

“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”

## “As Iron Sharpens Iron...”

In what has become an annual trek, **Kings Crossing Prison Ministries** traveled to Lubbock to attend the **Sunset International Bible Institute (SIBI) Vision Workshop**. This year’s theme was taken from Exodus, chapter 33 in the moment God answer’s Moses’ request, “*Now, show me your glory* (v. 18).”

It was good to spend time in study of the Word, visit old friends, make new ones and bring new faces. **Tishanne Carroll, Liza Estrella, Che Nethery, Recardo Reyes, Dale & Karlene Underwood** and **Billy Woods** made the journey late in January. The trip provides our staff with time together we do not ordinarily get. We see friends in ministry and Recardo even gets to see some of his daughters and their families who live in the area. We provide a booth that introduces men and women in ministry to the mission field in their own backyards of jails and prisons through sharing KCPM and NLBM curricula materials and pamphlets.

**Luis & Mayra Melendez** and their children (**Ashley** and **Daniel**) invited us to their home for a meal from their culture. It was a great evening of fellowship (and, genuine Columbian coffee!). We also met **Marcelo** and **Julio**, brothers from Chile and Puerto Rico. These friends/ministry relationships open doors across Texas and other regions in this great mission field.

*Praise King Jesus!*



## A Special Message from Buck: **THANK YOU!**



“The entire **Griffith** family is extremely appreciative of your kind thoughts and prayers on our behalf during the leadup to my stroke and since. The doctors, nurses and physical therapy specialists have been very helpful. By God’s grace and based on my recovery, the stroke must have been a “mild” one. We have been blessed beyond measure. I am trying to follow the medical advice and refrain from doing too much. I am managing to make it to the prison ministry office almost every day. I have to work around visits to the doctors, labs, tests, and physical therapy which will continue through the end of March. Again, we do not have the words to say this correctly but *thank you.*”

—*Buck, Janet, Tishanne, Yancy & Paula*

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# 2026 Focus: Transaction to Transformation



Someone once said, “God will meet you where you are, but He desires that you get up and walk with Him.” That pretty well captures both the grace of God who steps into our mess and the will of our same God who calls us out of it.

Not long ago a man came to our office wanting some of the help we offer. He admitted he used drugs before he came to see me. When I asked him what he would do with the financial help he wanted, he told me he was going to get more drugs. I told him we were not going to help with that. Some people want help in their current situation but refuse to change the behaviors that put them into their situation.

Our goal is to meet people where they are and then walk with them in a relationship to know and follow God. Praise King Jesus that there are men and women working hard to change behaviors, follow Christ, and are seeing real change in their lives. This kind of transactional relationship leads to transformation.

Giving a helping hand to those who are seeking to overcome addiction and other life crippling behaviors through Christ is the difference maker. We strive to help and serve new converts as they are being released from jail/prison or rehabilitation centers. We are excited to announce that through collaboration with **NewLife Behavior Ministries (NLBM)**, part of our re-entry efforts will be funded through a grant.

**John Hyde** (picture right) works with KCPM and NLBM to find and get grants that match our mission. His fundraising skills work well with his love for the Lord, and he is a true blessing to us. John sat down with us and helped us map out our re-entry efforts, found the foundation that would sponsor our efforts and then helped write and submit the grant. The grant will pay for things like bus passes, work clothes, obtain documents needed to work, deposits to enter sober living homes, leadership training, groceries, and other emergency expenses. For many individuals who are fighting to leave their former life behind these can be make-or-break issues. As we help and serve these individuals, we challenge them to commit to participating in support groups, church, and one-on-one accountability.



Discipleship is the answer to transforming people’s lives. We are already seeing results from providing these services to those that God is sending our way. Our goal is to track and document the efforts and progress of those participating in the program so we can help other churches and prison ministries reproduce what God is doing here in the Coastal Bend! **God is a good God in Heaven! Praise King Jesus!**



(some program participants)  
*(left) Recardo baptizes Chain Nethery.*

*(right) Micah Rogers and daughter, Cloe with Recardo at a Bible study. Micah is enrolled in the Sunset International Bible Institute remote program.*



## 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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Frank Maxey  
M/M Buck Griffith  
Dr/M Dale Underwood

**In Memory of:**

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Bettye Hindsley  
Bob Wachtel  
Bettye Hindsley

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