

“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”

## KCPM Annual Drive Ends



The **Kings Crossing Prison Ministries** annual fund drive takes place during October through December each year. The timing of it matches the timing of the need. We run slightly behind each month of the year between monthly donations and what is being accomplished in ministry services and staffing needs. Several of those who give in this annual drive do so from their annual charitable distribution from IRA's or mutual funds. Many of you choose to do this in December.

One of the great blessings of prison ministry is that *a few can impact many*. The volunteers going into jails and prisons, but also through those of you giving financial gifts. While the drive officially ends with the last day of December, some checks will not arrive until the first week of January. If your gift is marked for the annual drive and dated prior to January, it will count toward it. We will have a final amount in the January 2026 newsletter, but at this time, your giving totals **\$216,004**. Way to go! We praise God for what will take place in 2026 with these funds and your trust. Just as importantly, *please keep praying God blesses this work! Please keep these men and women in prayer as they go into prisons and speak.*

We continue to see souls saved in county jails (*Recardo Reyes'* article speaks to this). Many across Texas are utilizing resources like the **Prison Bible**, the **Journey to Recovery Bible**, the **KCPM Songbook** and other **KCPM studies**. We are told by the Nueces County Sheriff department that more than 1,000 men and women have been baptized this year. Hundreds were baptized in prisons (**Glossbrenner, Garza East and West, Dolph Briscoe units** and more) in 2025. I got a text from *Joe Almanza* in Abilene that 275 souls were baptized in their county jails in 2025. They use the KCPM Songbook. I spoke with *Kevin Varner* in New Braunfels recently. He has been putting a KCPM portable baptistry to good use in their county jail. Over and over, we hear of ministry efforts across Texas using KCPM resources in correspondence studies. *Your gift is impacting many, and we praise our God for you!*

### Buck Griffith (Recovery Going Well)



Some of you have heard that Buck has been ill. Buck did stroke but was blessed to not experience side effects common to that illness. In fact, *Buck* and *Janet* were present in worship this past Sunday. Buck reminds us of that watch commercial.

*He takes a licking' and keeps on ticking'!*

### Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

If you can make it to Corpus Christi, we would love to rejoice with you, maybe show you off, eat (after all, who doesn't love to eat together!), share with you what God did in 2025 and what we are planning (with His blessing) for 2026!

First, we worship together Sunday, January 25th at **Kings Crossing Church of Christ**. Afterward, we will enjoy a great meal and time of fellowship filled with testimonials and a plan for 2026!

THANK YOU!



**NewLife Behavior "Seeker Series"** concludes at the **Garza East Unit** in Beeville. Several men requested baptism. The **Christians Against Substance Abuse (CASA)** and **Attitudes & Behaviors** studies just concluded at the GEO federal facility in Robstown. Six men were baptized after these studies. New studies are starting at multiple prisons throughout Texas in January 2026!

# County Sheriff's Office Taking Notice of Jail Ministry



We want to thank you for your prayers and support! God is doing great things in the jail/prison & recovery ministry, and we couldn't do it without you! Last month the **Nueces County Sheriff Department** posted an article online about the work **Kings Crossing Prison Ministries** is doing in the Nueces County jails.

We send three teams into two facilities on a weekly basis. Our downtown facility's women's team consists of **Sandy Richardson, Cherl Hinton, Debbie Baugher,** and **Otha Barcas.**



**Don Umphrey, Christian Archer,** and **Recardo Reyes** go into the **McKenzie Annex Jail.**



**Gary Thomson, Frank Maxey, Eric Woodard** and **Dr. Dale Underwood,** go into the downtown facility. We are further blessed to have **Jesus Villanueva,** who goes weekly into the **CoreCivic** halfway house on Sundays to teach, be a substitute when one of these men cannot go.



The **Nueces County Sheriff Department** recently posted an article and pictures of baptisms that are taking place through all three teams. A local TV station has taken notice and asked to conduct an interview. There is such a fruitful receptivity among jails and prisons that sheriff offices and correctional departments are taking note of it!

Jesus said it best, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."* We watch this take place each week and we pray for more workers. Thank you for your partnership in the saving of souls! God is good, Praise King Jesus!

*Praise King Jesus! God is a good God in heaven!*



## **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.

### **Received from:**

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Walter Hicks  
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