

Classroom Instructor's Guide

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“If any person be in Christ, he is a new creature...”
(Second Corinthians 5:17)

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S. M. Motsinger
Founder

A Word from Our President . . .

Dr. H. M. Motsinger had little idea back in 1984 of how far that early curriculum would eventually spread. Today the *NewLife Behavior* material is reaching around the world in several languages. It enjoys the approval and sanction of many in positions of authority in correction circles.

The emphasis of the NLB curriculum is on *changed lives*. Its primary design is not to lead the lost to salvation but to facilitate positive change in daily behaviors. There is an abundance of “evangelistic” curriculum. Few, however, will commit themselves to the long and hard work of changing habitual conduct. This is the focus of the NLB curriculum.

The best material in the universe must be effectively taught to make a difference. NLB is genuinely grateful for hundreds of volunteer instructors all over the world. Without YOU, this curriculum would be “paper on shelves”. Instead, it is getting planted deeply into the hearts of good and honest souls and *watered*. Much remains to be done. Thank each of you willing to accept the awesome opportunities before us.

Buck Griffith

BIOGRAPHIES:

H. M. Motsinger, Ed.D.

H. M. Motsinger grew up in a large farming family that had little to no church involvement. He was the first in the family to attend college straight out of high school. Only with help from a baseball scholarship could he afford to attend. Shortly before graduating from college he made the decision to live as a Christian. Since that time, he has had his share of ups and downs. Through the good, the bad and the ugly, Christ has been his anchor and guide.

After graduating from Elon College in 1958, H. M. earned a Master of Arts degree from Abilene Christian University in 1963 and a Doctor of Education degree from North Texas State University in 1968. He also attended Oklahoma State and East Texas University to earn a license to be a professional counselor in the field of marriage and family therapy. Also, he is President Emeritus of New Life Behavior International.

H. M. served his military duty in the U. S. Army. He was a public and private school teacher and administrator for fifteen years and served as Dean of Continuing Education for Pepperdine University for six years.

In 1984 H. M. became involved in prison ministry. It began with a single class in Dallas County Jail. Since that time, the ministry has grown dramatically – spreading to prisons in 40+ states and 25+ foreign countries. Approximately 10,000 people have served as instructors of the *NewLife Behavior* curriculum. Over 5,000 people have served as studymates (correspondence teachers) of NLB courses.

Speaking of his experiences in prison ministry, H. M. commented: “My confidence and encouragement to stay in this work is in the changed lives I have seen, the restoration of families, and the gratitude of the students.”

David (Buck) Griffith, NLBM-USA President

A native of Corpus Christi, Texas and graduate of Abilene Christian University, Buck has served in full-time ministry since 1966. He was the Pulpit Minister for the Windsor Park congregation (now Kings Crossing) in Corpus Christi for over 25 years. He first became involved in prison ministry in Dallas County Jail in 1971.

Responding to specific needs, Buck has pioneered aftercare efforts, authored educational material, started *Christians Against Substance Abuse* (CASA) – a state recognized faith-based drug treatment program, and *Baptistries Around the World* – an effort to place baptistries in jails and prisons.

Buck is a member of the Community Partnership Council in conjunction with Texas Board of Pardons & Paroles-Corpus Christi Division. He is Director of *Kings Crossing Prison Ministries* and President of *NewLife Behavior Ministries*. He is a member of the Texas Association of Addiction Professionals, American Protestant Chaplains Association, a charter member of the American Association of Christian Counselors, and a member of the Sheriff's Association of Texas for over 40 years. He edits two monthly prison ministry newsletters – one for NLBM and *Walking in the Light*. Buck is a board member of *Christian News of South Texas*.

Speaking of his experiences in prison ministry, Buck commented: "Nothing excites me more than personally witnessing significant lifestyle changes. I see this most frequently among those in or coming out of jails and prisons."

