

“WALKING IN THE LIGHT”

Kings Crossing Prison Ministries

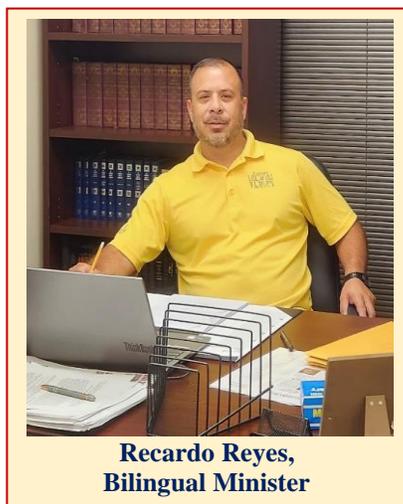
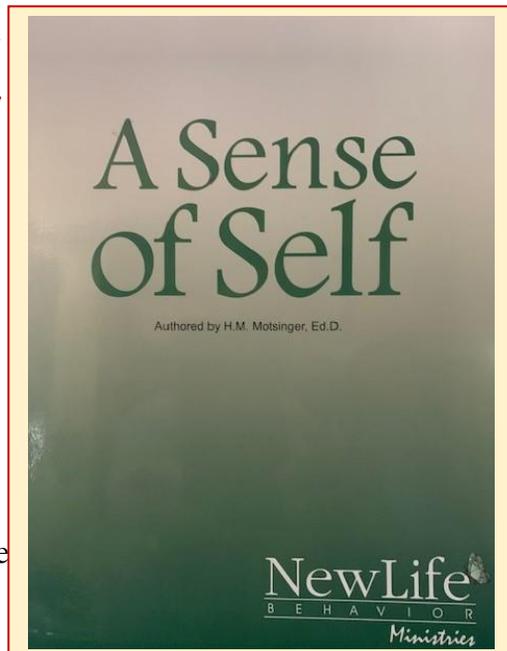
A NEWS REVIEW & EDUCATIONAL TOOL OF JAIL-PRISON MINISTRIES IN CHURCHES OF CHRIST
Dr. Dale Underwood, Editor

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

“A Sense of Self” Video Project Soon to be Released!

Normally, we try not to “steal any thunder” from the **NewLife Behavior Ministries** monthly newsletter that gets released about the same time as the KCPM “*Walking in the Light*” newsletter. **BUT, this is big!** NLBM started this project a year ago and it will be completed this month. In a collaborative effort with Harding University’s College of Art and Humanities, NLBM has put the “A Sense of Self” 13-week curriculum into one-hour videos in English and Spanish. These videos will become available to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the Nueces County Jail very soon. Both entities have requested this new video product to be available to their internal systems which can be utilized by prisoners on tablets issued to them by these agencies.

Like many other prison ministries, Kings Crossing Prison Ministries utilize NLBM curricula in our efforts in Texas prisons. What this means is that more inmates in the 99 prison units in Texas will have access to this particular NLBM study. In turn, we anticipate that over time more Bible correspondence coursework through mail will result as potentially thousands in Texas prisons participate.



**Ricardo Reyes,
Bilingual Minister**

One of the ways KCPM is impacting the Coastal Bend area is by teaching churches and individuals how to lead NewLife Groups in their communities and congregations. These groups help people struggling with destructive behaviors. Two weeks after arriving I preached at a congregation in Taft, Texas.

The congregation was started by a man who learned the gospel while being incarcerated. After being released he started preaching on the streets and baptized 116 people!

An exciting partnership is developing between KCPM and the Highway congregation in Taft. They have members who are interested in doing prison ministry, and they could benefit by starting a NewLife C.A.S.A. group (*Christians*

Against Substance Abuse). On July 12th, Dr. Dale Underwood and I will be speaking to the leaders about launching a CASA group in Taft, Texas. Several of the members of this congregation have mentioned interest in getting involved as volunteers. ***Praise God! Please be praying about God sending workers to the harvest.***



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Re-Entry Efforts Continue, here in Corpus Christi...



Recardo Reyes with Tamija Furr

“They don’t look like me.” “They don’t talk like me.” “They got it all together- not like me.” These are often the thoughts expressed by those brought to Christ – evangelized through study in jails and prisons. We regularly encourage men and women to come see us when released. Some become part of the several support groups we host in various locations and nights of the week throughout the Corpus Christi area. We want them come to church. Too often, these individuals will come for one or maybe two meetings and not return.

From our perspective (those well established in the church) we smiled, we greeted, we were welcoming- and, we do not understand why they didn’t come back. It isn’t that we lack being friendly. It is that they, and we, lack **connection**. We are working on that. In our case, we have been blessed with more than a few new converts to Christ, like the young man in the picture (left with brother **Recardo Reyes**). **Tamija Furr** was baptized while in the Nueces County Jail, and when recently released, we re-established contact with him.

In July, we began a newcomer’s class focused on making connections for new Christians with the local body of believers at the Kings Crossing Church of Christ. This Sunday morning adult Bible class is a discussion group that is intentional about having established members of the church attending class with those baptized in recent months, sharing and developing relationships. The idea is to create connection with more of the body than just those who these men and women know through the prison ministry. We are studying the “one another” passages, exploring our gifts, and plugging in these new brothers and sisters in Christ into life groups and ministry areas of their choice.

...and, in Dallas!

Many of you know **Gene & Sharon McCain** (pictured right). They lived in Corpus Christi for 12 years and worshipped at Kings Crossing. Gene was an active prison ministry volunteer at the Glossbrenner unit in San Diego, TX. They have since moved to the Lake Dallas area where they have started a CASA group at the Lake Dallas church. In addition, God opened the door for Gene (along with another brother, **Raul Rendon**) to begin working directly with parolees in Dallas County through our connection with the Dallas County Parole chaplain. Gene is currently teaching an “Overcomers” class and continues to work with re-entry community case managers in Dallas. *We praise God for Gene, Sharon, and Raul. Please pray for their work!*



Gene & Sharon McCain

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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