

Since 1984: Reconciling persons to God, families and society

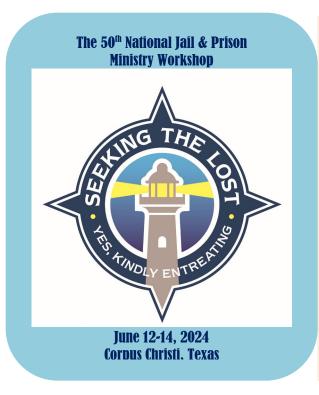
"DAY OF GIVING" REPORT Dr. Dale Underwood, NLBM President

On behalf of Family Upreach, Inc. (dba: NewLife Behavior Ministries) let me express our deep gratitude for your generous support on November 14th in our ninth year to participate in the "Day of Giving." This event was made possible by the Coastal Bend Community Foundation and over two dozen "funders" combining to offer \$22,500 in *matching funds* to over 60 area non-profits throughout the Coastal Bend region. On December 14, we will receive a check in the amount of \$88,070. This is vital to finishing 2023 in decent fiscal shape and able to launch 2024 with gusto.

Although we failed to break through that \$100,000 ceiling, we successfully met two other important goals.

- ▶ We made a *special effort* to reach the "match" during what is called "Early Giving." We fell a little short of that in 2022 but succeeded THIS year for the first time. Accomplishing this early is reassuring and a "confidence booster." Thank you for your cooperation.
- ▶ Another marker we strive for is to increase the number of individual donors each year. Some non-profits have *hundreds* of donors while we are still seeking to reach 100. Progress was made in that the number grew to an "all-time high" for NLBM of 91.

We are told that the "average" gift is \$20 (the minimum is \$10). Most can afford to make a \$20 donation. We are consoled by the fact that "our" per donor contribution was almost five times that amount. But you can easily see that with another 50~100 individual donors it would have easily pushed us above that elusive \$100,000 ceiling. NLBM resembles a lot of South Texas high school football teams as this season draws to a close failing to advance to the state playoffs. Our cheerleaders are shaking their pom-poms and shouting, "Just wait until NEXT year!"



IN LOVING MEMORY ~ IN HONOR OF

Family Upreach expresses gratitude for remembering loved ones and honoring those cherished with gifts. With these remembrances, souls will be taught to transform their lives and discard destructive behaviors through Jesus.

Received from: M/M Buck Griffith Dr/M Dale Underwood M/M Bob Wachtel M/M Buck Griffith M/M Bob Wachtel Dr/M Dale Underwood M/M Buck Griffith Dr./M Dale Underwood M/M Bob Wachtel

Received from: John & Janis Barnhill In loving memory of: Anna Belle Hensch Anna Belle Hensch Anna Belle Hensch Ann Parish Ann Parish Jere Stone Lemmer Ron N. Goodman Ron N. Goodman Ron N. Goodman

In Honor of: Laura White

NEW INMATE CORRESPONDENCE RULES

Ongoing adjustments appear to continue almost weekly with new correspondence rules associated with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Other states have their own unique requirements. At the county jail level, we are finding similar restrictions, but all are not using the same outsourcing third parties. Our best recommendation is to enquire at your local county jail. There are 239 county jails in Texas (250 counties with some consolidation with a nearby county jail due to sparse populations). Federal prisons (BOP) are independent from both state and county facilities. You have likely read of the *attorney* in Harris County arrested for spraying narcotics on legal paperwork delivered to clients. Authorities are dealing with very serious and complicated circumstances. If interested, feel free to contact us for more details. We are beginning to see some daylight at the end of the tunnel. Thank you for your commitment and not giving up on spiritually benefiting incarcerated men and women and their families.

Christians Against Sexual Addiction

The final revisions have been made on the English edition of our NLB course applying the Twelve Steps with Scripture to recover from **sexual** addiction. This process is as challenging as that of overcoming the most difficult of drug addictions. For one thing, the embarrassment, shame, and guilt is piled ten miles high.

When the **Spanish** translation is finished, we can say that 100% of the NLB courses are available in both English and Spanish. This is a massive accomplishment.

Of course, we will then turn attention to translating the first seven courses again.

When that work was done in 2000, the courses were much different. Some only consisted of 8 or 9 lessons.

This translating task will require significant time (3~5 years) and effort to get it prepared for its actual translation. The anticipated budget for this phase is conservatively estimated to be \$20,000. We believe it is well worth the cost. When completed, it will bless the entire Spanish-speaking world.

ROOMS AT EMERALD BEACH HOTEL

We have reserved at least 75 rooms at the Emerald Beach Hotel on Shoreline where guests stayed in prior national workshops. Be sure to read the **December** workshop brochure included with this newsletter for more details about the June 12-14 event.



Our First "Gideon Project" Candidate Has Landed

Spanish

Translation

Work

By the time you are reading this newsletter, Walker Hill will be here and getting settled into his new home in

Corpus Christi. We have leased a residence near the NLBM office. Walker comes as a highly recommended graduate of "Project Rescue" in Decatur, Alabama. His roots, however, are in Kentucky. With a great deal of effort, we aim to turn him into a Texan. Due to his physical size, you will spot Walker easily in church, CASA, Nueces County Jail, and the NLBM office at 3833 S. Staples. He is a welcome asset. He comes with a background in education and love of coaching. Walker will pursue completing some required curriculum and looks forward to influencing youth for Christ. He is blessed to arrive with his own transportation. Some of you have already donated furniture, appliances, dishes, pots/pans, food, and finances to fully supply his residence with necessities. **Recardo Reyes** is working closely with Walker and can inform you of any other needs. Thank you for your help in so many ways.

