

“WALKING IN THE LIGHT”

Kings Crossing Prison Ministries

A NEWS REVIEW & EDUCATIONAL TOOL OF JAIL-PRISON MINISTRIES IN CHURCHES OF CHRIST

Buck Griffith, Editor

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

THE SEASON OF PREPARATION

If you live on any coast along the United States, the motto “Be Prepared” means having your plan ready to go when tropical storms blow in off the ocean. Across the middle of America, it requires different preparation when you think of strong storms that bring wind, rain, and hail. Remember the gas lines back in the ‘70’s?

Different circumstances call for differing types of preparation. Presently, it is COVID. Although each circumstance is different, there are similar responses to all of them. First, consider the threat level. Second, determine how critical your response needs to be. Third, do the physical prep required (i.e., stockpiling supplies, travel plans, vaccination, etc.). And last – act on it in timely fashion.

God is the Master of Preparation! He is always preparing us for good works. And unlike us, He always knows what lies ahead. Paul reminded Timothy to “Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season... (2 Timothy 4:2).” In terms of the great work that is in prison ministry, our storm is getting access to those in prison and to others impacted by their situation. It is critical to have the funds that allow for continued letters, teaching, and curriculum publication that takes the life-changing knowledge of Jesus currently to more than 30,000 incarcerated men, women, and their families. As the COVID season begins to subside, we are planning to physically return to the “*least of these*”.



You are a huge part of our preparation! How do we begin to measure the impact of your partnership? I like what Bill Hybels says in his book, Too Busy Not to Pray: Slowing Down to Be with God, “How do you pray a prayer so filled with faith that it can move a mountain? By shifting the focus from the size of your mountain to the sufficiency of the mountain mover, and by stepping forward in obedience.” Our God has mountains in motion because of you! Keep praying. Keep giving. We will keep going into prisons. And we will keep reporting what God is doing through all of us.

And finally – it is time to act. Talking is great, but until we go, lives are not impacted for Christ. It is only a beautiful plan. As prisons are opening back up from the COVID shut down, we are going in. And the Bible correspondence work through letters and curriculum has continued unaffected throughout the COVID shutdowns. The Kings Crossing Prison Ministries staff and volunteers are thankful for you! Your partnership – through prayers and donations – are keeping this work alive, well, and in action.

- Dale Underwood

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"LEGACY" FUNDS UPDATE



Thank you for generously responding to our **Rachel N. Kolb** and **Buck & Janet Griffith Legacy Funds** to ensure the permanency and long-term future of this fruitful ministry. Since this newsletter is published September 1 while more contributions are being received, a "final" report is not available now. When we first put this plan into action (December of 1993), we dreamed that it might some day reach \$50,000.

Combined, the total will soon exceed \$1,000,000! Today, our dream is to see it reach \$10,000,000. As it grows, the ministry is able to be less dependent on day-to-day donations or the ups and downs of the economy. These funds are strictly for the ministry under the oversight of the elders at Kings Crossing Church of Christ.

When you want to make a gift to either fund, simply spell it out on the "memo" line of your check (please send one in **August** each year). Naturally, you can donate at *any* time. Also, you may give electronically through our web-site at your convenience. Funds can be transferred from your IRA or, if you prefer, stocks may go directly into these Legacy accounts. Contact us if you need help or have questions.



48th Annual/National Jail & Prison Ministry Workshop – June 8-10, 2022

Mark your calendar now so you can participate in next year's workshop hosted by Edgemere Church of Christ, 4728 Neta Lane, Wichita Falls, Texas 76302! Stephen Paul Wolf directs *Christ Prison Ministry* and will coordinate the event. Contact Stephen at (940) 766-0107 or email him at Stephen@Edgemere.org.



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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In Memory of:

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Jap & Ruby Murphey
Dr. Lowell Norman
Dr. Lowell Norman
Tom Blackstone, Jr.
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