### TDCJ Stevenson Unit (Cuero) Going Active with Teachers!





Cole Mealer and Mark Spaeth

The apostle Paul wrote, "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:14~15)

Paul skillfully used deductive reasoning in his writings, and this is one of his most clear examples. I confess, I am not a 'foot' fan. Feet tend to gross me outtoes, toe nails- uugh! But, the way Paul puts it- those people who make the effort to physically go to people so they know Jesus- now those are some beautiful feet! The two men pictured on the left have some beautiful feet. Cole Mealer (top) is the pulpit minister at the Central Church of Christ in Victoria, TX. His teaching partner (below) is Mark Spaeth, also from the Central Church. We recently met with the chaplain, who is excited for us to come in. Both men are completing their TDCJ volunteer training. We will begin teaching weekly shortly!

### BE RECONCILED": NATIONAL PRISON MINISTRY WORKSHOP

2022 National Jail & Prison MINISTRY WORKSHOP FOR THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST

HOSTED BY: CHRIST PRISON MINISTRY & EDGEMERE CHURCH OF CHRIST

DATES: 8-10 JUNE 2022

LOCATION: WICHITA FALLS, TX

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It will be here before you know it. Be sure to get your registration in for the workshop and your housing accommodations reserved. For those going as part of the Kings Crossing Prison Ministry group, please get your registration in to Karlene Underwood (karlene@kingscrossingcoc.com) by May 1st.

Some of our KCPM staff will be teaching classes. The number of our group from the Coastal Bend area is already growing so don't delay! For those not going as part of the KCPM group, you must mail or email your registration to the sponsoring church, Edgemere Church of Christ in Wichita Falls, TX. Workshop information and registration forms can be found on the Edgemere Church website (www.edgemerchurch.org) under the 'Christ Prison Ministry' tab.



# 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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# **Kings Crossing Prison Ministries**

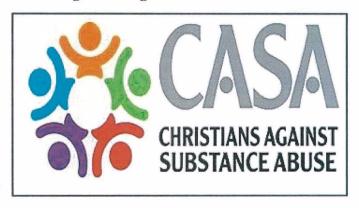
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## CASA Classes to Resume (Christians Against Substance Abuse)

CASA classes have been dormant since the COVID shut down began in 2020. We are happy to announce that we will begin hosting CASA classes again beginning this month! Our projected start date at the Kings Crossing Church of Christ here in Corpus Christi will be April 20<sup>th</sup>. These will be weekly Wednesday groups. You do not have to be a member at Kings Crossing church to attend.

If you are unfamiliar with CASA, the idea is to take the steps of the Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 12-step program and apply the Bible to each. Buck Griffith put a team together that spent considerable time and effort to review the AA 12-steps alongside the Word of God. The result was the Journey to Recovery 12-Step Study Bible produced by our own Dr. Don Umphrey and Buck Griffith. We also utilize NewLife Behavior CASA curriculum (the same used in prisons) as a powerful application for people whose lives are being destroyed by all kinds of addictions; alcohol, other drugs, and even sexual addiction.



Of course, there are many more controlling addictions than just these. CASA group meetings are healing times for all who attend. CASA groups provide a structured Biblical approach with real-life application for dealing with grief, addiction, or any life issue. All of this is taking place with a loving support group of people walking the same path trying to follow Jesus.

We recently traveled to Waxahachie, Texas to attend the HomeMission "Revive Us Again" workshop hosted at the Brown St. Church of Christ. John Orr and company put in a lot of work to provide quality speakers who stoked the fire in our hearts for the urgency of the lost as well as times of really enjoyable praise. The intended focus of the workshop is equipping local churches with tools and programs for reaching the lost with the saving message of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our task at the workshop was to give instruction on how to start a CASA program in local churches.

This is another impact of CASA groups. They reach out to those who are hurting, those seeking release from addiction, recovery from grief, those seeking to give God control of their lives, and those who may have no prior connection to Jesus or the church but who are seeking answers to essential issues in their lives. Sounds like what church should be, doesn't it: People loving people and sharing Jesus, holding each other accountable, confessing what has hold of us, and giving it over to the Lord.

Our message has not diminished, and neither should our impact. People are seeking help to deal with what is destroying their lives, marriages, and families. They often do not make the connection in how a knowledge of Jesus and living out his principles can do this. Many have a view of church that does not see how going to Church will help. We must connect. We must help the hurting. If you would like more information on starting a CASA group in your local church, contact our office and talk with us.