

“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”

## BIG ENOUGH TO PINCH YOU?

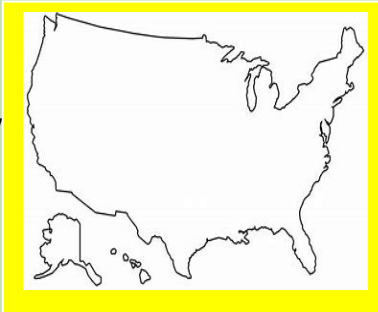
*Kings Crossing Prison Ministries* constantly asks for more and more support without apologizing. This is not uncommon with nonprofits. The American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association operate in similar fashion. No matter the amount raised last year, there is a need for more the following year.

There is always a few who complain but most understand and applaud diligent efforts to win against overwhelming odds. In *Mere Christianity*, C. S. Lewis writes . . .

“If our charities do not at all pinch and hamper us,  
I should say they are too small.”

Poorly supported, many good works spend too much valuable time trying to keep water scooped from a sinking ship instead of setting sail for the next port... and the next and the next.

*Kings Crossing Prison Ministries* has big plans. Some of them may surprise you. Suffice it to say that we are limited only by support received. The last 50 years has taught us what works.



Thank you for your faith in us as we continue to lead in this mission field. As we expand, more support will come from friends in states *outside* Texas. This is not a ministry limited to South Texas. Through our *Baptistries Around the World* program we have already gone into 37 states and 39 foreign countries accounting for over 15,000 baptisms annually. There is so much more to be done before Jesus comes! Thank you for helping us get it done!

## HELP: WINTER BLAST!



Our nation recently survived the worst sustained winter blast in 100 years. In Corpus Christi, our winters often fail to reach 32°. We are not used to sub-freezing temps for an entire week!

*Hurricanes* are more our style.

But we were privileged to see the same amazing compassion and ingenuity of neighbors meeting each other’s needs. Our city and many organizations in our community came together to help in this time of crisis.

One Christian family brought several children’s coats (price-tags attached). A lady made a generous gift to “Little Angels.” People *came out of the wood-work* to pitch in and help.

**Could we have done more?**

**Yes! Many were forced to work from home after first wrapping their own water pipes. All hands could not be on deck 24/7 but we came together and pulled through. To God be the glory!**



## 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 wonderful feeling to know you or a loved one is remembered.

**Received from:**

- Bobbie Harville
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- M/M Bob Wachtel
- M/M Frank Maxey
- M/M Buck Griffith

**In Memory of:**

- Betty Hammons
- John R. Jordan
- Robert Kirtley
- Robert Kirtley
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**Received from:**

- M/M Don Crofton
- M/M Bob Wachtel
- M/M Buck Griffith
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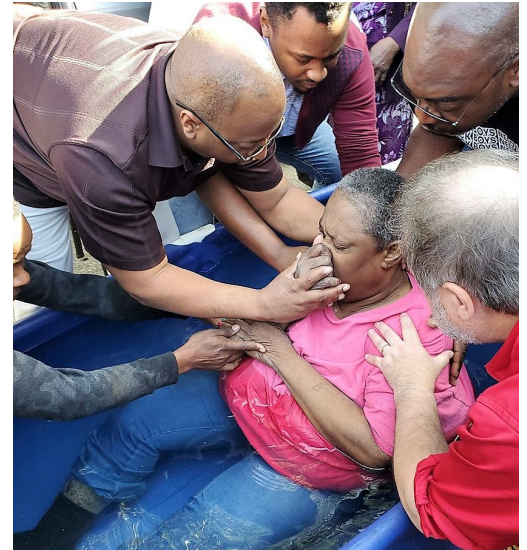
**In Memory of:**

- Bobby Dodd, Sr.
- Malcolm Groves
- Beverly Holden
- In Honor of:**
- John Henry Pruitt

## LOOKING FOR ONE GOOD VOLUNTEER

Would you like to play a strategic role in helping men and women obey the Lord in baptism? We are in search of a Christian man or woman willing to volunteer one day per week in our office to manage a growing workload of students who have requested our assistance in putting Christ on in baptism. Many are referrals from other ministries throughout the U.S. Being baptized behind bars is far more complicated than doing so in the free world. During this process, each person with a desire to be baptized is enrolled in our 7-lesson course – “Study of Baptism.” This series helps to ensure that the student fully knows what baptism is and what it means in the total transformation process.

This volunteer’s work will include the grading of lessons as they arrive, recording them, and mailing back out the next portion of study material. Many end up being immersed while still in the process of completing this course. There are follow-up calls and contacts to be made with our co-workers throughout the nation as search for help to assist in working through the associated red-tape issues in various penal systems. Currently, we are working with a list of 260 students in 22 different states . . . *and growing*.



Providing that some time and energy is left in the day, we need help in “getting the word out” about our **Baptistries Around the World** program. We try to maintain contact with 10,000+ churches of Christ at least on an *annual* basis. We constantly seek more workers in this ripe mission field as well as financial support to supply more baptistries (permanent and/or portable units). This is not a ministry that shrinks. It only expands.



The photo above is of a lady being baptized in one of our portable units. This photo was supplied by David & Jaime Green (New Orleans). In addition to the baptisms *inside the church building*, they report that 54 baptisms occurred over the last twelve months using the portable baptistry. The April edition will share more details of their work in New Orleans.

If interested in helping fulfill these needs one day per week, please contact the prison ministry office (855-3372).

### 47TH NATIONAL WORKSHOP

We commend Jerry Stephenson (Director) and the leaders at Midwest Church of Christ, 2115 Garland Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky for sponsoring the 47<sup>th</sup> National Jail-Prison Ministry Workshop in June 2021. Covid-19 cancelled the 2020 event. Jerry will reveal details soon (502-774-3986). In-person guests are welcome with safe distancing and facemasks. Some speakers will come with others supplying video presentations.

Friends are asked to send gifts in support of the workshop. Make checks to Midwest Church of Christ and mail them to the address above (zip: 40211). Thank you!



### National Directory Update

The cancellation of 2020’s National Workshop meant being given more time to update the National Directory of Churches of Christ and Individual Christians in Jail or Prison Ministries. This tool is used to follow up on special offenders’ needs more effectively, referrals of those transferred or released, and family members. Let us know of changes in contact information and all new ministries that are now up and running.

### **“Managing My Dollar”**

is the newest NewLife Behavior course produced and CDs are now available for the full-color version, the black-ink only version, and the study-by-mail version.

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## **GOOD NEWS FROM NEW ORLEANS**

This story is about David & Jaime Green, a remarkable husband/wife team, serving our Lord in New Orleans. It is impossible to do more than hit a few highlights in this single page. David discovered America in 1964, was active in Lads to Leaders (Louisa Street Church of Christ), and took top honors in preaching at the Superdome in 1977. The next year he was charged with armed robbery, murder, and sentenced to die. One of his "friends" had shot a clerk and David was caught trying to escape with a couple of cases of beer. Released in 1986, he began selling drugs and started a 22-year addiction to Crack the next year. Incarcerated off and on, he did eventually take a life in self defense but tied to the drug game.

David became the minister at Elysian Fields Church of Christ in 2012. Jaime was sent to New Orleans in May 2014 by the Elizabethton Church of Christ in Tennessee who ministered to her in jail. She It was drawn by her minor children that had relocated to the area. She began working full-time with **Keep It Real** the same month. David and Jaime married November 3, 2015.

