

“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”



Karlene & Dale
Underwood, Glenda
Watson & Manette
Scanio



Sandra Greer

In focus: ***“Little Angels”***

“What’s in your fridge right now?” I asked a mother of two children whose father is in prison. She said, “A bottle of ketchup and a few slices of bread. There is no school during the summer, and I don’t know how I will feed my children.”



Many families who are part of our prison ministry struggle with hunger. More than one-third of them are children under age 12. There are lots of complicated problems related to prison ministry, but this one has a simple solution. These kids need basic items such as food, diapers, and clothing. Their parents may have made poor decisions with consequences that involve jail or prison, but these little ones also pay that price.

We are so very grateful for **Sandra Greer** (pictured left), who has been raising funds from her home congregation (**Cloverland Church of Christ**, Houston) with friends around the country over the past year to help with our **“Little Angels”** program. Recently, **Manette Scanio** (pictured above) came by the prison ministry office to deliver a check from her group of friends, the **Cotillion Alegre**, with a donation. **Hundreds of families will receive aid thanks to Manette, Sandra and you!**

In 2024, over 500 families were given aid. These families have children from newborn to pre-teens in desperate need due to the financial situation of parental incarceration. We tend to think of these needs during winter months but consider this, many families rely on the school to feed their children two meals a day. When school ends in May there will be a three-month period of hunger coming. Add to this school supplies and clothing for the fall, and you can see how impactful it is that you remember us and fuel our efforts throughout the year.

Thanks to gifts from you, we add small items of joy to essential needs. First Bibles, faith-based coloring books, dolls and toys become an expression of love for these “little angels”. **Saying “thank you” to you just doesn’t do justice, but we will still continue to say it.** We think of James’ words when we think of you: (James 1:27) **“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.”** These children are much like orphans during the time their parent(s) are incarcerated. And, our Lord sees the good you do.

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The Power of NewLife Behavior Curriculum



Recardo Reyes

Earlier this year God opened a door for **Recardo Reyes** to minister at the **Coastal Bend Detention Center** in Robstown, Texas, which is a federal facility. The warden has welcomed our **NewLife Behavior** curriculum to the inmates. In just a short time these courses are bearing fruit not only in classes at the Coastal Bend Detention Center, but also post-incarceration. He was recently in the Rio Grande Valley (Mercedes, TX), and had the chance to be with two of his former **NewLife Behavior (NLB)** "*Managing My Anger*" students. Both **J.J. (Jose Angel) Rivera** and **Noe Muñoz** took the NLB course at the Coastal Bend Detention Center (GEO Unit).

Recardo has been able to maintain a connection with both men after their release. Both are EX-GANG MEMBERS and have turned away from their former lives! They have turned toward Christ and are holding steady jobs, attending church, and taking all the right steps to move away from the destructive behaviors that once ruled their lives!



Last week six more men were baptized into Christ at this same facility. One of those men who was baptized was a high-ranking member of the Mexican Mafia and is doing a twenty-seven-year sentence. Being an ex-gang member himself, it brings Recardo so much joy and fulfillment to see people turn away from the dominion of darkness to living a life with Jesus Christ.

Recardo has heard many people say, "*Prison Ministry is just jailhouse religion!*" The truth is, through the power of Christ, people's lives are being transformed! We recently interviewed J.J. (Jose Angel) Rivera on the **Kings Cast Podcast**. It was a powerful interview.

(https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLk4NYYDg86p8xBrODW_VnlqJfEceTMB-&si=2zQnMd_Cp2TCLUY) You would be blessed to give it a listen! Please keep these men in your prayers! **God is good, Praise King Jesus!**

[**Note:** We have been working (since 2022-Post COVID) to get back into this facility. With continued efforts we are not only back in, but have expanded our impact. Our ladies' team of **Debbie Cullen, Merced Aguilar, and Karlene Underwood** are teaching three classes and **Recardo Reyes** is teaching three men's classes.]

Please continue to support this work with Your prayers. Lives are being changed through Jesus!



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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Dr/M Dale Underwood
Maggie Wachtel

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