.**

Visiting the Inmate in Prison



Don'ts



1. **Do not give ANYTHING to the inmate. IT IS AGAINST THE LAW!** No clothing, no pens, no pencils—absolutely nothing! There is a procedure by which inmates may receive articles that they need. Consult the LPC for proper procedures. If you wish to send religious material, it should be sent through the Adventist Book Center.
2. **Do not give or send money or anything that can be converted into money. THIS IS AGAINST THE LAW!** You could be prosecuted.
3. **Do not enter any personal or business transactions with prisoners.** It could BE A FELONY AND YOU COULD BE PROSECUTED.
4. **Do not give your phone number or address to an inmate.**
5. **Do not give other people's home addresses or phone numbers to an inmate.**
6. **Do not send pictures to an inmate unless it is of a family setting. Be careful.**
7. **Do not judge the inmate—just try to be a caring friend.**
8. **Do not make promises you cannot keep.**
9. **Do not in any way reprimand them about their previous condition or what may have done to be confined.**
10. **Do not try to be a theologian or have a "holier-than-thou attitude."**
11. **Do not be an expert or reformer.**
12. **Do not be "preachy" or push people into making a decision for Christ.**
13. **Do not criticize the staff, institution or other races, countries, or religions.**
14. **Do not be a sponsor for yourself. It won't work.**
15. **Do not make the mistake of letting an inmate think he can run a game on you (con or fool you) simply because you are a Christian.** Be wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove.

Visiting the Inmate in Prison

Awareness of Unhealthy Emotional Attachments

As a counselor, you should never let your sympathy outweigh your good judgment. It is the purpose of this program to uplift CHRIST. Try to keep all communication on a caring and spiritual basis in order to avoid any unhealthy emotional attachments that could interfere with good judgment. What exactly does that mean? It is hard to explain, so here are some examples to illustrate what can happen.

A sponsor spent endless hours with the caretaker, children, and inmate. All were excited about the inmate's soon release. The sponsor made arrangements for housing and other amenities the family would need. As far as the sponsor was concerned, the inmate had made a full conversion to Jesus. The inmate, completely sincere in her conversion, was grateful for the help offered. But the freedom an inmate yearns for is also the freedom she dreads. Adjusting back into society is not always easy. In fact, most inmates dread this freedom that will deprive her of employment and respect because of her past sins. This sponsor and the church did everything right. They supplied not only physical support, but emotional support as well. Unfortunately, in six months the released inmate mother was back in prison for the same crimes she committed before. This happened several times over. If the sponsor gets too emotionally involved, discouragement could take over. This could mean the end of her involvement in God's ministry. The bottom line is: Inmates do not change overnight. Sometimes it takes a lifetime of starting over. Should we give up? Did Jesus give up? Of course not!

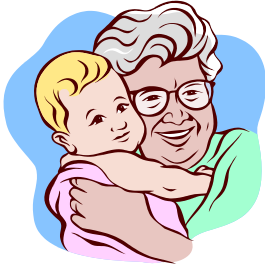
It took Harry Williams, a former inmate, over 21 tries in 20 years to finally get it right! With the help of the Holy Spirit and the consistent forgiving support of fellow Prison Ministry workers, he is now a SDA Pastor proclaiming the good news of how Jesus saved His life!

One Friday evening, a fellow Prison Ministries worker of 10 years was at church. Another Prison Ministries worker saw him there and asked if he could deliver a letter to his inmate since he was unable to make a visitation that night. Obliging, he stuck the letter in his pocket forgetting it was there. When he arrived at the prison and went through security, the letter was found and questioned. He was informed in no uncertain terms that bringing ANYTHING to the inmate was punishable by 10 years of prison (See page 24 again for visiting rules). What a tragedy this could have been! Don't let sympathy outweigh good thinking and judgment.

**Don't be deceived! Satan is trying to destroy this ministry.
Keep your eyes on Christ.
Through His guidance you will find true joy and satisfaction
in working for the Lord in this ministry.
Only He can keep you from getting discouraged!
Only He can give you the wisdom and courage you need to finish God's work!**

GOD NEEDS YOU!

