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"DAY OF GIVING" NOVEMBER 8

A massive effort is called for on Tuesday, November 8, to reach our goal of collecting \$100,000 online. It has been our target for 8 years. Last year's \$91,964.23 was the best to date. We are looking for all previous donors to *do it again* plus, \$8,037 more! So, mark your calendar and don't forget.

We thank the Coastal Bend Community Foundation and its 24 funders for making this possible. The path to victory is not complicated. Once again, we are especially appreciative of those willing to **schedule** early gifts during the window of October. 31 and November 8, This involves you going to the Day of Giving site by clicking on the logo seen to the right and follow the prompts. Then, as soon as 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, November 8, your contribution will appear. The higher the total grows, the less nervous we will be about reaching the goal! This year's "Matching" sum is up to **\$24,000**. When the *first* \$24,000 comes in, it turns into **\$48,000**! Every penny above that amount helps us reach \$100,000. We will spend the rest of the time watching it grow until the clock strikes midnight.

We ask you to be sure your gift goes to **Family Upreach**, **Inc.** (dba: *NewLife Behavior Ministries*) because other non-profits have names beginning with either "Family" or "New Life." All 55 non-profits need help but we are not in a position to lose support intended for us.

Also, keep in mind that the "key" to success is not so much <u>large</u> gifts (though none are refused) as it is receiving a *large number* of gifts. Many are surprised to learn that the most common donation is \$20. It is via *social media* that the bulk of gifts come . . . one friend gives \$20 and tells *another* to do it, too. \$10 is the least amount accepted online. The multiplied effect of this generosity spells victory.

OKLAHOMA WORKSHOP

Dr. Henry Petree led a training event, September 23-24, at the Fort Gibson Church of Christ. It was well-attended and we trained 34 new NLB teachers. Local brethren has a satellite school of *Sunset International Bible Institute* in the prison that is producing excellent fruit. Contact Dr. Petree to learn how you can do the same.

"CHANGE" IS "IN THE AIR"

January 1, 2023 is the date! Dr. Dale Underwood has served as an extremely active NLBM board member for a year. He and his wife, Karlene, came from Huntsville (TX) 18 months ago after leading a residential, educational, and vocational non-profit for adjudicated youth for 10+ years. Dale has been a youth minister and sang in the *Sounds of Glory* quartet for 25 years. He is passionate about souls. He is writing a course on "Re-Entry." We expect him to be officially named "President" and "Registered Agent" of *NewLife Behavior Ministries* this next year on January 1.

In Loving Memory ~ In Honor Of

Family Upreach expresses gratitude to those remembering loved ones and honoring those cherished with gifts. These remembrances allow souls to be taught how to transform destructive behaviors into positive behaviors.

Received from:
M/M Buck Griffith
M/M Bob Wachtel
M/M Don Crofton

In loving memory of: Virginia Roach Virginia Roach Virginia Roach Received from:
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CASA RETREAT AT CAMP BANDINA

OCTOBER 21-23, 2022

Shortly after <u>Christians Against Substance Abuse</u> (CASA) began in 1988, annual CASA Weekend Retreats were held each October at Bandina Christian Youth Camp in the beautiful *hill country* of Texas. It was discontinued in 2009 but Dale Underwood, Director, is reviving it this year! Don't miss it!

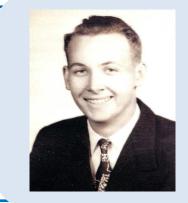


Those in attendance will hear testimonies of folks delivered from addictions by working the Twelve Steps coupled with the power of the Gospel lived out in new lives in Christ. Dr. Donald Umphrey will be a primary resource person. We will eat popcorn and sit back to enjoy the Hollywood production of "The Meanest Man in Texas" (based on the life of the late Clyde Thompson). A full schedule appears in this month's Kings Crossing Prison Ministries bulletin and the website.

Thanks to generous sponsors, the retreat fee is low (\$20) so all desiring to attend may do so. But due to essential food and housing preparations, it is important for you to register early.

Another Great Servant Goes to Glory

We recently learned that Brother Bill Hamrick passed away July 14, 2022 in Bedford, Texas. Bill was born near Verden, Oklahoma and started preaching there at the tender age of 17. He is survived by his wife, Lenora. Among a multitude of outstanding Christian efforts Bill was involved with includes directing the Turley Children's Home from 1980-1995. The prison ministry remembers his faithful work through Glenpool Church of Christ and as an instructor of our NLB curriculum.



SPANISH TRANSLATION PROGRESS

We are systematically completing 100% of NLB courses in



Spanish with the help of Luis Mayra Melendez. It has slowed due to doing scripts for our video project with Harding University.

We have courses 1-7 and the *Children's Edition*

translations by Walmart scholars at Harding in 2000. We have new translations of <u>C</u>hristians <u>Against Substance</u> <u>Abuse</u>, *FamilyNet*, Seeker Bible Study Series, and *Managing My Anger* ready now. "Managing My Dollar" is in progress now.

Today's top priority is to translate *Prisoners of Christ* and "Christians Against Sexual Addiction" before we re-do the updated versions of courses 1-7 and *Children's Edition*. Then, the **Re-Entry** course will be translated. Luis and Mayra with children, Ashley and Daniel, will be visiting us in Corpus Christi soon. It will be fantastic to see them again and get photos to share with you. They are doing a masterful job and we thank God for bringing them to us.

ONLINE GIVING

We see more and more donors who give online. This helps us immensely, saves postage and eliminates faulty memories. In early 2023 we will introduce a more flexible donation platform. It will allow gifts to be specified and more *user-friendly*. Thanks for being patient *and* generous.

MORE LICENSES

With Covid fading and prisons reopening, we are sending licenses out in increasing numbers. Volunteers are more than ready and perched to return and teach "live" classes. This is an exciting time!

FAMILY UPREACH, INC.