

LEARY'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Family and Friends,

MINISTRY UPDATE

There have been some changes in the prison ministry since we talked to you last. The Bible College has decided to discontinue the college courses being offered inside the prisons. The college will continue courses through the mail but I will not be part of that department. Since the department & ministry I was involved in was discontinued or altered, that eliminates my position on the staff. Thus, I am no longer on the staff of Southern California Bible College & Seminary. Yes, it was a tremendous disappointment but we believe that God will replace this closed door with a new opportunity.

THE NEW OPPORTUNITY

Since we believe on-site college courses to be superior to courses through the mail, and with the encouragement & support of the College leadership, I am making application to the State of California under the umbrella of a local church to form another Bible college which for the present will focus on on-site classes inside the prisons. We are still in the planning stages, but tentatively we plan to offer an A.A. & a B.A. in Biblical Studies. Southern California Bible College has assured me that our courses would be transferrable into their college should the inmate student choose to take further courses through the mail.

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP

To be quite honest, this change scared me to death. I realize now that my deepest desire is to teach the Word in person in a class. The paperwork required of me with the Bible college grading courses through the mail took all my time. This is a great open door.

We need your continued financial help more than ever. We are now receiving funds through the following church: Lincoln Acres Community Church, 2813 Leonard Street, National City, CA 91950.

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If ever you have believed in the teaching ministry inside the prison, please stand with us now. Make your check out to the church previously listed; do not write our names on the check anywhere; attach a post-it with our name to the check.

PRAY FOR US

There are lots of details to accomplish and several hoops to jump through. I want to start teaching courses as soon as possible. There are some men who have agreed to join with me on the teaching staff. They have taught with me before.

As you well know, teaching God's Word is the greatest thing we can do. God has called us to do it.

DONATIONS TO BE RETURNED

If you have sent a contribution to the Bible college for us for the month of July, I am returning it to you because Southern California Bible College & Seminary can no longer receive funds for us. We am sorry for the inconvenience but the details for diverting the funds have just recently been finalized. Lincoln Acres Community Church has been wonderful and are fully supportive of this ministry.

Would you accept our sincere thanks for your check (enclosed). If you are willing, please write a new check to: Lincoln Acres Community Church. The address is on the other side.

As things progress, we will notify you. Thank you for your love, prayers, and financial help.

Cordially,

Bruce Leary for Liz & the family

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