"WALKING IN THE LIGHT" Kings Crossing Prison Ministries

A NEWS REVIEW & EDUCATIONAL TOOL OF JAIL-PRISON MINISTRIES IN CHURCHES OF CHRIST Dr. Dale Underwood, Editor

"Endeavoring to teach the Gospel to every person everywhere before Jesus returns"

"*Baptismal Service*" Coming August 5th at the Glossbrenner Unit



Prison units across Texas closed their doors to volunteers due to COVID-19 in mid-2020. Over the next year and a half, much of what we were able to do inside prisons was limited to Bible correspondence courses through the mail. In the summer of 2022, we began to get opportunities to once again start going into prisons, although this was on an individual basis as each unit had to meet a threshold percentage of those not infected. Since the summer of 2022, we experienced more and more prisons allowing us back on campus to teach.

In February 2023, Dale

Underwood was given the opportunity to speak about the *NewLife Behavior* curriculum at the statewide TDCJ chaplain's conference in Huntsville. During that time he got the chance to meet many chaplains from around the state, one of whom is the new chaplain at the Glossbrenner unit in San Diego, Texas, **Chaplain Franco** (pictured right with Dale). Kings Crossing Prison Ministry (KCPM) had a history of teaching at this unit, before the COVID shut down.

Charles Barber (pictured below left), one of our volunteers who taught at Glossbrenner prior to the COVID shutdown, was excited when their doors re-opened. We were also excited to recruit a new volunteer, **Michael DeShazo** (**pictured below middle**), who moved to Corpus Christi during the COVID shut down. **Charles** and **Michael** are a great team and have been teaching for



several months. Recently, **Chaplain Franco** requested a portable baptistry for the unit, telling us men were requesting to be baptized! The baptistry is now on site. We suggested a time of praise, preaching, and for these men to be baptized. August 5th is that day! We praise God





for the work being done by Charles Barber and Michael DeShazo and the doors God has opened! It will certainly not be anything like the 3,000 who were baptized on the day of Pentecost, but we will reap a wonderful harvest due to the Lord blessing the efforts of men like these with beautiful feet! I can't wait to tell you more soon!



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Christians Against Substance Abuse (CASA) Efforts Continue, Here in the Coastal Bend...



God continues to bless the efforts of Kings Crossing Prison Ministers (KCPM) in the Coastal Bend Area. We are excited to announce the Highway Church of Christ in Taft, Texas (bottom right) has officially launched a new CASA support group. CASA groups provide the local church and the community with faith-based substance abuse as well as other life issues support.

Dr. Dale Underwood and Recardo Reves met with the Taft church leadership (top right) to discuss the benefits of hosting the group, how to facilitate the group, and shared materials to get started. It has been an encouraging process to witness both the leadership and the congregation embrace the idea of using CASA to reach their community and to help strengthen the body of Christ in Taft, Texas. Dale and I had the opportunity to attend the first meeting. We will continue to attend the group for the next few weeks and to be a resource as this effort moves forward.



The CASA group is not the only way God is currently working through the brothers in Taft, Texas. Three members of the Highway Church of Christ have expressed a desire to do jail and prison ministry. As a result of their desire, a door is being opened for volunteers to be able to minister to the inmates in the San Patricio County Jail. We thank the Lord for new doors being opened, and for sending more workers into His harvest. God is good!



We wish it was all good news...

We recently received word that a great ministry partner of ours, World Bible School (WBS) was not able to keep the contract with those who produce the ESV version of the WBS Bible. For a number of years, we utilized WBS Bibles as a resource when going into prisons and jails. The new WBS' Bibles will be NKJV versions and (through no fault of theirs) will more than double in cost.

Unfortunately, this means we are considering options of purchasing other Bibles at our normal costs or creating a prison Bible designed to minister to those incarcerated (which may add expense). WBS does a great work. Please pray for their work as well as our efforts!

Gifts of Remembrance & Gratitude

Many ministry friends find this a meaningful way to remember loved ones and honor persons who have made a difference in their lives – living or not. Whether a person just passed away or died decades ago, it is a



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marvelous feeling to know that you or a loved one is remembered.

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