

“WALKING IN THE LIGHT”

Kings Crossing Prison Ministries

A NEWS REVIEW & EDUCATIONAL TOOL OF JAIL-PRISON MINISTRIES IN CHURCHES OF CHRIST
Dr. Dale Underwood, Editor

“Endeavoring to teach the Gospel to every person everywhere before Jesus returns”

“Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon”

Sunday, March 29th was a long-anticipated day. You may recall we had to postpone our luncheon due to a statewide ice storm in late January. Volunteers in jails and prisons from much of south Texas (Victoria to the Valley) made it in person. El Paso and San Antonio could not make it but were still celebrated.

Dr. Don Umphrey shares *Meanest Man in TX* movie



A bit more than a hundred people gathered (*Buck might say 150- but that is preacher counting!*) from across south Texas. They shared what is being accomplished in their areas in jails, prisons, and half-way and sober houses.

Thank you to the KCPM staff (*Cathy Bankhead, Tishanne Carroll, Liza Estrella,*

and *Karlene Underwood, and Recardo Reyes*) who served with table decorations, food, and door prizes.

We celebrated people in prison efforts in El Paso, San Antonio, Cuero, Hondo, Dilley, Beeville, San Diego, and Edinburg. We heard about jail efforts in Victoria, Raymondville, Corpus Christi, San Antonio and El Paso. Half-way and sober living homes are being ministered to in San Antonio, Victoria, El Paso and Corpus Christi.

The luncheon ended with a forward look at where we plan to expand in 2026. **Yellow** marks 2025 and **green** highlights new efforts for 2026!



Jesus Villanueva reports on half-way houses.

Volunteers, Merced Aguilar and Richard Reyes



Buck Griffith, Pat/Glenda Watson visit with re-entry participants



Dale & Recardo w/chaplain Brown



Mark Spaeth reports on Cuero/Victoria work



New prison minister, Micah Rogers' & family



Jonathan/Melissa Scaggs from Raymondville (Valley) with volunteers, Mark/Heather Hardin

Ben Rodriguez shares about work in Hondo and Dilley



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More “Home-Grown” Disciples!



Re-entry continues to be a fruitful part of KCPM. We continue to see a growing need for churches to receive and mature new converts as they follow Christ when they are released from prison or jail. In fact, KCPM annually updates a growing directory of churches, individual, and ministries that are willing to work with ex-offenders. A strong Godly support system is “make-or-break” for many of these individuals. If you or your congregation would like to be added to this directory, please contact us. As men and women are released and move to your area, we can then contact you to help mentor these souls as they continue to walk with Christ.



Che Nethery is one of many people through which we are seeing the power of God at work. He spent more than thirty-six years in addiction and fifteen years incarcerated. He connected



with KCPM after release from a rehabilitation center. He is living in one of Corpus Christi’s **Fortunate Friends** sober-living homes, is involved in our **Christians Against Substance Abuse (CASA)** faith-based twelve step support group and has become a part of our church family. Che is now drug-free for ten months, has invited several people to attend one of our weekly CASA support groups, helps serve the homeless, and encourages other people to stay sober and follow Christ! **Last Sunday, Che led in worship reading scripture!**



There is such a need for more CASA groups and congregations to receive and minister to new converts being released. **Dr. Dale Underwood** is sending **Micah Rogers** and me to search for more congregations to work with as people are reentering society. **Praise King Jesus. Only God Can Do These Things!**

Baptisteries Around The World

Letters are going out seeking financial support for **Baptisteries Around the World**. The program began in 1991 because our jail-prison ministry had difficulty assisting taught believers in being immersed. Correction officials lacked the equipment. We sought to provide baptisteries in every jail and prison in the United States and called the program “**Baptisteries Across America**”. Then, we began receiving requests from missionaries in other countries. So, we changed the name. Our “primary” aim remains. Place a baptistry in every jail and prison.

This mission is accomplished two ways: (1) What we call a permanent baptistry is produced from **American Rehabilitation Ministry (ARM)** in Joplin, Missouri. The cost is \$1,500+ depending on options selected. The cost is higher if not going to a jail or prison. Shipping is based on the distance from Joplin to its destination. **Baptisteries Around the World** handles jail-prison requests. We suggest congregations call ARM (417)781-9100 to select options. (2) KCPM produces what we call portable units. They may be picked up here or shipped UPS throughout the United States. The value of contents is \$450. After aiming initially at jails-prisons, we found local congregations in need for camps, retreats, evangelism, nursing homes or rehabilitation facilities. **Baptisteries Around the World** is a ministry-not a business. We seek donors to help cover a portion of the cost. Some congregations and individuals donate monthly. With adequate support, we supply them free. Our objective is to find a way to baptize believers. Each check is a “tax-deductible” contribution. We supply portable baptisteries free to stateside sponsors of missionaries in other countries who will carry them on their next visit to the mission field.



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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Maggie Wachtel
Sandy Richardson
Frank Maxey
Dr/M Dale Underwood
M/M Buck Griffith
Tishanne Carroll
Cathy Bankhead

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