***NEWLIFE BEHAVIOR* - CLASSROOM INSTRUCTOR'S GUIDE**

I. Introduction to Instructor's Guide

The *NewLife Behavior* curriculum contains few references to prisons, inmates, or criminal behavior (other than as possible consequences to destructive behavior). When H. M. Motsinger started the first NLB class, he did not know the *criminal mind*. He did not know what prisoners needed. What he discovered was that most of his students missed out on the benefits of healthy family structure and value guidelines. He also learned: "There go I but for the grace of God, family blessings and the protection provided by church and peers!"

Therefore, the purpose of the NLB curriculum is to present the possibilities that a person – regardless of past behavior and current conditions – can with time, purpose, and diligence, clear his mind of a failure-oriented paradigm and replace it with a productive one. Change is possible!

The NLB curriculum started out being used only in prisons for *men*. It then began to be used in congregations as part of regular Bible School programs. Next, *women* in prison took the courses. The curriculum has now been translated into Spanish, Russian, Bulgarian, Chinese and work on other languages is underway. A "Children's Edition" is available.

In January 1997 portions of the courses ("Parenting Matters" and "Christian Marriage Skills") and the Children's Course were combined in a program called *FamilyNet*. This program brings spouses and children into the prison with their husbands/fathers or wives/mothers. For four

hours they can study together, have family fellowship, and enjoy a meal. This is now Course IX in the curriculum. It is also utilized effectively through correspondence.

Currently there are fifteen NLB courses including a *Children's Edition*. They are as follows:

Basic Courses for All Students

- I. *A Sense of Self*
- II. *A Sense of Family*
- III. *Parenting Matters*
- IV. *True Freedom*

Courses for Special Needs

- V. *Christian Marriage Skills*
 - VI. *The Christian Woman*
 - VII. *Attitudes & Behaviors*
 - VIII. *Christians Against Substance Abuse (CASA)*
 - IX. *FamilyNet*
 - X. *The Seeker Series*
 - XI. *Prisoners of Christ*
 - XII. *Managing My Anger*
 - XIII. *Christians Against Sexual Addiction (CASA II)*
 - XIV. *Managing My Dollar*
- Children's Edition*

II. General Description

Each NLB course consists of 13 lessons (approximately 144 letter-size pages in length). Each lesson includes a student worksheet. The lessons (used in a group process) work to reconcile the individual to God, his family and society. To date, early studies of first-time offenders who have completed at least one NLB course "live" and have been out of prison for three or more years, indicates less than 10% return to prison.

We have written this Instructor's Guide for those who choose to follow it. We know instructors need freedom to adapt the curriculum to their own styles and environment. The first Instructor's Guide written by H. M. Motsinger came eight years after completing Course I because the number of instructors had increased in such large numbers. It was impossible to personally train all of them.

The NLB curriculum was first designed for *classroom* use. Later, the lessons were used as a correspondence course. Even later, individual lessons were given to students/counselors as reading material for specific concerns. You are free to use this material for any of these applications. We believe the material can be used effectively in congregational settings, prisons, military bases, treatment facilities, schools, university Bible centers and other institutions. It is helpful to both prevent and correct behavioral problems. If there are other needs for which you find the curriculum relevant, please use it and let us know the results.

The content of NLB curriculum grew out of student needs and recommendations of students and friends. Therefore, the lessons are based on *topic* rather than text. Also, instructors have made invaluable additions, corrections and comments that are now reflected throughout the material. In fact, there are times when instructors will insert an appropriate textual (expository) segment within the printed topical lesson.

The NLB curriculum uses the informal (back door) approach instead of the more formal (front door) method. Our vision is that the instructor and students will become friends and studymates. Some would term this approach “relational” as opposed to didactic. We prefer not to “call” it *anything*. We know Jesus spoke to large groups, small groups, and individuals. He complimented, encouraged, and corrected those who asked Him questions. He used compassion and sarcasm. He built a relationship with a small group of men and women. He empowered twelve average men to set forth a force that still lives in spite of attempts to kill it.

