

“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”

Reporting on 2023



It has been a year of growth!

In January, celebration began as the Valley saw veteran volunteers going back into prisons and new volunteers in Victoria opening new ministries in half-way houses and county jails. This expansion of ministry efforts continued as more Christians Against Substance Abuse (CASA) support groups got under way in Taft mid-way into the year and recently in Athens, TX. We began talking with churches in Houston in the fall. In November, several churches in San Antonio asked our help to look into getting involved in prison ministry work. This month the CoreCivic half-way house in Corpus Christi has asked us to begin hosting a CASA support group on their campus.

It has been a year of new faces!

Recardo Reyes and his father, **Richard**, moved to Corpus Christi. As our new bilingual minister, Recardo quickly found his legs and got to work. More than just working in bilingual areas, Recardo has a great talent for working with those coming out of prisons and those in recovery of substance abuse. You will typically find Recardo working or studying with somebody. He doesn't sit still very much! His father, Richard, is a great volunteer. We are excited both are with us.



It has been a year of new births!



Almost every week we experienced baptisms at the Nueces County jail locations. Over 300 have been baptized into Christ in Nueces County jails and the CoreCivic half-way house in Corpus Christi in the last eleven months. We continue to work with those from prisons across Texas and other states who request baptism through our Bible Correspondence courses. This year, another 25 portable baptistries were shipped to ministries around the world. We baptized 52 men at the Glossbrenner Unit in September and another opportunity at this unit is on the horizon in early 2024.

Our Annual Fund Drive ends December 31

We are motivated with a “Matching Fund” amount of \$35,000. Last year (2022) with your help we reached a total of \$134,236! Our goal, of course, is to more than reach the previous year's amount. October, November, and December are critical months for our planning to reach into prisons, jails, and lives in 2024.

In 2024, we are extending the reach of prison ministry work into prisons and county jails in Sinton, Beeville, Kenedy, Hondo, San Antonio, and Houston. There is no way we could accomplish all of that from Corpus Christi. Lord willing, in 2024, there will be a physical presence of teams going into prisons and county jails from the Valley, throughout the Coastal Bend, and into San Antonio and Houston. **Without YOUR help, it just would not happen.** So, we need your help. Also, do not overlook the “electronic” method of giving via our website: www.kingscrossingprisonministries.org

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Many donors must wait until December 31 for tax purposes. Much of the delay is related to “required distributions” of IRAs and other tax-related concerns. The more contributions received in October and November lessens the December stress. Year-end donations are a wonderful way to end the year and begin the new one with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. As you are aware, we added Recardo Reyes to our staff in the summer of 2023. By this point in time, many will have donated on November 14 to NewLife Behavior Ministry’s “Day of Giving.” While commendable, NLBM is a separate 501 (c) 3.

Thank you for your generosity!



National Prison Ministry Wkshp

...finally gets to Corpus Christi June 2024! The *Emerald Beach Hotel* is the only Corpus Christi hotel with its own beachfront and is aptly located on Shoreline Boulevard. Iconic for visitors who come to the sparkling city by the sea.

A large block of rooms (75) have been secured at workshop rates (\$140 plus tax)! Shuttle services will run from the airport to the hotel for those flying to Corpus Christi. Shuttle service will also run to and from the hotel to the Kings Crossing Church of Christ, which will be the location of the national workshop.

The hotel has a spacious meeting hall that will play host for the Thursday evening banquet and time of recognition that is part of the workshop, providing a convenient setting for all of those who travel and utilize the hotel’s amenities. Be sure to **ask for the “Kings Crossing Prison Ministry workshop rate”** when you contact the hotel for your room reservations. The hotel front desk # is 361-883-5731. Call early and get your rooms reserved!



50th National Prison Ministry Workshop

June 12-14, 2024
Corpus Christi, Texas

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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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