

“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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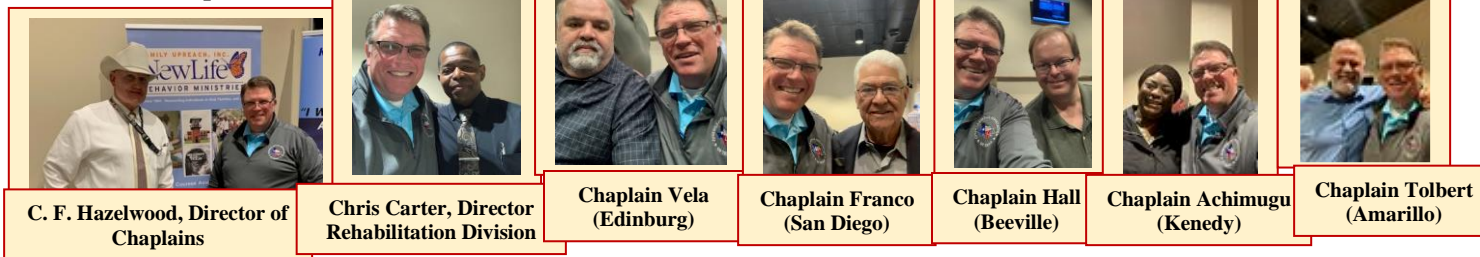
“Endeavoring to teach the Gospel to every person everywhere before Jesus returns”

## TIME WITH TDCJ CHAPLAINS...

The statewide chaplains’ conference for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice took place February 27-March 2 in Huntsville. We were privileged to be among only a few programs that are being recognized as having a statewide impact in prisons across Texas. The conference is an annual training event for chaplains representing all 100 of the state prisons in Texas, including those in and around the Coastal Bend.

Along with that recognition came the opportunity to present to all how this prison ministry God has blessed continues to be able to help chaplains accomplish their work of reaching those in prisons with the good news of Jesus Christ. We continue teaching over 40,000 inmates to walk with Christ and move away from destructive behaviors to Christ-centered lives through in person teaching and correspondence.

We saw some familiar faces and made some new acquaintances with new Chaplains and some we had not yet met. Do you remember Paul when he reported in Acts 16:9 that he had a vision one night urging him to “*Come over to Macedonia and help us*”? We actually had several moments when chaplains came to us and urged us to include them in our work. **Some even pulled out their calendars to set dates to make sure when we would come to their prison unit to train them in the NewLife Behavior curriculum or preach.**



C. F. Hazelwood, Director of Chaplains

Chris Carter, Director Rehabilitation Division

Chaplain Vela (Edinburg)

Chaplain Franco (San Diego)

Chaplain Hall (Beeville)

Chaplain Achimugu (Kenedy)

Chaplain Tolbert (Amarillo)

And, several asked for baptistries at their prisons. What an opportunity! There are men and women waiting to surrender their lives and become “new creations” in Christ! Dale called Buck to tell him during the week to which Buck replied, “*We need to let the Church know. We are going to need some donations to help provide these baptistries.*” So, here it is. **We have a wonderful moment placed before us- a door opened by the Lord- to put more baptisteries in prisons in Texas so more of the lost may come to know Christ, die to self, and be raised a new creation.** We have four requests for permanent baptisteries and two requests for portable baptisteries. We also just learned that a request for a portable baptistry has come in for a missionary work and church in Nigeria. **A large wooden permanent baptistry costs approximately \$1,400. The portable baptisteries are just under half that cost (about \$650). Please prayerfully consider helping to put these baptisteries into circulation,** knowing *many souls over many years will come to Christ through your gift!*

# TDCJ CHAPLAINS & CASA/NEWLIFE GROUPS

Not only are there chaplains for all of the 100 prison units in Texas, but there are parole chaplains in each of the six TDCJ regions of Texas. These chaplains were excited to find out about our CASA or NewLife groups, with newly released parolees and are interested in engaging our support groups.



In the last year, we have been training churches around the state (Raymondville, Corsicana, Lake Dallas, etc.) to host their own NewLife Groups. Since the 1980's in the Corpus Christi area we have called these Christians Against Substance Abuse or CASA groups. Elsewhere we have begun to call these NewLife Groups. We are doing this because we want people to know these groups do more than just support those who have or have had substance addictions.

## NATIONAL PRISON MINISTRY WORKSHOP, 2023

### LOCAL EFFORTS IN NUECES COUNTY CONTINUE ...

Eight men were baptized into Christ at the Nueces County Annex on Tuesday February 21st. On Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at the CoreCivic TDCJ half-way house, five men were baptized into Christ. Twenty-eight women are scheduled to be baptized at the Nueces County Jail downtown location on Tuesday (March 7<sup>th</sup>). We continue to be blessed with men (**Buck Griffith, Frank Maxey, Dr. Don Umphrey, Jesus Villanueva and Dr. Dale Underwood**) and women (**Otha Barcus, Cherl Hinton, and Glenda Watson**) going into these facilities in the Corpus Christi area. *Over 600 men and women have been brought to Christ since May, 2022 to present! Please pray for these efforts to continue to bring forth fruit!*



### 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 Frank Maxey	Texana Burton	M/M Buck Griffith	Don Crofton	M/M Bob Wachtel	Cynthia Tom
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Dr/M Jim Wilson	Larry Kilgore	M/M Pat Watson	Karen Springer	Dr/M Dale Underwood	James Illgen
M/M Buck Griffith	Cynthia Tom	M/M Bob Wachtel	Texana Burton	M/M Buck Griffith	Texana Burton
Dr/M Dale Underwood	Don Crofton	M/M Bob Wachtel	Don Crofton	M/M Frank Maxey	Don Crofton