

FAMILY UPREACH, INC.

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BEHAVIOR MINISTRIES

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Since 1984: Reconciling persons to God, families and society

## HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT VETNET!

We need your help in “getting the word out” about this effective outreach. This is one of our most exciting and rewarding efforts. **VetNet** is not intended to be an outreach to those in jails and prisons. It recognizes that many in the military can benefit from our curriculum and offers it “free” to all – active, reserve, or veterans as well as all members of the family. Young people often enlist as part of a search to *find themselves* and the discovery process continues for the rest of their lives. Our “Sense of Self” course is helpful to anyone and everyone.



Unfortunately, too many military *marriages* and *families* suffer along the way. Three NLB courses can bring light to cloudy issues . . . *A Sense of Family*, “Christian Marriage Skills,” and *Parenting Matters* (including a *Children’s Edition*) suited for those between the ages of five to twelve. Self-study or the *study-by-mail* method provides an opportunity for confidential research at the pace of each learner. Each of the thirteen-lesson series can result in a *Certificate of Achievement*.

It is not uncommon for one to enter the military with unsettled personal issues, including addictions (chemical and/or sexual) and these can worsen with time. “Christians Against Substance Abuse” and *Christians Against Sexual Addiction* both utilize the Twelve Steps to recovery from a spiritual and Bible-based perspective. We also maintain a list of support groups in congregations throughout the nation. Our “Attitudes & Behaviors” course shows how we can change behaviors by changing the way we think (Proverbs 23:7).



One thing the military provides is discipline and structure. This may have been lacking prior to enlistment. It can also present challenges upon departure, especially for those seeing combat. Post-traumatic stress can be a real nightmare. A growing number find relief turning to these NLB courses: “True Freedom,” *Managing My Anger*, and “Managing My Dollar.”

The greatest program or course of study will not help anyone unless pursued and lessons implemented. We have spent thousands on advertising, but the most powerful means is person-to-person or word-of-mouth. It is sometimes described as “one beggar telling another beggar where he found bread.” The best favor you may do for one in the military is to introduce them to **VetNet**. To make this easier, we are enclosing a brochure to be given away or left in a public place. We will gladly supply more upon request.

## IN LOVING MEMORY • IN HONOR OF

Family Upreach, Inc. expresses gratitude to those that choose to remember loved ones and honor those they respect by donating to this good work. In this way, others—even strangers—receive God’s message of hope and redemption.

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## VOLUNTEERS FROM ADULT PROBATION



We have now been approved as a placement facility for Nueces County to receive men and women completing *community service hours*.

They help us keep our Bible lessons graded and flowing back out to students in a timely manner. Glenda Watson coordinates their work and fills out time sheets.

**There is always room for more volunteers in a multitude of ways!**

### National Workshop Videos Available

Beginning July 11<sup>th</sup>, on the YouTube channel for Midwest Church of Christ in Louisville, Kentucky, you can view the presentations. The last one can be seen August 29<sup>th</sup>.



- “Round Table Discussion”
- “Training/Assisting Inmates to Access Services to Address Addiction”
- “Training Females” to do the same
- “Building a Community of Support in the Prison”
- “Reaching Youth Before Incarceration”
- “Help Families Connect Community Resources”
- “Networking to Resolve Mental Health Issues”
- “Training to Use NLBM Curriculum”



## “MEANEST MAN IN TEXAS” COMMEMORATIVE EDITION FOR WEEKEND SEMINARS

We will soon be ready to begin scheduling weekend showings and seminars in association with the movie, *The Meanest Man in Texas*. In last month’s newsletter we outlined what a typical weekend would look like. We are preparing to move forward.

Our time is now focused on producing all of the necessary materials to accommodate the venues. We want to give participants a commemorative “movie” edition of the original *Meanest Man in Texas* book that includes the old photos but also, scenes from the making of the movie itself. This requires technical and design work as well as the physical work of producing the end product.

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### 48<sup>th</sup> National Jail/Prison Ministry Workshop

All eyes are now on Wichita Falls, Texas as we focus on next June’s gathering. Stephen Paul Wolf will coordinate the event sponsored by Edgemere Church of Christ. Stay tuned.....

As a result of your generosity, our **Endowment Fund** jumped by \$8,000 and the total now stands near \$30,000!



**Online study availability coming soon!**