Basically, this course is for everyone. All of us, at different times in our lives, get a little out of balance with God, our family, and society. Therefore, this material assists anyone in this reconciliation process as described in our theme text – Second Corinthians 5:17. This curriculum was written for people experiencing conflict and changes. We use the Bible as our text yet; this is not a Bible course. The Bible is used as the guide to achieve desired changes in attitudes, emotions, and behaviors. Our method is to integrate what a person thinks, feels and does (Proverbs 23:7, KJV), as illuminated by Bible texts. Our goal is to help students reconcile themselves to God, their families, and society in general.

NLB curriculum assumes the existence of God as described in the Bible. We do not feel it is fair to ask an individual to create his own God, while simultaneously going through one or more significant life changes/challenges. If one can create his own God, he can also destroy it. Instead, we provide the God of the Bible for the student to argue with, fight against, and, hopefully, find faith in, and follow.

We also want the student to know that we all have been created in the image of God as defined in Genesis 1:26-27. We want students to know that we all begin life with potential for self-control, self-empowerment, and love (Second Timothy 1:7). A loving God bestows all of this upon us. This potential is realized only when we have been spiritually reborn in Jesus Christ.

As children we encounter positive and negative life experiences. As we process them, we either grow toward becoming a *loving* personality or a *fear-based* personality. As we reach our teens we become more responsible for our reactions to life experiences. Once reconciled to a loving God with the assistance of loving Christians, our behavior turns from an orientation toward fear, sin, and rebellion to one of faith, grace, and obedience. Our abilities to control our emotions and conduct will improve by obtaining the mind of Christ. This is the basic philosophy on which NLB curriculum rests. We believe that it is possible to use this mind or attitude of Christ (Galatians 2:20; Philippians 2:5) as the mindset by which we make daily decisions. It is by seeing others as Christ sees them (Second Corinthians 5:15-21).

H.M. Motsinger & Buck Griffith

III. The Four-Step Classroom Process

A. Classroom Step One: Introductions (*Relaxation through Sharing*)

1. Be in the classroom as students enter the room. Greet them with a smile, a handshake and when possible, call them by their first names.
2. Start the class by saying, “Here is something good that happened to me since we last met.” Then proceed to share with the class a particular situation that has given you joy during the past week (no more than 1-2 minutes – appoint a timekeeper).
3. Now give each student an opportunity to share some positive experience that he or she has had since the last meeting. Remind the group that what is said in group – stays in group. If your class has more than 20 students, we recommend that you subdivide the

class into teams to share their stories in a smaller group. This also reduces the class time required for this activity. Sometimes students have difficulty finding something good to share (nevertheless, urge them to share *something*). It is good for the attitude of the student sharing and for the entire class. If a student has a hard time sharing something good, go to the next student but allow that student a second opportunity to share at the end.

4. As each student shares, the instructor should make mental notes of the facts given and emotional energy attached to the story. These stories provide insight into their strengths, behaviors, relationships, and needs. Later, you will use parts of these accounts in the lesson as illustrations. Students feel a sense of inspiration, connectedness, and importance when, with respect, you use their stories.
5. The objective of this activity is to help students relax and increase their ability and willingness to trust you as a Christian instructor. Refrain from embracing a student in front of others or express a closer relationship with one student over others.

B. Classroom Step Two: The Devotional (*Unity through Worship*)

1. This is an inspirational time. During the devotional (which students conduct-either spontaneously or preplanned), the instructor listens to what students say and observes what they do. You can use some of the comments later as illustrations. Be sure to go around the room first to see if anyone has someone in need of prayer. Ask, "Does anyone have a prayer, song or scripture that you want to share?" Limit the devotional to 10-12 minutes.
2. The objective of this activity is to set a *spiritual* basis for unifying the group – not only during the class period but also throughout the week.

