

“WALKING IN THE LIGHT”

Kings Crossing Prison Ministries

A NEWS REVIEW & EDUCATIONAL TOOL OF JAIL-PRISON MINISTRIES IN CHURCHES OF CHRIST
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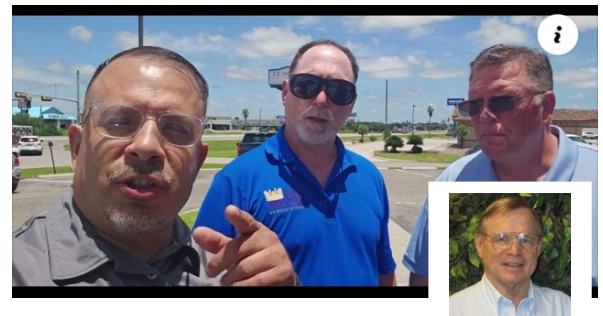
“Endeavoring to teach the Gospel to every person everywhere before Jesus returns”

The Return to Glossbrenner

There is a Church of Christ that is unknown to you. It is new- in fact, it formed last week and is about 75 members strong. Members study and pray together daily. Classes take place weekly. It is comprised entirely of men, although they are not exclusionary to women and children. Actually, they would gladly welcome families. It’s just that they meet in a place that is a distance away from families. It is called the **Glossbrenner Church of Christ** and it meets in the Glossbrenner prison unit just outside San Diego, Texas.



On the last Saturday in May, *Michael DeShazo*, *Recardo Reyes*, and *Dr. Dale Underwood*, once again were invited to come to the prison unit for what we now call “*Jesus on the Basketball Court*”. *Charles Barber*, who is part of the teaching team, was unable to come due to a minor emergency, but his influence helped create this moment.



Approximately 100 men met with us on the basketball court. After preaching and praise, seventy three men were buried through baptism and raised as new creatures and brothers in Christ! The baptistry in the picture is one of those donated to this prison unit by KCPM. It is seeing excellent usage!

The Glossbrenner prison is a six-month program. Several of these new brothers in Christ indicated their intention to come to the Corpus Christi area when released. Recardo Reyes does a great work in helping ex-offenders with re-entry efforts (i.e., shelter, employment, continuing with addiction recovery, connecting with a local congregation, etc.). Our goal is to continue to help grow these new disciples as they are released.

Jeff Gray, KCPM Summer Intern

... is here! Jeff is a second year student at **Sunset International Bible Institute**. He will be with us through July. He got here June 1st and has already gone into the **Nueces County Jail** with one of our teams. Our goal is to give Jeff a look into this fruitful mission field. If you get the chance, we hope you will meet Jeff and encourage him as he prepares for ministry.



The Powerful Ministry of CASA Groups



Since the 1980's, Christians Against Substance Abuse (CASA) groups have been a growing tool for congregations across the country. But, don't confuse CASA groups with a class. These groups utilize the **Bible** and the **Alcoholic Anonymous 12-Steps** to engage in meaningful conversations of change for people contending with various addictions. Groups can be used by local congregations to focus on grief, divorce, marriage issues and so many more tough life issues.



When I first got involved two years ago there was one CASA group meeting weekly at the **Kings Crossing Church of Christ (KCCofC)**. For more than two decades **Pat Watson** led a **Relapse Prevention** group on Fridays at the prison ministry office, and **Rick Cantu** led a TDCJ sponsored **Winner's Circle** recovery group on Thursdays at the **Arlington Heights Church of Christ**. Neither of these men are able to continue to lead groups, and COVID did a number on being able to meet for a season.

Presently, we are hosting three groups a week, one at KCCofC while others meet at two separate sober living homes. These groups are enjoying great attendance. Another group will begin the first week of June. At the request of a chaplain at the **Garza West prison** in Beeville, a CASA group will soon begin meeting once a week. **Micah Rogers** will lead this group while **Dr. Dale Underwood** will teach a separate group of prisoners on **NewLife Behavior** courses.



Through these CASA groups people are coming to Christ and staying sober. I am truly grateful that God has opened this door for us and for the people He chose to make it happen. If you are interested in starting a CASA group at your home congregation, please let us help. I am amazed at what God is doing with this ministry and the increase He has brought. **God is Good! Praise King Jesus!**

Thank You, Ladies Bible Class!

This wonderful group of women at KCCofC gather once a week to learn God's word, fellowship, provide meals, visit shut-in's and pray for people! They like to activate their faith when they see an opportunity by serving others.

The jail/prison ministry regularly benefits from the generosity of these ladies. Some of the people KCPM helps are not just in jail or prison. We meet the homeless on the streets, encounter moms with children and those recovering from addiction. Often the needs overwhelm our distribution supply capabilities (i.e.; food, clothing, and hygiene). Because of the generous hearts of the Ladies' Bible class, we are better equipped to provide the resources needed. These ladies gift us with food, sleeping bags, hygiene, socks, and other items that touch the lives of people in difficult situations. What a beautiful picture of members of the body of Christ working together. **Thank 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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