

**“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”**

## **Reconciled & Renewed (in the Valley)**

**Reconciled & Renewed (R&R)** seminars are multi-day events in prisons on various topics that give us opportunities to reach a larger number of offenders where we have more in-depth study time. R&R's are designed to lead inmates to commit to and promote responses to Christ.

In late September a group of volunteers traveled to Raymondville, Texas to the **Willacy County State Jail** to conduct an R&R seminar. **Joe** and **Jodie Alley**, **Micheal DeShazo**, **Tom Hollingsworth**, **Recardo Reyes**, **Micah Rogers**, **Joe Shaw**, **Dr. Don Umphrey**, **Dr. Dale & Karlene Underwood** and **Jesus Villanueva** formed the team. The topic was substance abuse, and we utilized the **NewLife Behavior Christians Against Substance Abuse** course. The great truth of NLB courses is that while topics differ, a surrendered life is always the bullseye. True to the purpose of R&R seminars, on the final day 40 men requested baptism and about 100 prayer and spiritual renewal requests were made. We will follow up with the chaplain in November to have a mass baptism event.



Willacy County State Jail

**Dr. Don Umphrey** and **Dale** will return to the **Willacy County State Jail** on the last Friday in September to conduct a **Meanest Man in Texas** movie showing. Don will speak about his interactions with **Clyde Thompson** to the approximately 180 men who are expected to attend. Dale will follow up the movie and preach on transformation and follow up with preaching about Clyde Thompson's example of following Jesus and being a man of God even while in prison. **Please pray the men are receptive and responses follow!** We are grateful to Chaplain Vela who works with us to make this happen.



Chaplain Vela w/Dale

## **Segovia Prison Unit**

**Chaplain Crittendon** made a surprise visit on the last day of the R&R in Raymondville. He is the chaplain at the **Segovia Prison** in Edinburg, Texas. He asked if we would come to his prison, and we said, **“Say when!”** We are now scheduling an R&R seminar with this chaplain at the Segovia Prison in the early part of 2027 in Edinburg, Texas. **Please pray for and support these efforts as God continues to open doors! Praise King Jesus!**

## **National Jail/Prison Ministry Workshop**



Be sure to put these dates on your calendar! This will be an opportunity to grow and connect! Be watching future newsletters for more information.

**June 9-11, 2027**  
**Poteau, Oklahoma**

## **CASA RETREAT**

Christians Against Substance Abuse (CASA)

**October 30-November 1, 2026**

**Location:** Bandina Christian Youth Camp

**Cost is \$35 a person**

**Sign up forms in newsletter on website or contact our office.**

Whether you are a veteran group leader, a CASA participant, or desire to start a CASA group in your location, this CASA Retreat will equip you and encourage you.

**Enjoy great company!**

**Sharpen your iron!**

**Fill your cup!**

**Press Your Pants!**

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# The Fruit of Discipleship

Our Thursday night CASA group at the **Fortunate Friends** sober living home has continued to produce fruit for the kingdom of God. A woman named **Belinda Tovar** is living proof that CASA groups lead people to a saving relationship with Jesus. Belinda began attending the Thursday CASA group and became interested in getting baptized into Christ.

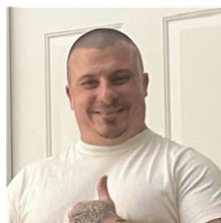


That was a little over a year ago and we watched the Lord move powerfully in her life! A few months later she moved to Houston to reconcile her relationship with her daughter, Valerie. I visited Belinda and Valerie in Houston and saw the fruit the Lord worked in their relationship. Belinda moved back to Corpus Christi and jumped back into involvement in CASA group and church family. Her transformation as a disciple continues! Belinda consistently attends CASA group and Sunday worship and is an example to others coming into recovery.

Having spent twelve years in prison and over thirty years in addiction, Belinda has a strong testimony. We gave her the opportunity to share during a Sunday morning class on restoration. Her family, including her sister- who spent her life working for the federal prison system- came to hear her speak. Belinda made amends to her sister in front of the congregation, and tears were flowing. Please click the link to watch the video ([https://youtu.be/-eGCmTijogE?si=vk3H\\_NyUJLYeP5gj](https://youtu.be/-eGCmTijogE?si=vk3H_NyUJLYeP5gj)). **Warning:** have tissue close to you.

*God is good, Praise King Jesus!*

## Progress Report (please consider support for Micah Rogers)



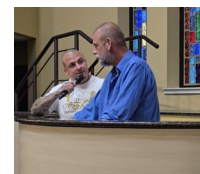
**Micah Rogers**  
Minister-in-Training

It's been an amazing month! I participated in the *Reconciled & Renewed* (R&R) seminar in Raymondville at the **Willacy County State Jail** prison unit. The theme of the R&R was on **NewLife Behavior Ministries** *Christians Against Substance Abuse* (CASA) course. CASA is a faith-based version of the **Alcohol Anonymous** (AA) *Twelve-Step* program and offers practical Christ-minded insights into battling and overcoming addiction. I gave my testimony and spoke on step three that states, "*We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him*".

I made connections with the guys in that unit. Several there were open to the Gospel and want to be baptized. Some of the men I spoke to there will be coming to Corpus Christi when they get out, and we can work on reentry with them upon release. It will be a big opportunity for discipleship.

I have been discipling **Micheal Jordan**, formerly at **Nueces County Jail**. I talked, prayed with and brought him a Bible and other materials. He got out of jail a month ago. I baptized him and am working closely with him. I am so excited to be involved with the work God is doing with him.

My **Sunset International Bible Institute** (SIBI) school has been going great. This month I am writing papers and taking tests for a class on **James**. I really enjoyed this class and learned so much. I passed my final exam with an "A"! Please continue to pray for me. Thank you for all your support. *Praise 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.

### Received from:

M/M Randall Hinton  
Frank Maxey  
Mary Reed  
M/M Buck Griffith  
Maggie Wachtel  
Beverly Hicks  
Dr/M Dale Underwood  
Beverly Hicks

### In Memory of:

Timothy/Barbara Young  
Tom Finley  
Fran Lampton  
Tom Finley  
Larry Imhoff  
Walter N. Hicks  
Larry Imhoff  
Dr. Janice Freeman

### Received from:

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Maggie Wachtel  
Frank Maxey  
Max Patty  
Beverly Hicks  
Dr/M Dale Underwood  
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Tom Finley  
Larry Imhoff  
Valerie Mack  
James F. Hicks  
Tom Finley  
Dr. Joyce Freeman