A Cry from Mothers Behind Bars



I would Like someone to visit my baby (children). Someone to help them, talk with them. I really want God in my life but I just don't understand, I would like some help please...I really want the Lord in my life. I am young and I don't really understand a lot of things.R.F.



I would like to thank you for this blessing you have helped my stay here be much easier. My heart is filled with hope God is a good God for sending you here for us. I will keep you in my Prayers, please keep me in yours. Thanks.....Priscilla M.

I want to enroll both of my kids in this program. Tremaine, he is 1 1/2 years old and my youngest Son, Marquis, he is 4 days old. I wish my kids to get close to God because I've gotten close to God and I don't want them to go through the things I've been through. I want them to find out how good God is. I would love some reading material also. I thank you so much and appreciate what you're doing for my kids and myself.
Thank You!! Diane



Dear LAMB,

I thank you for letting me feel that I still have hope for me and my children, and my unborn son. I have just recently put my faith back in Jesus myself. I'm trying to put Jesus in my two other children also.....If by chance could you please send my two girls ages 4 and 3 a Bible to read..... Crystal T

ASSURANCE OF SUCCESS

**"Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and your plans will succeed.'
Proverbs 16:3 NIV**

Remember that the Lord Jesus is the Master Worker. He waters the seed sown. He puts into your minds words that will reach hearts.

Testimonies, volume 9, page 41

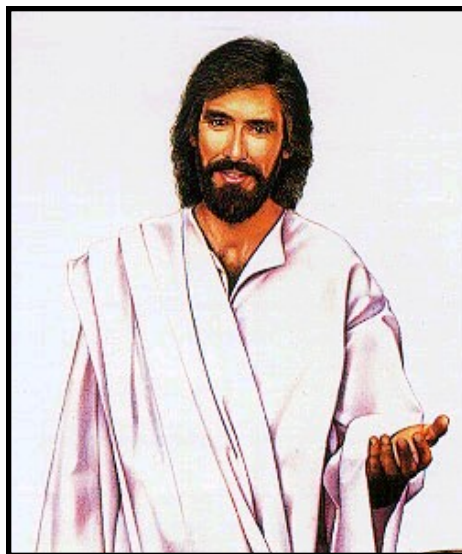
To every worker for God this thought should be a stimulus and an encouragement. In this life our work for God often seems to be almost fruitless. Our efforts to do good may be earnest and persevering, yet we may not be permitted to witness their results. To us the effort may seem lost. But the Savior assures us that our work is noted in heaven, and that the recompense cannot fail.

Testimonies, volume 6, page 305

When God opens the way for the accomplishment of a certain work, and gives assurance of success, the chosen instrumentality must do all in his power to bring about the promised result. In proportion to the enthusiasm and perseverance which the work is carried forward, will be the results given.