C. Classroom Step Three: Teaching the Lesson (*Presentation and Discussion*)

1. See section IV ("Special Notes") for specific instructions about possibly omitting this activity in the *first class* meeting.
2. Starting with the second-class meeting, use whatever time is left for your class period (minus 5-6 minutes) to teach the lesson. You should teach the lesson with enthusiasm and straightforwardness. Use as few notes as possible and read little. Stand up, walk around the room, and call on students to comment and respond. When a student comments, give a positive response. If you agree, say so. If you disagree, you can at least say, "That is very interesting. I need to think about that more." Always thank the student for responding. Ignoring a response can be insulting.
3. Follow the outline of the lesson but utilize what you heard during the sharing time and the devotional to illustrate your main points. What they have said is public property and information for you to use. However, it is not for use *outside* the class.
4. Stop the class with sufficient time to for Class Activity 4 (which should take 5-6 minutes).
5. The objective here is to move the student to a new level of understanding of how to bring his or her behavior into harmony with the Christian lifestyle.

D. Classroom Step Four: Application (*Decision Time*)

1. During the last 5-6 minutes of each class period ask the students to write down the one decision they think they should make in terms of their behavior between now and the next class session. For example: "I am not going to cuss for the next week" or, "I'm going to read my Bible every day" or, "I am going to write my _____" or, "I am going to be more cooperative." Whatever it is, a conscious decision to try to modify and improve behavior before the next class meeting helps get the student involved in a personal way.
2. The student goes back and practices this behavior. Then, during the sharing time of the next meeting, ask students to share by completing this statement: "Since last week, I practiced _____, and here is how I feel about what I did."

3. Class members should encourage each other with some type of response such as: “That’s okay,” “That’s good,” “Amen,” or clap. Their words should be encouraging and unique to their culture. If there are some students who did not do well, you and the class can work with them (they will have explained their weaknesses). If some did very well, everyone can rejoice with them in their successes and growth.
4. The purpose of this activity is to:
 - a. Let students know you believe they can improve their behavior and you expect them to do so. You express confidence in them.
 - b. Let students have a set time frame and specific behavior on which to focus.
 - c. Let students have a support group to whom they can report on successes and from whom they can experience a spirit of rejoicing.
 - d. Let students have a support group to whom they can report failures and from whom they can gain a spirit of understanding and encouragement.
 - e. Let students have a group of peers to whom they are held accountable and by whom they experience acceptance.

IV. The Class Meetings

A. The First Class Meeting (Steps 1, 2 & 4)

Do Class Steps 1, 2 & 4 as described above:

1. During the first-class meeting do not teach Lesson 1. Save it for the *second*-class meeting.
2. If permissible in this first meeting, obtain each student’s name, number, home address, phone number, names of wife and children, their ages and birth dates.
 - a. You will need this information to send out Christmas and birthday cards.
 - b. You will also need this information to help secure a potential studymate (mentor) for the student and the family.
3. Give a biography of yourself.
4. Explain how and why you are a NLB instructor. Let your enthusiasm be evident.
5. Let students ask you questions and give them appropriate answers.
6. If you have time to teach a lesson during the first meeting, share one of your favorite Bible studies (like Psalm 23, the Prodigal Son, etc.). You can teach your own special lesson for this first session.
7. The last thing to do prior to Step 4 (the *decision step*) is to give each student the lesson material and Response Sheet for Unit 1-Lesson 1. This is their homework. Ask students to conduct their study as follows:
 - a. Answer the first essay question on the Response Sheet before reading the lesson material.
 - b. Read through the lesson material as you would read a book.
 - c. Read the lesson a second time, studying the scriptures and references in the material.
 - d. Answer the ten questions on the Response Sheet.
 - e. Answer the second essay question at the end of the Response Sheet.
 - f. Share and talk about the lesson with at least two or three close friends or associates.
8. Remind students to bring the lesson material and Response Sheet to the next class session. Tell them that they can correct any of their ten answers during the next class session while you are teaching the material.
9. Proceed to Step 4 and allow each student to make their decision.
10. Close the class with a prayer.

