

“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”

## **ANNUAL FUND DRIVE IN FULL SWING!**

It began in October and will end December 31st. The first month of our Annual Fund Drive has come and gone and we are at a whopping \$250, but that is par for the course. A friend called a few days ago to see how the donations are coming along. We had to explain that most folks tend to “wait” until almost December 31.

Obviously, we need to improve in November. In order to motivate us, anonymous donors made \$35,000 available in “matching” funds! Wow! This gets all of us excited because our individual contributions are doubled. Many need to wait until closer to the end of the year to see what they can do. We understand but this “knowledge of circumstances” does little to calm our nerves!

It is not unusual for us to receive 50% or more of our annual budget during this time frame. Our first objective is to reach the \$35,000 matching funds goal. Then, we will reach to exceed \$100,000! This effort allows us to end the “old” year in good financial condition with “all bills paid”! We never take anything for granted. While some are struggling more, others have been richly blessed and will pass them along. In the end, the will of God gets done. Our task remains the same: do as much as we can with what God places within our hands.

More doors are opening constantly. Since the summer we have experienced baptisms every week in jails and TDCJ half-way houses. Six women were baptized Tuesday of this week adding to a total of 215 souls baptized into Christ since the first of July. In the last week, we have had opportunities to help Christian families seeking assistance with young adult addicts. We just purchased work clothes that allowed a man recently released from prison, to go to work. A young couple coming to one of our CASA groups were baptized and are off drugs. To God be the glory!

*Be sure to designate the “Annual Fund Drive” on checks if you want it to be applied to the matching fund offer. We will let you know this time next month on progress made!*

## **2022 Annual Fund Drive**



### **New Orleans, Louisiana 49th National Jail & Prison Ministry Workshop**

**June 7-9, 2021**

**Elysian Fields Church of Christ**

**4636 Elysian Fields Avenue**

**David Green, Director (913) 605-2495**

We recently received a call from the new chaplain at the Glossbrenner prison unit asking us to return to teaching. The Ernestine Glossbrenner Unit is a prison for male inmates located in San Diego, Texas. This is a Substance Abuse Felony Facility operated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The Glossbrenner Unit can house a maximum of 612 substance abuse offenders. For more than a year we were kept out of this facility due to COVID-19 restrictions. We were still able to continue our Bible correspondence courses by mail during this time. Next, the unit was without a chaplain. Last week we were asked to return to teach inmates. Once again, another door is re-opening and we are preparing a team to go in.

*Please pray for our efforts here and elsewhere in Texas! Prayer is such a powerful gift to us! Your prayer and continued financial support partner with us to take the good news of Jesus Christ to so many!*

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# **CASA RETREAT: 12 STEPS TO A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD**

A little more than 50 people from all parts of Texas (Abilene, north Texas, Houston, the Valley, Corpus Christi, Victoria, New Braunfels, east Texas and more) along with friends from Alabama and Louisiana made the trek to the Texas hill country to the beautiful campgrounds at the Bandina Christian Youth Camp for a marvelous time of encouragement, equipping, and fellowship. Several came to learn how to start a CASA group in their church home. Others came to share what God is doing where they live and how He is using CASA groups as support groups and evangelistic outreach.

Our wonderful kitchen crew led by **Tishanne Carroll** kept us rolling and well fed! The weekend was full of powerful testimonials that were inspiring and edifying! **Ben Thompson, Joshua Spinn, Manny Beltran, April Askew** and others shared their spiritual journeys. We were all very grateful to our class speakers for the powerful and creative classes they brought.



**Joe Almanza, Dave & Marianna Olson, Ben Thompson, Dr. Don Umphrey, and Dr. Dale Underwood** brought classes that gave practical teaching, tips, and even curriculum.

The weather was amazing! After our evening activities were concluded, we got the opportunity to have a starlight hayride Friday night. **Keith Burnam** (from Sunnyvale) shared his knowledge of the constellations and the majesty of God's creation. We were privileged to have a bonfire devotional Saturday night after we watched *The Meanest Man in Texas* movie, written by our very own **Dr. Don Umphrey**.

Before and since the retreat, Dale Underwood had has opportunity to meet with brothers and sisters in Christ along with church leadership from areas such as Edinburg, Raymondville, Corsicana, and Denton in the effort to assist churches who desire to start up CASA groups. If you would like information on how to start a CASA group at your church location, call our office.



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

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