

“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”

LEGACY FUND REPORT

It began in 1993, when the shepherds at Kings Crossing Church of Christ (who oversee this work), made a very wise decision to start the Prison Ministry Endowment Fund. Rachel Kolb, a very generous friend, was the catalyst who jump started it. She went on to include it in her estate planning which has given others the motivation to do the same. This fund has become known as the **Rachel N. Kolb Legacy Fund for Prison Ministries**. To date, almost \$1,000,000 has been given to ensure the longevity of this ministry.



We give our friends an opportunity to build it up every August by making a “special” gift. These gifts help to ensure that if for some reason (like a worldwide pandemic) regular donations were short, this ministry would continue.

In 2021, another exciting development involving a generous donor established the **Buck & Janet Griffith Legacy Fund for Prison Ministries** through a \$25,000 gift. For 45 years Buck & Janet Griffith have invested their lives in the lives of others whether preaching at Windsor Park (later, Kings Crossing) church or working in prisons all around the Coastal Bend. At the Prison Ministry Appreciation Banquet held in February of this year an additional \$30,000 was given toward this legacy fund. Another \$5,000 was recently gifted.

Neither of these funds are in ‘competition’ with each other. Back in 1993, we dreamed of reaching \$50,000 someday. Today we dream of reaching \$10,000,000. As it grows, the prison ministry is less and less dependent on day-to-day ups and downs of the economy. These funds are for strictly for the ministry itself and under the oversight of the elders of the Kings Crossing Church of Christ. A year ago in July, 2022 we brought Dale and Karlene Underwood to join us in this work. In that time alone, our Bible correspondence courses have gone from 30,000 students to 45,000! We are teaching people in prisons in more than 40 states. From Cuero all the way to the Valley, teams are going into jails and prisons teaching God’s word and bringing souls to Jesus. *It is less important who plants the seed or who waters, rather that God is providing the increase.*



Please consider giving a legacy fund gift this month. Simply name which legacy fund on the “memo” line of your check and mail it in. You can also go 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. Thank you for making a “special” gift for this purpose in August!

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HARVEST TIME!



The month of July saw some harvest taking place from the “seeds” planted and crops “watered”. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 3:6, “*I planted the seed. Apollos watered, but God has been making it grow.*” Our teams have been going into different locations throughout the Coastal Bend and here in Corpus Christi. Some have planted seeds and others have watered. And, God is true to His word! There is increase.

Our men’s team of **Buck Griffith** and **Frank Maxey** and our women’s team composed of **Glenda Watson**, **Otha Barcus**, and **Cherl Hinton** teach weekly at the Nueces County Jail. This month two ladies are scheduled for baptism and one man related to one of these women.

In June, we sent a list of ladies who stated they wanted to be baptized to jail authorities. Over the next several weeks we resent this list two times. busy and forget or lose track of these requests. Couple this with the fact that county jail populations typically are in jail for shorter time periods than those in prisons. Six weeks passed and by the time we received approval, all eight of the ladies who requested to be baptized had been released.

Since we were not allowed to get contact information by the jail, we lost contact with all but one of these ladies. She called us after her release to follow up and be baptized. *The need for Re-Entry organization becomes extremely clear when we face situations like these!* It is for this reason we are collaborating with **NewLife Behavior Ministries** to write the ‘Re-Entry’ curriculum that will help us to remain in contact as people leave jails and prisons. We will be able to mentor these souls as they leave prisons and jails and encourage their spiritual growth beyond incarceration.



Nueces County Jail



Nueces County maintains a second campus, the McKinzie Annex. team of **Dr. Don Umphrey**, **Dr. Dale Underwood**, and **Jesus Villanueva** go teach weekly here. Five men were baptized mid-July at this location! Through a door opened in May by speaking with the administrators at CoreCivic (a TDCJ half-way house), we began sending a team of **Daniel**



CoreCivic Facility

Pena, Tony Robison, and Jesus Villanueva in early June to conduct church on Sundays. In mid-July I was privileged to join the team and preach to the group of around 40 men at CoreCivic, some of whom had requested to be baptized. We took one of our portable baptistries and 12 men were baptized into Christ! **Please continue to support these efforts through your giving!** *You can see why we continue to ask that you please pray for these workers as they go into the fields!*



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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M/M Bob Wachtel
Dr./M Dale Underwood
M/M Buck Griffith

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