B. The Second Class Meeting (Step 3)

Do Classroom Step 3 as described above:

1. Make sure every student has the lesson material and Response Sheet for Unit 1-Lesson 1. Students should have this from the last session. If one is new to the class, give it to the student at this time.
2. Present information in the sequence of the printed lesson material.
3. Share information that would help students answer the ten questions found on the Response Sheet.
4. As the information is presented, allow time for short and relevant discussion. Tell the students up front that any elaborate or off the point discussion will be deferred until after the lesson.
5. Allow 2-3 minutes for students to correct and modify their answers to the second essay question.
6. Students are to give you their Response Sheet before leaving the class. They keep the lesson to review, share with others or even mail to a family member. At this point in time, you are to give each student the lesson sheets and Response Sheet for the next lesson. This process is repeated each week.

V. Your Assignment between Sessions

Your activity between class sessions is to read over the Response Sheets (one person read one sheet/sheets are divided up each week) and make positive, encouraging, and instructive comments. When you go back to the next class meeting, give the Response Sheets back to the students.

One instructor, Randell Dyess, used to take the Response Sheets to church on Wednesday evening. A group of Christians read over them there – right answers receive *happy faces* or encouraging comments. Besides the questions that are answered incorrectly, notes are added that point to the paragraph in the lesson where the students finds the correct answer. Do not write the correct answers on the Response Sheet because students need to look it up themselves, increasing their learning and retention of answers.

The persons that read the Response Sheets sometimes becomes a studymate for the student when transferred to another city and must leave the NLB class. This innovative method supports our overall objective of developing a long-term relationship between students and responsive Christian men or women.

VI. Collecting Data from NLB Classes

A. Collecting Recidivism Data

We are constantly asked about the recidivism rate of NLB students. This is the percentage that remain out of prison for 3+ years after release. Our volunteers, friends and supporters want to know how our students compare with those that do not receive NLB training. We don't blame them. We would want to know how our students compare with those that do not receive NLB training. We do not blame critics.

We want to know, too!

The current recidivism rate for the general prison population is discouraging. Webster's dictionary defines "recidivism" as *repeated or habitual relapse, as into crime*. Any improvement in these rates from the NLB program *that we can document* is very important.

	<u>Texas</u>	<u>National</u>	<u>NLB</u>
1993	45%	36%	
1994	43%	35%	
1995	43%	35%	
1999	45%	36%	12-15% (Preliminary)
2012	45%	???	-10%

During 1999, we assembled statistics on 234 NLB students into a database designed by Bill Brewer and Ray Thompson. This database calculated the recidivism rate. Out of the 234 students in this study, 88% were successful in staying out of prison after their first parole. The 1999 study contained too few in the sample pool. In its latest study, NLBM sought to involve over 1000 male *and* 1000 female offenders over a *seven-year* period. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to Marshall Danby for his commitment to this project. To simplify this massive study, we randomly selected state offenders limited to the State of Texas who successfully graduated from at least one NLB course (13 lessons over a 90-day period) between the years 2000-2012.

Pilot Study Criteria Texas Only	Females	Males	Actual Total	Percentage
NLBM Students in Multiple State (Texas) Prisons	859	1444	2303	100%
Number of Offenders Released	812	1338	2150	93.4%
Number of Offenders Still Incarcerated	43	103	146	6.3%
Released and Reoffended	4	8	12	0.6%
Recidivism Rate	0.49%	0.60%	2150	0.56%

We are sure you agree this is an extremely low rate! There are a few factors that might hike the rate. For instance, some may be sitting in a *county* jail. Others may be housed in a *federal* facility. Finally, a few others may be incarcerated in *another* state. However, note that this study included some who had been out 12 years – not just two or three! One institutional chaplain pointed out another factor . . . Offenders involved in *any* faith-based program represent the "cream of the crop." Then, add the fact that these NLB participants not only *enrolled* but were one of the 70+% that "successfully completed" one of our courses. Still, we are very pleased with the results. This study establishes *NewLife Behavior* curriculum as *evidence-based* or *result-oriented*.

