

“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”

Addiction Recovery Ministries Continue to Expand

In mid-July *Recardo Reyes*, *Mark Durbin*, and *Dr. Dale Underwood* loaded up and set out for Albuquerque, New Mexico,... or, close to it. Bosque Farms is a town just on the outskirts. *Bill Gregory*, preacher for the **Bosque Farms Church of Christ**, asked us to come and speak with leaders of this congregation about the **Christians Against Substance Abuse (CASA)** groups that have become a growing effort of congregations throughout the country to foster healing and outreach in communities through God’s Word, support groups, and the structure of the *12 Steps*.

CASA groups began in 1988 as a tool to help those struggling with addiction in the church to grasp Godly tools in an environment where they could share their struggles utilizing the *12 Steps*. Since that time, CASA has broadened to become a Support system to many struggling with all types of addictions, life struggles that Include grief, anger management, and other situations that cause us to stumble. Often, those re-entering society from jail, prison, and half-way houses are in need of support and find it in CASA. Mark 2:17 records Jesus’ words, “*I did not come for the healthy but the sick.*” We are thankful to see CASA groups providing the environment for people to join others seeking the healing Christ provides.



“Look Unto The Fields” (John 4:35)

Please be in prayer for these men and women who have recently put on Christ or are asking to be baptized and for the volunteers teaching them.

Dolph Briscoe Unit (Dilley, TX)

20 men baptized Saturday (July 26th)! Eighty more scheduled for August.

CoreCivic Half-Way House (Corpus Christi)

6 men baptized into Christ Sunday (July 27)!

Glossbrenner Unit (San Diego, TX)

Next baptismal service set for September 6th! 30 men are scheduled, more are requesting.

Garza East Unit (Beeville, TX)

20 men have requested baptism. We are working with the chaplain to schedule this.

Nueces County Jails (Corpus Christi, TX)

8 women have requested baptism for August 5th.
8 men have requested baptism for July 29th.
6 women were baptized on July 29th.

Legacy Drive Begins

The idea of a *Legacy Account* is to “set aside” funds for the purpose of insuring the continuation of this ministry. Pennies are usually spent on arrival.

For many years, *Buck Griffith* saw “long range” as this mission field kept expanding in reach to jails, prisons, needs of the desperate and souls. God sent the late *Rahel Kolb* our way. She had been blessed financially and sought to bless others through creating an account that would provide rainy day funds for years to come. Then, a generous donation started the *Buck & Janet Griffith* Legacy Account to honor Buck and Janet for their 50 years of service. It shares the same goal as the one started by Sister Kolb: the long-term stability of the work.

Please remember us in prayer and giving.



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A Week in El Salvador



Recardo Reyes

This summer I had the blessing of participating in an annual mission trip to El Salvador with the Melendez family who are originally from El Salvador. **Luis Melendez** and I studied at the **Sunset International Bible Institute** together from 2008-2010. **Mayra Melendez**, Luis' wife, is on staff with **Kings Crossing Prison Ministries**. She translates all our materials into Spanish.

We spent seven days reaching the lost and strengthening and encouraging our El Salvadorian brothers and sisters, primarily with a congregation in the city of Juayua. We did street evangelism, door knocking, a gospel meeting, and I was honored to be the speaker at a youth event where youth from six different congregations gathered. The youth of El Salvador are hungry for God's Word. We also had a workday where we remodeled a small building so the youth have a place to meet and have Bible studies.

Another exciting experience was traveling to the city of San Salvador to distribute food to 60 Christian families who were in critical need. I was asked to speak to these families. I am rejoicing over this opportunity to serve our Lord by loving and serving the wonderful people of El Salvador. I am so thankful to every individual who prayed for and supported this effort in any way. **Praise King Jesus!**



Welcome, Tishanne Carroll to the Team!



Tishanne (Griffith) Carroll joined our prison ministry staff at the end of March. She is still in the process of moving to Corpus Christi and will continue to move from part-time to full-time work till she sells her home in Yoakum. If the name sounds familiar, you have probably guessed it. **Tishanne is Buck and Janet Griffith's daughter.** We are privileged to have a person who knows this ministry well. Tishanne has a background as the business office manager for long-term care facilities and is taking on the role as our office manager. **Please pray for her as she herds Buck, Recardo, and Dale to keep us organized and running as a finely tuned machine.** *Good luck, Tishanne!* We are happy to have Tishanne with us and know she brings both heart and skills to the ministry.

Speaking of manging the office. Kings Crossing Prison Ministry is hiring! We are in need of a clerical assistant. Contact Tishanne Carroll at 361-855-3372 or tishanne@kingscrossingcoc.com.



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 Jim Coleman
Maggie Wachtel
Frank Maxey
M/M Buck Griffith
Easterbelle Gomez
Dr/M Dale Underwood

In Memory of:

John Perez
Gloria Bass
Bobby Chandler
Bobby Chandler
Leonisa Goodman
Bobby Chandler

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