

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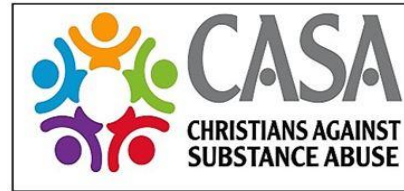
“Endeavoring to teach the Gospel to every person everywhere before Jesus returns”

## CASA RETREAT (OCTOBER 21-23, 2022)

**There is still time to register.** Registration can be found on the KCM website or call our office at 361-855-3372. You may bring your family. Staff will be present for kids during sessions. This promises to be a wonderful weekend.

### Friday (October 21)

- 5:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Devotional (Step 1: *Powerless*)
- 9:00 p.m. Starlight Hayride



### Saturday (October 22)

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Session 1: *Approaching CASA Groups from different perspectives*  
(Dave & Marianna Olson)
- 10:15 a.m. Session 2: *Melding CASA, AA 12 Steps, and the Word*  
(Dr. Dale Underwood)
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Session 3: *Joe Almanza: Acclimating non-churched believers into the body through CASA*
- 2:15 p.m. Session 4: *“12 Steps to a Closer Walk with God”*  
(Dr. Don Umphrey & Buck Griffith)
- 3:30 P.M. Activity time: Nature Walk, Softball, or explore the back of Eyelids/time for personal clean up
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. *Meanest Man in Texas* (movie: The life of Clyde Thompson)  
Dr. Don Umphrey; Introduction and follow up discussion
- 9:00 p.m. Closing Devotional (Step 13: *His Influence on My Influence*, April Askew)

### Sunday (October 23)

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Pack up and Clean up
- 11:00 a.m. Depart camp

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# RE-ENTRY: LITTLE THINGS THAT CAN BE BIG OBSTACLES

When released from prison or county jail, 'ex'-offenders often come to our office in need of food, clothing, and find themselves unable to get a job regardless of whether they have skills due to not having a state issued picture I.D., a driver license, or a copy of their birth certificate. You might be thinking, "What does that have to do with prison ministry?" It's a valid question.

Without these types of identification, ex-offenders cannot get jobs to buy food or open bank accounts, or lease an apartment. Not able to support themselves, and in many cases not having family on which to fall back, they will be tempted to recommit crimes just to have shelter, food, and clothing. **It is a vicious cycle.**



On the other hand, helping these individuals secure a state I.D. or birth certificate opens doors to employment and living quality which includes transportation. I am often reminded how much I take for granted with so many blessings God has given me: A/C, running water, a home, a bed, money in hand to buy food, and on... James 2:16 reminds me, "If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?"



I'm not trying to pack anyone's bags for a guilt trip. **We have learned to use these little things that are big obstacles to many ex-offenders as tools to show them the love of God and to walk with them as they re-enter society.** Rather than just introduce someone to Jesus, we are helping them to be steadfast and rely on Christ and not return to a lifestyle of self-destruction. In truth, it takes more of our time than it does money. Yet, it is time well spent when an ex-offender begins to attend CASA group meetings and church services to apply what they have been taught.

One of the hard realities for us is that the time and effort we spend doing this is sometimes more than just a few man hours. But, the ex-offender is seeing the love of God beyond words. They live in the hard reality of how life is without these little things that throw doors to opportunities such as jobs and living accommodations wide open to them. These are, to them, high fences. We are becoming adept at finding and opening the gates in the fences. We often talk about being the hands and feet of Jesus. Here is one of those examples of that acted out. **And, when the end result is a faithful follower to Jesus because of love shown to them- then, 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 marvelous feeling to know that you or a loved one is remembered.

### Received from:

Deborah Baugher  
M/M Buck Griffith  
M/M Jim Coleman  
Bobbie Harville  
M/M Jim Coleman  
M/M Frank Maxey  
M/M Buck Griffith  
M/M Cal Jennings  
M/M Frank Maxey  
M/M Abe Garcia  
M/M Charles Ogden

### In Memory of:

Angelita Ayson  
Virginia Roach  
Alpha Rapach  
Billy Porter  
Gary Underwood  
Alpha Rapach  
Alpha Rapach  
Gary Underwood  
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Gary Underwood  
Angelita Ayson

### Received from:

M/M Bob Wachtel  
Deborah Baugher  
M/M Frank Maxey  
M/M Buck Griffith  
M/M Abe Garcia  
M/M Jim Coleman  
M/M Buck Griffith  
Gloria Mason  
M/M Bob Wachtel  
M/M John Ell  
Dr/M Dale Underwood

### In Memory of:

Virginia Roach  
Gary Underwood  
Angelita Ayson  
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Estelle Johnston  
Estelle Johnston  
Bill Hamrick  
Angelita Ayson  
Gary Underwood  
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M/M Buck Griffith  
M/M Ed Moore  
M/M Bob Wachtel  
M/M Skip Edgar  
M/M Skip Edgar

### In Memory of:

Lenny Moore  
Virginia Roach  
Estelle Johnston  
Angelita Ayson  
Alpha Rapach  
Alpha Rapach  
Harold Schmidt  
Estelle Johnston  
Lenny Moore  
Marilyn Robinson  
Bobby Robinson

### Received from:

Bobbie Harville

### In Honor of:

Buck/Ianet Griffith