

“WALKING IN THE LIGHT”

Kings Crossing Prison Ministries

A NEWS REVIEW & EDUCATIONAL TOOL OF JAIL-PRISON MINISTRIES IN CHURCHES OF CHRIST
Buck Griffith, Editor

“Improving society and making it safer teaching Christ to those in prison”

THE PLAN

You can't rush pickles.

My wife and I have had a little garden off and on for a number of years. Love the garlic dills! Crunchy. Salty. Truth be told, I can hardly stand cucumbers. As far as I'm concerned, that stuff is for goats – not humans. But take a cucumber and let it set up in brine water? Voila! *Now you are talking.*

Good – Human – Food. ***But you can't rush it.***

I remind myself sometimes that events didn't just take place each day or even each week in the New Testament writings. Events happened over time, just like they do for you and me. That “Damascus Road” day in Paul's life (well, Saul; Acts 9) when he came face to face with our Lord, left him for three days blindly wondering what's next. The Paul that amazes us from his travels and writings wasn't that guy. Between traveling to Arabia and hanging out in Damascus (Galatians 1-2), it was maybe 13-14 years before the Spirit called him to his real work (Acts 13)!



Honestly, Kings Crossing Prison Ministries was *not* in my plans. I have loved Buck and Janet Griffith, their family, and the Kings Crossing church family for years as we crossed paths in various ministry moments (Sounds of Glory concerts, youth events, Golden Agers camps, Camp Bandina, and more). The gifts, skills, experiences, and trials God gives, He gives with marvelous purpose. And that is God at work. Our God knows what He is doing while He is preparing us for our next task. God is the Master of Preparation!

Seriously, no horn tooting since God's hand has been in our life decisions (whether we were aware of it or not), years in ministry, education, administration, working with non-profits, and incarcerated populations – and even a little old open heart surgery – have “pickled” us to where maybe we are at that “tasty” point!

So as Karlene and I join you in this great work, just know God has been preparing all of us for what's next. **And if He is in it, we are in good company!** I'm looking forward to what He plans to accomplish through our partnership together.

- Dale Underwood



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AUGUST: "LEGACY MONTH"

Almost 100% of you are aware of our **Rachel N. Kolb Endowment Fund** that started on December 2, 1993, to ensure the permanence and long-term stability of *Kings Crossing Prison Ministries*. We recently have learned that there are certain "rules and regulations" that apply to an "Endowment Fund" including appropriate legal documents filed. Thus, you will see us referring to the **Rachel N. Kolb Legacy Fund for Prison Ministries**. The original purpose was to ensure the continuance of the prison ministry in dire circumstance ("what if the bottom falls out of regular donations?") in addition to being able to use the interest generated by the fund.



Another exciting development involves a generous donor contributing \$25,000 to establish the **Buck & Janet Griffith Legacy Fund for Prison Ministries** in honor of their 50 years of commitment to this mission and ensure that it continues. Such funds often start upon the passing of the person(s) named but in this case, the donor wanted to "give flowers" while Buck and Janet are still alive. The purpose of this fund is identical to that of the Rachel Kolb fund – to ensure the long-term stability of Kings Crossing Prison Ministries. It is likely to grow exponentially upon their deaths, but you are welcome to also contribute to it today.



Do not look at this as a "competition." The power of these funds to benefit the prison ministry can only be fully viewed when the totals are combined. When this began in December of 1993, we dreamed of it some day reaching \$50,000. Combined, the total will soon exceed \$1,000,000! Today, we dream of it reaching \$10,000,000. As it grows, the prison is less and less dependent on day-to-day donations or the ups and downs of the economy. These funds are strictly for the ministry itself and under the oversight of the elders at Kings Crossing Church of Christ.

When you want to make a gift to either fund, simply name it on the "memo" line of your check and mail it in (sending one in **August**, hopefully). Naturally, you can also give online through our website or transfer funds from your IRA as well as stocks directly into these accounts. Contact us if you need help or have questions.



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 Greg Fry
 M/M Frank Maxey
 M/M Buck Griffith
 M/M Frank Maxey
 Mary Reed
 M/M Rick Wheeler
 Peggy Pirkle
 M/M Buck Griffith
 John Henry Pruitt

In Memory of:

Marjorie Vickers
 Cristina Capo
 Cristina Capo
 Dale Spitzer
 Lowell Norman
 Cliff Springer
 Jerry Biehl
 Jerry Biehl
 Jerry Biehl

Received from:

M/M Buck Griffith
 M/M Bob Wachtel
 M/M Frank Maxey
 M/M Buck Griffith

Received from:

M/M Pat Watson
 M/M Dale Underwood
 M/M Buck Griffith

In Memory of:

Dale Spitzer
 Dale Spitzer
 Sue Luft
 Wanda Williams

In Honor of:

Joshua Spinn
 M/M Gary Underwood
 M/M Mel Lawrence

Freddie Anderson will be speaking at Kings Crossing Church of Christ on Sunday, August 22, 9:15 a.m. His lesson will not be specifically on prison ministry but designed to inspire and fire us all up to do our best!