"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"



A Great Day at Glossbrenner!

The Glossbrenner prison unit is located in San Diego, Texas. If you are not purposefully trying to get there, you will probably never drive by it. This particular unit is a substance abuse rehabilitation center for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). It is a six month program and usually a last stop before prisoners are released or placed on parole. In August, only 25 men were baptized due to a COVID

lockdown, but in late September Michael DeShazo, Recardo Reyes, and Dr. Dale Underwood spent a Saturday morning that saw 52 men baptized and another 24 responses for prayer requests.

"Men were crying as they went into the water and shouting when they came out. It was powerful to witness", said Michael DeShazo.

And, it appears there are more days like this one to come at this unit. Men continue to request to be baptized. Chaplain Franco was present and encouraged our effort.

Please pray for our team of

Michael DeShazo and Charles Barber who teach weekly at this unit. This is another example of the catalyst that the *NewLife Behavior* curriculum is in the hands of Godly teachers.



2023 "Annual Fund Drive" Kicks OFF

Here we are at "that" time of year again. Our "Annual Fund Drive" is underway! It will end in a flurry on December 31st. We would prefer a dull ending but that would require everyone to make their year-end contribution early. Our goal is to exceed \$200,000 but it all starts with matching the first \$35,000.



Many must wait until almost the last day of the year before they know what they can do financially. We understand. What is purpose of the "Annual Fund Drive"? How the year ends is important. We want to close 2023 and start 2024 in a healthy wa

important. We want to close 2023 and start 2024 in a healthy way. History has taught us to expect some lean times during the year. Like the wise ant, preparation must be made in the winter.

We are reaching more men and women with the Gospel than ever! The time to get ready is NOW. We encourage you to make your gift today, if possible. Since we try to keep track of progress made, please note "Annual Fund" on your check. Thank you for your generosity but most of all, thank you for your prayers!

I Just Have To Say...



Kings Crossing Prison Ministries is not only passionate about preaching to the lost who are incarcerated and battling substance abuse, but also with strengthening and maturing them when they are released from prisons or treatment centers. After lots of prayer, careful evaluation, and a series of interviews, we are excited to announce that God has provided us with our first candidate for "The Gideon Project." Walker Hill will be moving to Corpus Christi, Texas in November to participate in this new re-entry program. This is a type of internship for an ex-offender promoting a lifetime

of spiritual service. In August Dr. Dale Underwood and I went to visit an aftercare program called Project Rescue in Decatur, Alabama where Walker Hill has been participating since June. He has been a standout participant and has shown the spiritual potential for which we have been praying and searching. Walker Hill and Jason Cagle, the Program Manager, came out to Corpus Christi to spend a few days with our staff. Walker will have a strong participation at Kings Crossing Church of Christ, CASA, jail/prison teaching and training, doing biblical studies, all while gradually working toward complete self-sufficiency. We would love to see Walker or some of our future participates stay in Corpus Christi and assist us in full or

part time ministry. *Keep this ministry in your prayers!*

~ Recardo Reyes

Last month Recardo Reyes was blessed to speak at the Cloverland Church of Christ in the inner-city of Houston, Texas. After service



a woman named **Sandra Greer** approached him and shared "she too was once a drug dealer!" After clarifying she was a retired pharmacist, we had an amazing conversation about the need for prison ministry and addiction recovery. Sister Greer expressed her passion for the need to minister to women who are incarcerated and to children who suffer because their parents are incarcerated. What Recardo learned about Sandra next impressed our whole ministry staff! She is not just a "hearer of the Word", she is a "doer of the Word!" Sister Greer

has helped raise over \$1,100 to support our *Little Angels* Program. This is a ministry where we at Kings Crossing Prison Ministries make special efforts to bless children from birth to the age of 12. Sister Greer and Recardo have had many conversations since his visit to the Cloverland Church. *Let me tell you, she is "FIRED UP" for*

Jesus! We hope to return soon to encourage their efforts. God is good!



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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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