

“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”

“The Beauty of Lubbock, Texas”



I know. Some of you may be thinking, “Have you been to Lubbock?” Others may be saying, “Hey, wait a minute. I kind of like the big sunsets on the open plains!” Whatever your preference, Lubbock just got to be a more beautiful place for us. This past weekend we made the trek to the **Sunset International Bible Institute (S.I.B.I.) Vision workshop**. While there, we heard solid preaching, enjoyed some great praise time, and Recardo Reyes did a marvelous job presenting two classes entitled “*God Speaks into Their Darkness*” and “*He Speaks to Me That I May Speak*”. Two of the men who were part of our group, **Zane Howard** and **Christian Archer** gave moving testimonies in his classes.

The Panhandle Texas Initiative



One of our goals in going to Lubbock included promoting the **Panhandle Texas Initiative**; our effort to engage congregations located in Region V of The **Texas Department of Criminal Justice’s (TDCJ)** chaplaincy regions (pictured left). There are fourteen prison units and a number of county jails, half-way houses, and sober living homes scattered throughout the Texas Panhandle.



In April of 2024 we had the privilege of sitting down with the region chaplains. At the end of the meeting, *all* of the chaplains requested *all* of the curriculum we use *and then asked if we could provide them with some volunteers!* It took work, but working with NewLife Behavior Ministries, we were able to deliver the NLBM curriculum. That was phase one. Phase two is contacting churches in nearby towns and cities where these fourteen prison units are located and inviting them into this door that God has opened. There are so many ways to be engaged in jail/prison and addiction recovery ministries.

We will start contacting Panhandle area congregations this month through phone calls and email surveys to invite church leadership to come to Lubbock in April to a town hall meeting to discuss ways to win souls and change lives. We are grateful to the **Sunset International Bible Institute** as they host this meeting. More details are coming in future newsletters! *Please continue to pray for this important work!*

(FYI- Who knew there was a polar bear statue in Winters, Texas??)



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Keep an Eye on El Paso



Almost a year ago, we first met **Paul and Gloria Gonzales** in Lubbock the **Sunset International Bible Institute Vision workshop**. Paul and Gloria shared with us their desire to reach those caught in addiction, those in prison, as well as minister to those on the street. We talked about visiting them in El Paso, but other ministry needs got in the way. In June, Paul made the trek to Corpus Christi for the National Jail & Prison Ministry workshop. It was then we met **Israel Lerma**, a former drug dealing gang lieutenant who is now living for Jesus Christ.

In early January of this year, **Recardo Reyes** and **Dr. Dale Underwood** spent the weekend in El Paso with **Paul Gonzales** and the **Northside Bilingual Church of Christ** in El Paso, Texas. The plans to launch jail/prison & recovery ministries in El Paso, TX continue to take shape. This weekend eight members of their congregation attended the **Sunset Vision Workshop** where Dr. Dale Underwood and I were able to share what God is doing through this fruitful **MISSION FIELD!** **Paul Gonzales, Israel Lerma**, and Israel's son **Angel** had a chance to share in Recardo's classes at the workshop the way they see jail, prison & recovery ministries as a way to carry out the **Great Commission**. And, pray for Angel as he stated his desire to be baptized this weekend!

Some may criticize this ministry, saying that it is only jailhouse religion. So, when a man like **Israel Lerma**, who was a lieutenant of a prison gang, stands up and expresses how God has transformed him and how he longs to reach out to those who are still entangled in the life he once was, it impacts the listeners! God is good, Praise King 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.

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