

“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”

## COMING IN AUGUST: ENDOWMENT FUND MONTH

Here is an early reminder that AUGUST is our designated month to make a special “push” to build up the Prison Ministry’s **Rachel N. Kolb Endowment Fund**. Plus, a generous donor has helped establish the **Buck and Janet Griffith Endowment Fund for Prison Ministries**. Both funds have ONE purpose – to insure the life and long-term stability of this work. So, whichever one you direct your gift to serves the same goal.

## UNDERWOOD’S ON THEIR WAY

Dale is expected to be here by July 15 and Karlene as soon as their home in Huntsville sells and there is one in which to live here! We are excited to see this time arrive.

**Thanks to Jerry Stephenson and team at Westside in Louisville, Kentucky for hosting the 47<sup>th</sup> National Workshop, June 9-11!**



## 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 Doug Wilks  
M/M Don Umphrey  
M/M Buck Griffith

**In Memory of:**

Cliff Springer  
Taryn Brooks  
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## Glossbrenner Unit Classes Resume

NLBM classes and other meetings are resuming one by one as this Coronavirus pandemic recedes. *Praise the Lord!*

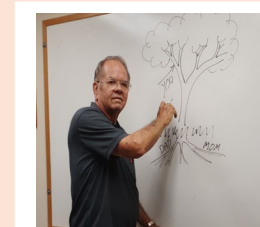


Another example is Charles Barber and Pat Watson are teaching Christians Against Substance Abuse (CASA) at the Glossbrenner Unit near San Diego.

The classes are being taught in the Faith-Based dorm on Wednesday afternoons..

## CASA GROUPS BACK

Rick Cantu is back facilitating Monday and Thursday night *Winners Circle* groups - Mondays and Thursdays. →



Pat Watson’s “Relapse Prevention” group at 7 on Friday evenings is back in action.

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# "MOVING ON"

Buck Griffith

Anyone engaged in ministering behind bars, the re-entry process, or addiction recovery has experienced mountaintops and valleys. Victories are brief. Valleys linger. We get stuck with the unanswerable **why** questions. We beat ourselves up with "What If" questions like, "What if I had said or done this instead of that?" It is hard not to blame myself, dig a hole, and hide. What does this do? It reduces productivity. It steals our joy. It robs someone else from potential success because we are stuck in this rut and temporarily unavailable.

An ex-football jock, I make frequent comparisons to lessons learned on the field. One Friday night, we were shocked to find ourselves leading at the end of the third quarter (27-7) in a game we were projected to lose. Rather than gamble on fourth down and turn the ball over near midfield, we punted. An opposing player caught the ball on his one-yard-line and scored on a 99-yard run back. We still had some cushion but in the blink of an eye, they scored twice more, and we lost – 28-27!

Every player took the loss personally. Each recalled mistakes made and things we should have done better. Immediately after the game, coach reminded us that "we win as a team and lose as a team." He warned: "Put tonight behind you or you will lose *next* Friday night, too!"

Jessi Colter's first solo hit song – "I'm not Lisa" – was released by Capitol Records in 1975. If you research it, there are at least a dozen meanings. The first understanding is that of a lost love. I suggest it may be applied to this ministry. Here is a sample of some lyrics that stand out in my mind . . .

I'm not Lisa. My name is Julie.  
Lisa left you.

She left you here drowning in tears  
Where you've stayed for years  
Crying, "Lisa, Lisa."

I'm not Lisa. My name is Julie.  
Lisa left you.  
I'm not Lisa.

The football teams I played on prepared me for this ministry. Our best season was 6-4. We usually, went 4-6. Working in this field, we go through more valleys than hilltops. We have a 12-0 season. This is the nature of the beast. Don't quit. Do better. Learn valuable lessons from every loss. We still have more mistakes to make, but they will be fewer and we learn to put them behind us faster. *Praise God!*



## Volunteers & Workers

[Left to Right]

Men:

Gary Thompson  
Joshua Spinn  
Buck Griffith  
Don Umphrey  
Pat Watson

Ladies:

Raquel Rivera  
Kathi Garcia  
Glenda Watson