Our plan is to track NLB graduates until the sample size reaches 10,000 men and 10,000 women. We expect the rate to *increase* as the number rises and a larger portion will have been out of prison *over 12 years*. This will only lend more credibility to the study. We need input of more NLB instructors in Texas. If possible, search your records back to 2000 and let us know of graduates. We need the following data: Student name, ID number, male/female, prison location at the time, which NLB course was completed, and date of graduation. If available electronically, email it to nlbcasa@yahoo.com. Mail hard copies to NLBM, P. O. Box 270720, Corpus Christi, Texas 78427-0720. We need the help of all NLB instructors in collecting data that will allow us enlarge the size of the research pool. We are also including female students. This study is now limited to TEXAS students.

You are the first and most important link. If we can obtain credible statistics, we are certain it will help us in convincing more people to become involved, utilize this curriculum, offer more

time slots in prisons for classes and be supportive of this ministry.

B. Form for You to Use

We have provided a form that you can copy for your use. Of course, you can use your own forms if they supply the necessary information as outlined below. Use separate sets of these forms for each jail or prison class taught. As requested below, please mail or fax these forms to NLB as they are completed:

NewLife Behavior Ministries
P. O. Box 270720
Corpus Christi, Texas 78427-0720
Fax: 361/855-7469
Email: nlbcasa@yahoo.com

1. We need the name and ID number of each graduate of a NLB course (attending at least 10 of 13 sessions).
2. Use a separate form for each group of graduates.
3. We would like to know the name of the course students are graduating from and the date of graduation.
4. Include the name of the correctional facility where the course was taught.
5. This same information is welcome from other states. We will file the information for future use in similar research in those states using the same criteria.

NLBM will use this information to determine the recidivism rate and other statistics and share this information with you from time to time. Your cooperation is vital!

As important as collection of this data is, it is not more important that the greater task you have of teaching God's Word. When preparing a report gets in the way of your more important task of teaching – TEACH! Report as time is available. Our focus must be on souls, not paper!

VII. Outreach to the Student's Family

In recent years, NLBM has put more emphasis and resources into reaching out to families of incarcerated students. We have learned some procedural lessons and formulated contact information that may be helpful to you. Each facility operates differently. Please adapt the following to your environment and needs.

A. Family Member Outreach Procedure (In-prison instructors are not to be directly involved)

1. The NLB instructor gives a contact letter to offender. (See *Sample Letter*, next page)
2. The offender sends the letter to his or her wife/husband, mother/father and/or children.
3. The family member decides to respond. If the decision is "No", the process stops. If the decision is "Yes", the family gives requested information on the letter, signs it, photocopies it and returns the copy to the offender.
4. The offender sends the letter to the NLB office.
5. The NLBM office contacts the family by phone and interviews the family leader. If the family decides "No", the process stops. If the family decides "Yes", NLB representatives visit the family to assess needs.
6. The NLBM office recruits a mentor/studymate to work with the family.

7. The mentor/studymate works to meet the spiritual, physical, vocational, financial and other needs.
8. The mentor/studymate supplies a support group (“hedge of protection”) around the family.
9. NLB representatives (not in-prison instructors) confer, advise, etc., with the family.
10. Reminder: NLB Instructors are not to contact family members of their students.

