

“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”



Recardo Reyes, Bilingual Minister

The first two weeks of May were very emotional as my dad and I said our goodbyes and prepared for our big move to Corpus-Christi to work with the Kings Crossing Prison Ministry (KCPM). By the grace of our God, we have arrived safely. It only took a few days to get involved and see how much work is already going on within KCPM, and to see the many opportunities for the future.

I feel fortunate to be a part of a ministry that is reaching people all over the United States in both English and Spanish. One of my first projects will be to help develop a project called “**The Gideon Project**” where we will mentor and train ex-offenders to be strong disciples who will potentially go back into the prison system to preach the gospel. My role as the bilingual minister is an exciting one because of the fast-growing Spanish speaking population. Working with this ministry reminds me of the scripture that says, “*The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few,*” (Matthew 9:37).

KCPM’S CONTRIBUTION TO NPMW CLASSES!

About two dozen will be part of our group representing Kings Crossing Church of Christ as well as friends working with the Kings Crossing Prison Ministry at the workshop in New Orleans. Some of our group will be teaching.

Glenda Watson and **Raquel Rivera’s** class will focus on ministry to women.

Pat Watson’s class will focus on NewLife groups and demonstrate some of the engaging tools that make these such uplifting support groups.

Recardo Reyes will speak to Spanish efforts and the exciting new Gideon Project.

Dr. Don Umphrey will teach on breaking the hold of addiction.

Buck Griffith will share 52 years of lessons learned in prison ministry.

Jesus Villanueva will be share his life change God has brought about through his testimony.

Dr. Dale Underwood will kick things off Wednesday night as the conference begins as the keynote speaker as well as teach classes on NLBM certification.

Many other teachers will bring great lessons and encouragement!

49th Annual Churches of Christ Jail & Prison Ministry Workshop

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We are here to answer your questions:
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They went in “two-by-two”!



Benjamin Rodriguez
San Antonio area Volunteer

God continues to send workers into the field. **Benjamin Rodriguez** (pictured left) is a brother in Christ who will be joining the effort to reach the lost in prisons. Brother Ben is in the San Antonio area and will be working with other volunteers to reach prisoners with the gospel in the Dominguez prison unit in San Antonio as well as the Torres and Joe Ney prison units in Hondo. Ben is quick to tell you that many years ago he was in prison and because of exposure to volunteers willing to go into prisons and the NewLife Behavior curriculum, he is a baptized believer who is ready to teach others about Jesus.

Have you considered the wisdom of Jesus when he sent his disciples out in two's? According to Mark 6:7, Jesus sent his disciples out “two by two”. In effect, this cut in half the number of towns in which the ministry of the kingdom could be happening simultaneously. In addition, Jewish law required there be at least two witnesses to resolve a matter. And, there is power in shared ministry, the added impact when two or more people working together toward a shared goal is encouraging.

John Henry Pruitt, (pictured right) a beloved figure at the Kings Crossing Church of Christ and in this prison ministry work, continues to impact lives for Christ even after his death. We recently received this email from one of our partners in ministry, **Timothy Hall**, in Johnson City, Tennessee.

*“Last night in class # 13 of our "Christians Against Substance Abuse" class at Northeast Correctional Complex, **Mario Carroll** (pictured below with minister, Tim Hall) presented for his table. He had all the men at his table stand with him (except for the one who is wheelchair bound). Toward the end of his presentation he said, "Rest in peace, John Henry Pruitt. We're thankful for his work in the prisons, and especially for training Marshall Danby to do prison work, and for his work in training Tim White and Tim Hall."*

You see, the prison ministry team in Johnson City gives out the tract written by John Henry that he wrote a few years ago entitle “What Keeps Me Free” at the start of their studies. Hall continued to say, “**He (Mario Carroll) has come a mighty long way in his new life and was baptized in June of 2022.**” John Henry Pruitt’s story continues to be an example of how God can impact others through you.



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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M/M Frank Maxey
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In Memory of:
Dr. Victor Frazier
James Illgen
Earline Cudd

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M/M Buck Griffith
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M/M Martell Speigner

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