

“WALKING IN THE LIGHT”

Kings Crossing Prison Ministries

A NEWS REVIEW & EDUCATIONAL TOOL OF JAIL-PRISON MINISTRIES IN CHURCHES OF CHRIST
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“Endeavoring to teach the Gospel to every person everywhere before Jesus returns”

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE REPORT

2021 IS WRAPPED UP!



The Annual Fund Drive for *Kings Crossing Prison Ministries* (KCPM) began in October 1st and ended December 31st, 2021. We are still receiving donations this week that will count toward the total amount you raised, but to-date \$209,126.61 has been given. *This beats last year's total once again, and you did it!*

Prison ministry takes place through these gifts. Bible correspondence courses cost

for every letter we send, and we currently have 32,000 students enrolled in prisons in Texas and beyond. People are coming to a knowledge of Jesus, being baptized in prisons, and continuing to study- all because of your giving. Your financial gifts enable us to continue to publish study material, correspond with inmates in their Bible coursework, and enter the facilities weekly and offer other special events. As part of the Annual Fund Drive, we were challenged with a to match a \$35,000 gift, and *because of you we did it!*

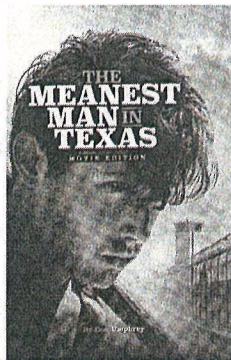
DREAM BIG. SET GOALS. TAKE ACTION!

DREAM # 1: TDCJ LIFE-COACH PROGRAM

Last month we told you about the *TDCJ Life Coach program* that is scheduled to start in 2022. This new program will utilize our prison ministry staff, volunteers, and NewLife Behavior curriculum to instruct the TDCJ staff and offenders in small groups. We are continuing to travel to Huntsville to develop the program and get volunteers living in Huntsville ‘on the ground’, so to speak. The goal is that eventually, this program will spread to impact the entire State of Texas prison system.

DREAM # 2: THE MEANEST MAN IN TEXAS

We are being allowed to go into some showing of the *The Meanest Man in Texas*, own Dr. Don Umphrey. We were excited when Christi area from Dallas the summer of 2021. about the life of Clyde Thompson. Before his meanest man in Texas, even having killed while Thompson went on to preach the gospel. The inmates, and prompting many to ask to enroll in watching for more information in the February



locations. Later this month, we will have a movie which was written and produced by our Don and His wife, Kim, moved to the Corpus You may recall that Don researched and wrote conversion to Christ, Clyde was known as the in prison. After his conversion, Brother movie is already having a profound reaction by Bible study courses. There is more to share. Be newsletter.

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YOU ARE INVITED!

PRISON MINISTRY APPRECIATION BANQUET

FEBRUARY 19, 2022

A Brief History: Kings Crossing Prison Ministry

Kings Crossing Prison Ministry had its beginning in 1977. At that time Brother Larry Ligon, at the Ayers Street Church of Christ in Corpus Christi was teaching in the Nueces County jail. When he realized that he would not be able to continue much longer, he encouraged Buck Griffith to help. Buck already had a passion for reaching those in prison. Before coming to Corpus Christi, Buck ministered at the Burbank Gardens Church of Christ, in Grand Prairie. Fred Selby introduced Buck to prison ministry when Buck gave Fred Bibles to give to a prisoner in the Dallas County jail. Buck thought he would only give Fred the materials, but brother Selby ended up getting Buck to go with him.

When Buck got to Corpus Christi and began preaching at the Windsor Park Church of Christ, he was already hooked.

- In 1983, *Christian Training School for Ex-Offenders* began to minister to those exiting prisons.
- Later, in 1988 CASA (Christians Against Substance Abuse) was begun as a support group to those dealing with addictions. It was originally begun for church members and was soon discovered by parolees.
- In 1991, the first portable baptistry was an invention to immerse an inmate in Nueces County Jail. ***Baptistries Around the World*** was created to meet these calls for baptism. Today, portable baptistries are in 40 countries and permanent baptistries are in 38 states. A total of 430 baptistries being used throughout each year with approximately 15,900 people baptized each year!
- In 1993 ***the Kolb Endowment*** (later named Legacy) fund was begun with a generous donation by Rachel Kolb.
- ***The National Jail-Prison Ministry Workshop*** was developed in 1974. It has been hosted in Corpus Christi four times: 1982, 1991, 2009, and 2016. A directory was also created to network with fellow ministries.
- In 2002, the ministry began sharing office space with ***NewLife Behavior Ministries***, curriculum for long-term offenders to develop a Christian living mindset and skills. NLBM was founded by Dr. H. M. Motsinger in Dallas in 1984 and later added to by other brothers and sisters in Christ.
- In 2006, Windsor Park moved to its current location and was renamed Kings Crossing. The eldership of this church have been gracious in their oversight of this prison ministry through these decades and continue to help guide this work today. Buck began writing curriculum and tracts and called it ***Unbound Word***, because there simply wasn't any curriculum in existence at the time for those in short-term incarceration. This material is now called ***Kings Crossing Prison Ministry Teaching Materials*** and available through the prison ministry office.
- In 2021, Kenneth Rich began ***the Griffith Legacy fund*** with a generous donation.
- In 2022, we begin our ***Life-Coach program*** with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and we also will begin ***recorded/web-linked versions of the NewLife Behavior curriculum***.



Consequently, you can see why there is a constant and growing need for financial support. Looking back, we failed to foresee this. Looking forward, we want to be good stewards of this work that God has deeply blessed.

So, what is the plan today? At the banquet on February 19th, we will give a picture of the current landscape of how prison ministry is being accomplished in the Coastal Bend and Texas at the Banquet. We will share innovative strategies are being launched to continue to reach those in prisons and county jails despite continuing pandemic protocols. **RSVP with Karlene Underwood at karlenenlb@yahoo.com or call 361-855-3372.**