Sample Contact Letter for Family Outreach

[Date]

[Significant Other]

[Some Street]

[Some City, State, Zip]

Dear [Wife, Husband, Mother, Father, Child, etc.],

I hope and pray that all is well with you and the rest of the family. During this time of separation, I desperately regret not being able to be a part of your life (lives). However, while I have been here, I have been fortunate in finding and participating in a class that has been a great help to me. The course I am enrolled in is called “*NewLife Behavior*.” This Bible-based study is having a tremendous impact on my life. I have learned a great deal about how to change my failed behavior pattern and to start a new pattern of Christ-like behavior. I have a new attitude about life. The course is teaching me how to be a godly husband and father that you and the children need and deserve.

NewLife Behavior Ministries (NLBM), the Christian organization that provides this curriculum, also has volunteers that are interesting in contacting you. They can help heal and restore our family. If you are willing for these Christian friends to contact you, please check “Yes” below and print your name, address and phone number. Then, sign it and return it to me. I feel certain that this ministry can help our family build a new and better life together! Please return this letter to me as soon as possible. I will get it back to the NLBM office and their staff will arrange for a volunteer to contact you.

Love,

[Student’s Name and ID#]

[Prison or Jail]

[Street Address, City, State, Zip Code]

_____ “Yes, I want to be contacted by *NewLife Behavior Ministries*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone (Including Area Code): _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

NewLife Behavior Ministries

Participant Information Form

Offender: _____ No. _____ Date: _____

Unit: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Age: _____ Afro-American __ Caucasian __ Hispanic __ Indian __ Asian __ Other: _____

Date Imprisoned: _____ Prison Status: _____

MARRIAGE INFORMATION:

Marital Status: Single __ Married __ Divorced __ Separated __ Common-Law __

Name of Spouse: _____ Married Before Incarcerated __ Married By Proxy __

Wedding Anniversary: _____ Spouse's D.O.B.: _____ Spouse's Age: _____

Spouse's City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Child 1

Name: _____ D.O.B.: _____

Child's City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Child 2

Name: _____ D.O.B.: _____

Child's City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Child 3

Name: _____ D.O.B.: _____

Child's City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Child 4

Name: _____ D.O.B.: _____

Child's City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

OTHER PARENT'S INFORMATION:

Is Father Living? _____ Age: _____ Father's City: _____ State: _____
Zip Code: _____

Is Mother Living? _____ Age: _____ Mother's City: _____ State: _____
Zip Code: _____

Do you attend chapel programs on a regular basis? _____ What is your religious preference?

Education (Circle highest grade completed): 7 8 9 10 11 12 College: 1 2 3 4

Major Subjects: _____ Degrees Earned: _____

Vocational Training: _____

Institutional Work Assignment: _____

How many times have you been in prison? _____ What is your parole date? _____

Date arrived in prison: _____ Length of your sentence? _____

To whom do you plan to parole? _____ What are your job plans upon release?

How many visits do you receive from family and/or friends? Per month: _____ Per year: _____

With whom do you visit? Spouse ___ Parents ___ Children ___ Friends ___ Other: _____

Is your family enrolled in *NewLife Behavior* courses? _____ Would you like for them to be enrolled? _____ Does your family have a church home? _____ Name/Location of your family's church home:

To Be Filled Out by *NewLife Behavior*: Start date of lessons: _____

INSTRUCTOR
Name: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address
Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Church: _____
Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

STUDYMATE
Home Address
Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Church: _____
Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

NewLife Behavior Ministries

Student Summary Sheet

Offender: _____ ID No. _____

LAST
FIRST
MIDDLE INITIAL

Dorm Status: _____ Class: _____

Date NLB Started: _____ First Lesson: _____

Date Transferred/Paroled: _____ Last Lesson: _____

Transferred To: _____ Address: _____

Instructor: _____ Studymate: _____

Date New Instructor Notified: _____ Date Completed Course: _____

Release Date: _____ Parole Location: _____

Age: ___ Afro-American ___ Caucasian ___ Hispanic ___ Indian ___ Asian ___ Other: _____