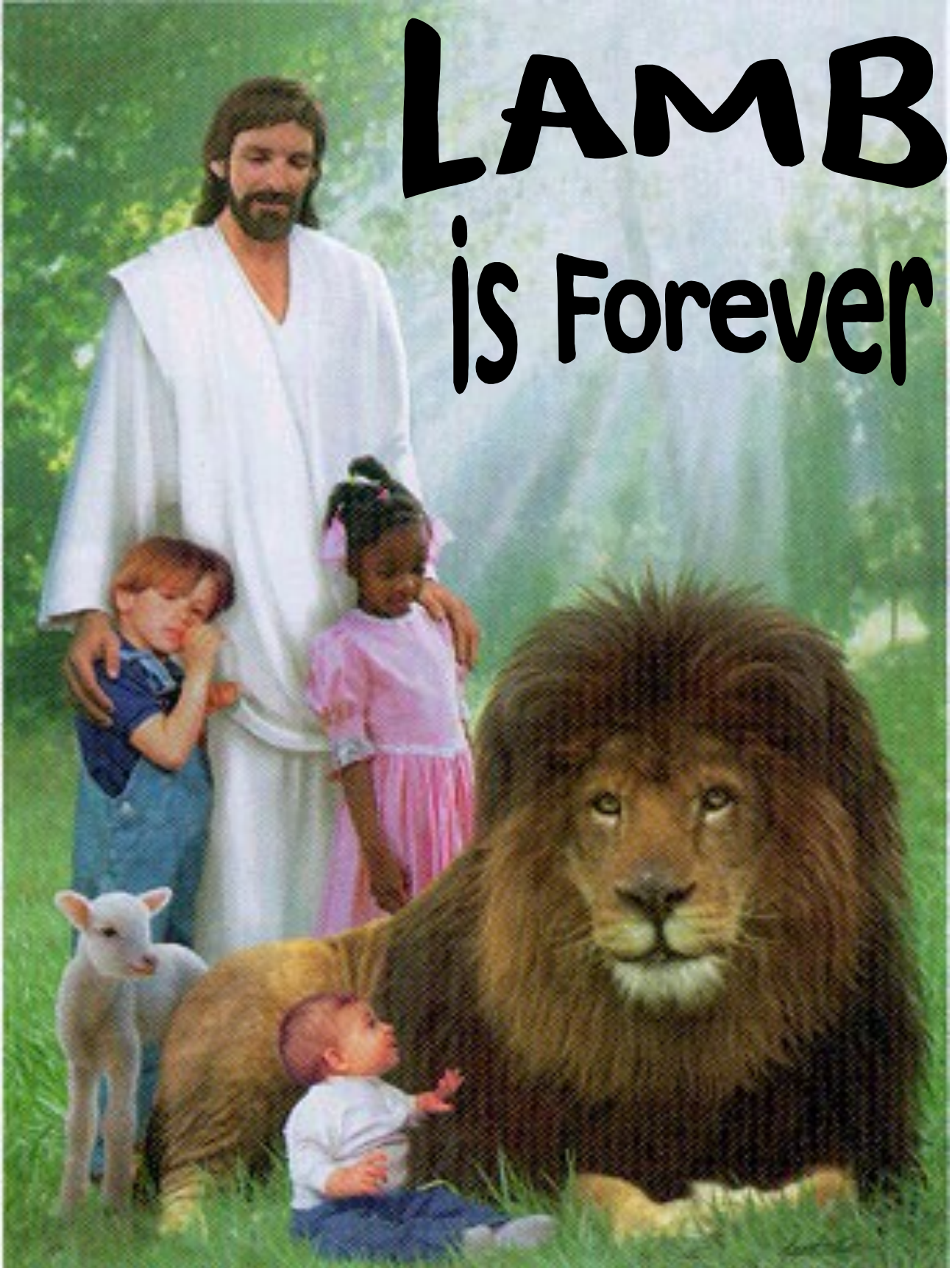
Prophets and Kings, page 263

Is God Calling You for this Ministry?



ASK HIM TODAY.

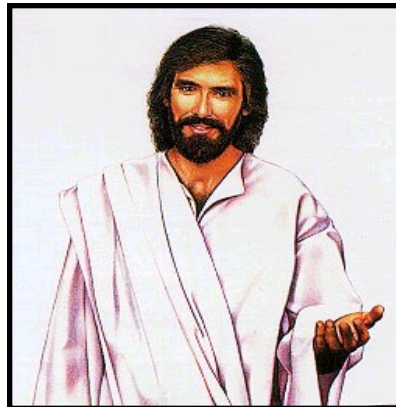
LAMB is Forever





or The Beginning?

It's Up to You!



Appendix A: Sponsor Application Sample

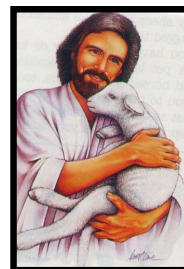
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Mother's

Baby

Florida Prison Ministries LAMB Coordinator
P.O. Box 162685
Altamonte Springs, FL 32716



SPONSOR APPLICATION FORM

I will enter into partnership with Jesus in the following areas:

- ☐ I would like to make the commitment of being a **LAMB** Sponsor.
- ☐ I would like the **Florida Prison Ministries Coordinators** to present a workshop for our church members on the:
- ☐ Florida Prison Ministries Program
☐ Florida Prison Ministries LAMB Program
- ☐ I would like to be on the FPM/LAMB mailing list.
- ☐ I will pray for these programs but am unable to participate at this time. I will return these materials as soon as possible.

Your signature _____ **Date** _____

Please Print Clearly

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Business Phone(____) _____

Church _____ Name of Spouse _____



Please feel free to copy this form to share with others who wish to join this ministry!



Love A Mother's Baby



Application for LAMB Program

Please read carefully, use **ink** and **print** neatly. Thank you!

This program is available to inmates' who are ATTENDING FPM PROGRAMS.

Inmate Last Name _____ First _____ # _____

Your release date ____/____/____ **Relationship to child/children** _____

Relationship to caretaker _____

Prison _____ **Location (Must have)** _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

CARETAKERS INFORMATION

Last Name _____ **First** _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **ZIP** _____

Home () _____ - _____ **Work** () _____ - _____ **Cell** () _____ - _____

We do not wish to interfere in your life or your baby's. Our hope is to help you provide support for your baby as you serve your time. Through this program and with your permission, we hope to give you and your baby a chance to have a better life.

Please understand that the caretaker of your child must be receptive of the LAMB Program in order for us to help. Please note that in some areas, a sponsor may not be available. We will prayerfully do our best.

I have read and understand the cover letter and materials given to me about the LAMB Program. I wish to have this program help my child/children and me.

Signature _____ **DATE** ____/____/____





CHILD/CHILDREN INFORMATION

Please list all your children below. Please print neatly.

| Child's first <i>and</i> last name | Boy or girl | Child's Birth date | Caretaker's Information PLEASE Fill out all Information |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | | ___/___/___ | First and Last name: Address: City: State: Zip Code: Home Phone: Cell Phone: |
| 2. | | ___/___/___ | First and Last name: Address: City: State: Zip Code: Home Phone: Cell Phone: |
| 3. | | ___/___/___ | First and Last name: Address: City: State: Zip Code: Home Phone: Cell Phone: |
| 4. | | ___/___/___ | First and Last name: Address: City: State: Zip Code: Home Phone: Cell Phone: |
| 5. | | ___/___/___ | First and Last name: Address: City: State: Zip Code: Home Phone: Cell Phone: |

NEW BABY ON THE WAY? DUE DATE: ___/___/___

Mail to:

**Florida Prison Ministries
LAMB**

**P. O. Box 162685
Altamonte Springs, FL 32716**

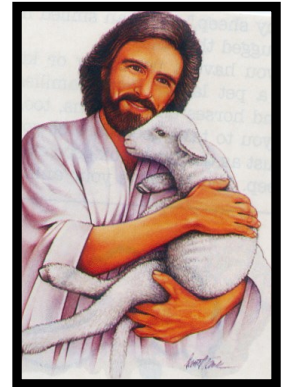
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Appendix C: Welcome Letter to Inmate

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A
Mother's
Baby



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Dear *(Inmate mother's name)*:

Welcome to the **LAMB Program**! We care about you and your child(ren)'s spiritual and physical needs. We want you and your family to experience a better life through Jesus Christ!

We will be sending your caretaker age-appropriate spiritual literature that can be read to your child(ren). We will send a copy of the same literature to you, so you and your child(ren) can grow in God's love together! In your name, we will send a Christmas and birthday gift and provide for other needs as we see them. We will do what we can to make your child(ren)'s life better! We do ask for your patience, as it will take a least a month for us to get things moving!

The most beautiful bond between mother and child is the bond through Jesus Christ's love! We know you can become the mother the Lord would have you to be. Our prayers are with you in the hope of an early release so that you can be with your child, a precious gift that God has entrusted to your care!

In His Wonderful Service,

LAMB Program Coordinator

