

“WALKING IN THE LIGHT”

Kings Crossing Prison Ministries

A NEWS REVIEW & EDUCATIONAL TOOL OF JAIL-PRISON MINISTRIES IN CHURCHES OF CHRIST
Dr. Dale Underwood, Editor

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

WELCOME RECARDO REYES!

Recardo Reyes will join the Kings Crossing Prison Ministry team in May! For several years we were blessed to have **Gary Thompson** work with Spanish speaking populations through our mail correspondence. Gary taught himself Spanish (incredible!) so he could respond to those in Bible studies by mail. Gary retired in 2021. Since then, we asked **Raquel Rivera** and **Merced Aquilar** (a part of our KCPM team) to keep this important work going. We are very thankful for the talents and dedication of these ladies! Both ladies are bilingual, and in addition to other duties, they took on this growing work. Between Gary Thompson’s retirement in 2021 and now, this ministry has grown from 1,000 Bible studies by mail in Spanish to around 9,000.

When Gary announced his retirement in 2021, we began looking for someone to take his place. Because of the talents of Raquel and Merced we were able to search with less pressure and found Recardo Reyes. He comes highly recommended from our partners in ministry from around Texas. Recardo leaves the San Angelo area where he has been preaching since his return from the mission field (Mexico) several years ago. Some of his four grown children are also in ministry. His father, Richard who lives with him, is pictured with Recardo. They will move to Corpus Christi in May. Recardo will be at the Kings Crossing Church of Christ on Sunday, April 16th to meet with the local church family that oversees this work.



Richard and Recardo Reyes
(father and Son)

I hope that sometime you will get the opportunity to hear Recardo tell his story in his own words. Many years ago, Recardo was incarcerated. He came to believe in Christ, was baptized, and through the loving influences of others began a journey that took him through the Sunset School of Preaching which prepared him in his desire to serve as a minister. Recardo then went into the mission field. While in Mexico, his children were born and raised. Recardo came back to the states and continues to serve the Lord. We are excited to have Recardo join us in the great mission field of prison ministry.

There has always been a need in prison ministry for those who possess the skill of speaking languages other than English. We know that the gospel of Jesus Christ is for all nations. In Texas- particularly the Coastal Bend and the Valley- Spanish speaking populations continue to increase. This is true of prison populations across Texas, as well. The Lord’s kingdom needs servants like Recardo Reyes, Raquel Rivera, Merced Aquilar and others who are gifted to reach the lost in their own language. We are very thankful for them!

I WAS WRONG!

That is never fun to say. But, we will always strive to be honest and transparent. I reported in the last newsletter that we had over 600 baptized from the county jails and TDCJ half-way house in Corpus Christi since May, 2022. I was wrong. We have had over 600 requests to study along with baptism requests since May of last year. We checked and actually had just over 300 baptisms from these facilities during this time frame.

Kings Crossing Prison Ministries is overseen by the shepherds, Kings Crossing Church of Christ, 5901 Yorktown Boulevard, Corpus Christi, Texas 78414 (Ron Cardwell, Kyde Eddleman, Robert Illgen, Stephen Johnston, Jack North, Richard Scanio)

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'ReviveUsAgain' Workshop (Waxahachie, TX)



We recently attended the 'ReviveUsAgain' workshop put on by HomeMissions in Waxahachie. HomeMissions is a group dedicated to helping churches to develop evangelistic efforts in their own communities. Our very own, [April Askew](#), works with HomeMissions and helped plan the event.

NewLife Groups (for Corpus Christi people- CASA groups) are springing up around the country because they are meeting needs of those struggling with life issues and addictions of all types. We conducted training classes on starting up these support groups. We also made connections with new and old friends. We hope to have a team going into a Tennessee Colony (Beto) prison unit soon.



(left to right)
Dave & Marrianna Olson, Karlene & Dale Underwood, April Askew, Jim Lucas

We are now accepting sign-up's for those who want to travel to New Orleans with us to the National Prison Ministry Workshop in June. Summer may sound far off, but the workshop is really only 10 weeks away! In order for us to get hotel reservations, we will begin signing up people in the month of April.

The workshop is always a wonderful time to see what fellow servants in other parts of the country are doing in prison ministry and be charged up by great speakers. Some of our own from Kings Crossing Prison Ministry will be teaching classes: **Buck Griffith, Pat & Glenda Watson, Jesus Villanueva, Recardo Reyes, Dr. Don Umphrey and Dr. Dale Underwood**, to name a few. **Please start looking at June 7-9 on your calendar.** It will be a fun time together and a great opportunity for growth. **Registration forms will be in the May newsletter, or you can get one from our office.**

49th Annual Churches of Christ Jail & Prison Ministry Workshop

FORTIFIED

Come and be FORTIFIED in your ministry **June 7-9th, 2023** in New Orleans, LA. There will be relevant & encouraging sessions, national resources, knowledgeable experts, think tanks AND food, fun & fellowship!

Registration is \$90 to \$95. Space is limited so register early!

We are here to answer your questions:
David (913)605-2495 or
Jaime (985)379-8944





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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Dr/M Dale Underwood	Kenneth Cudd
M/M Gary Thompson	Delton McGuire
M/M Ed Moore	John Henry Pruitt
M/M Ridge Lindsey	Kenneth Sparks
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Linda Curry	James Curry
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