Date Imprisoned: _____ Prison Status: _____

LESSONS/DATE COMPLETED					
COURSE I	COURSE III	19:3 _____	28:4 _____	38:1 _____	47:2 _____
1:1 _____	10:2 _____	20:1 _____	COURSE VIII	38:2 _____	47:3 _____
1:2 _____	10:3 _____	20:2 _____	29:1 _____	38:3 _____	48:1 _____
1:3 _____	11:1 _____	20:3 _____	29:2 _____	38:4 _____	48:2 _____
2:1 _____	11:2 _____	20:4 _____	29:3 _____	39:1 _____	48:3 _____
2:2 _____	11:3 _____	COURSE VI	30:1 _____	39:2 _____	COURSE XIII
2:3 _____	11:4 _____	21:1 _____	30:2 _____	39:3 _____	49:1 _____
2:4 _____	12:1 _____	21:2 _____	30:3 _____	40:1 _____	49:2 _____
3:1 _____	12:2 _____	21:3 _____	31:1 _____	40:2 _____	49:3 _____
3:2 _____	12:3 _____	22:1 _____	31:2 _____	40:3 _____	50:1 _____
3:3 _____	COURSE IV	22:2 _____	31:3 _____	COURSE XI	50:2 _____
4:1 _____	13:1 _____	22:3 _____	31:4 _____	41:1 _____	50:3 _____
4:2 _____	13:2 _____	23:1 _____	32:1 _____	41:2 _____	50:4 _____
4:3 _____	13:3 _____	23:2 _____	32:2 _____	41:3 _____	51:1 _____
COURSE II	14:1 _____	23:3 _____	32:3 _____	41:4 _____	51:2 _____
5:1 _____	14:2 _____	24:1 _____	COURSE IX	42:1 _____	51:3 _____
5:2 _____	14:3 _____	24:2 _____	33:1 _____	42:2 _____	52:1 _____
5:3 _____	15:1 _____	24:3 _____	33:2 _____	42:3 _____	52:2 _____
6:1 _____	15:2 _____	24:4 _____	33:3 _____	43:1 _____	52:3 _____
6:2 _____	15:3 _____	COURSE VII	34:1 _____	43:2 _____	COURSE XIV
6:3 _____	15:4 _____	25:1 _____	34:2 _____	43:3 _____	53:1 _____
7:1 _____	16:1 _____	25:2 _____	34:3 _____	44:1 _____	53:2 _____
7:2 _____	16:2 _____	25:3 _____	34:4 _____	44:2 _____	53:3 _____
7:3 _____	16:3 _____	26:1 _____	35:1 _____	44:3 _____	53:4 _____
7:4 _____	COURSE V	26:2 _____	35:2 _____	COURSE XII	54:1 _____
8:1 _____	17:1 _____	26:3 _____	35:3 _____	45:1 _____	54:2 _____
8:2 _____	17:2 _____	26:4 _____	36:1 _____	45:2 _____	54:3 _____
8:3 _____	17:3 _____	27:1 _____	36:2 _____	45:3 _____	55:1 _____
COURSE III	18:1 _____	27:2 _____	36:3 _____	45:4 _____	55:2 _____
9:1 _____	18:2 _____	27:3 _____	COURSE X	46:1 _____	55:3 _____
9:2 _____	18:3 _____	28:1 _____	37:1 _____	46:2 _____	56:1 _____
9:3 _____	19:1 _____	28:2 _____	37:2 _____	46:3 _____	56:2 _____
10:1 _____	19:2 _____	28:3 _____	37:3 _____	47:1 _____	56:3 _____

CHILDREN'S

1b.1 _____

1b.2 _____

1b.3 _____

2b.1 _____

2b.2 _____

2b.3 _____

2b.4 _____

3b.1 _____

3b.2 _____

3b.3 _____

4b.1 _____

4b.2 _____

4b.3 _____

Follow-up Notes: