

“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”

## ‘BAPTISTRIES AROUND THE WORLD’ REPORT

### A New Milestone!

We sent our latest portable baptistry out last week to Cuba. This makes the sixth portable sent to Cuba so far. While that is exciting news, it is not the milestone. **460-** that is the new count of the total number of permanent or portable baptistries that have been sent into prisons around Texas and throughout the world since we began in 1991 working with American Rehabilitation Ministries, who build the permanent baptistries going into prisons. We construct portable baptistries right here in our prison ministry offices. This includes 134 in 41 countries! Reports estimate these are used at least 37 times a year (and, more). This means that at least 17,020 people are being baptized every year!



### A New Need!

While waiting for new supplies to arrive to construct new portable baptistries, our inventory has been totally depleted. Even now, a request for a portable baptistry is waiting from the Valley. Like everyone else, we are caught waiting for supplies to arrive. We will construct 25 new portables when supplies arrive in mid-February. Our volunteers are already making plans to spend a Saturday in February together making an assembly line to put the pieces of portable baptistries together. I cannot wait to get a picture of that!

Since our last order, the price of pvc pipe has gone up by 45% (a major material component) as well as canvas (another major component). In the past, portables have cost us \$400 plus shipping cost wherever sent. In some cases shipping can be around \$100 if going overseas. In effect, **this order of 25 baptistries will be almost double the cost we have paid in the past (about \$700 x 25). Please consider giving. But, know always- your prayers are most highly desired!**

## ‘Little Angels’ Gifts

In the January newsletter, we told you of the need to refill the play pen we keep in the front office with toys for little ones who come in with a parent who is often in desperate need of help. Several gave toys, dolls, and money to replenish the play pen. It is heartbreaking when you see children suffer who are impacted by adults in jail and prison. It is heartwarming when you can put a little joy in their eyes with something from the play pen. **Thank you** for making that happen!



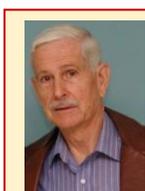
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# FOCUSING ON TEAMS GOING IN... PLEASE KEEP PRAYING



*Charles Barber* and *Mike DeShazo* are set to begin go in February to the TDCJ Glossbrenner Substance treatment facility in San Diego.



*Frank Maxey* and *Buck Griffith* are going weekly into the men's jails in the Nueces County Downtown jail.

*Cherl Hinton, Glenda Watson, and Otha Barcus* at the Nueces Downtown Jail where baptisms are taking place every other week.

*Jesus Villanueva* and *Toni Robison* are reaching the lost at the CoreCivic half-way house. *Dr. Don Umphrey, Dr. Dale Underwood* and *Jesus Villanueva* take the gospel to the Nueces County Jail Annex and Garza West TDCJ Beeville unit. *Mark Spaeth* and *Cole Mealer* are going into the Stevenson Cuero unit.



And, the Valley is opening thanks to *John Gannaway* and *Jonathan* and *Melissa Scaggs*. Please pray that our teams waiting to go into the Robstown facility will get access soon!

## RE-ENTRY



Meet *Emory* and *Shelley Teel* (pictured left). Emory recently completed time in prison and followed up in a TDCJ half-way house for three months as he transitioned out of TDCJ supervision. We first met Emory while he was still in the CoreCivic Corpus Christi Transitional Center where one of our teams goes on Sundays to conduct church services. Emory knew scripture and showed a heart that desires to follow God. We talked after the service about salvation. Emory shared that his wife (Shelley) was moving to Corpus Christi for them to start over as a family. Emory and Shelley began attending at Kings Crossing church on a furlough for the day even before his release. Emory was baptized in early January. He and Shelley have both found work. Emory has expressed a desire to work in prison ministry.



## 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:**  
M/M Frank Maxey  
M/M Bob Wachtel  
M/M Buck Griffith

**In Memory of:**  
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M/M Dave Olson  
Kenneth Rich  
Dr./M Dale Underwood

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