

FAMILY UPREACH, INC.

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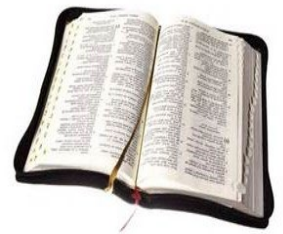
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Since 1984: *Reconciling persons to God, families and society*

## DEALING WITH THE RISING COST OF MINISTRY

Family Upreach has been extremely blessed since her beginning thirty-nine years ago but we now find ourselves forced to deal with the current financial realities of while continuing to do what we have been able to do for so long. Like all families following Covid-19, we are adjusting to the increased cost of *everything* from a first-class stamp to the price of a Bible. Paper cost has doubled (IF you can get it locally). Shipping is out of this world even if the destination is in Iowa. We are staring this because you need to know that Family Upreach will not be able to supply materials in the same manner as in the past.

We are counting the pennies required for each item. For instance, the same student workbook we used to ask \$6 for (plus shipping), now cost us *twice* that amount. The World Bible School Bibles we used to get for \$3.50, now cost \$7.95. We fussed when we shipped a \$3.50 Bible to a prisoner and the postage alone was \$4.50. At the new rate, the total has jumped to \$15. We are looking into ways to reduce our overhead. This is not a retail business so, we are not interested in “making” a profit. But “Business Economics 101” teaches that we are going under if we keep *giving the store away*. These things are happening at the same time that doors previously slammed shut by the pandemic are opening wide again. Satan fights so hard because his back is to the wall and victory for us is nearer now than before. We will not quit. With help from above, we are pushing on.



It would be wonderful if we could produce a *cost of ministry* document immediately, but we ask for your prayers and patience. This will be a “work in progress” for some time. We may have to discontinue some items. Dr. H. M. Motsinger has been frequently quoted describing Family Upreach as a “curriculum-based ministry.” Simply put, this means we research, develop, write, publish, and distribute spiritual and educational material to facilitate positive behavioral changes that “reconcile individuals to God, families, and society.” Recently, we have launched into new mediums (videos and online accessibilities), recruiting and training of instructors, and re-entry.

While struggling to remain afloat, let us also recognize the sickness of our world and continue efforts to reach, redeem and restore the fallen. We seek more donors and resources. It is odd how much smaller a mountain seems in a time of abundance compared with its overwhelming height when funds are tight. Heavenly vision is required. We want to be prudent but not foolish or faithless. We realize that what we are experiencing is also being encountered by sister ministries. Please pray for us and for every good work. God is still good – all the time.

### 50<sup>th</sup> National Jail & Prison Ministry Workshop



June 12-14, 2024 Corpus Christi, Texas

### IN LOVING MEMORY ~ IN HONOR OF

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

**Received from:**

M/M Buck Griffith  
M/M Bob Wachtel  
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M/M Jerry Bradford  
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**In loving memory of:**

Glen Walton  
Glen Walton  
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Lori Smith  
Robert Kirtley  
David Smith

# SEND YOUR CHANGES IN

We are working on updating the 2024 *National Directory of Churches of Christ & Individual Christians Involved in Jail-Prison Ministries*. It will be presented at the 50<sup>th</sup> National Jail/Prison Ministry Workshop, June 12-14. This is a huge undertaking, and *your* help is required. First, let us know of corrections and deletions. A large number of our workers are senior saints. Some have moved or passed away. Others can no longer do what they once did. Also, we have added a ton of new volunteers that need to be added. Addresses, phone numbers, and emails need updating. Having the data is not helpful if it is inaccurate. Take a few minutes to sit down and provide . . .

- The name, address, phone number, website, email of the congregation involved.
- Tell us of any “new” congregations or individuals that you know to be involved.
- Names, addresses, and contact information of volunteers even if all you have is their names.
- If an individual is involved but his home congregation is not, only send information on the volunteer.
- Explain the nature of the involvement: Lessons by mail, aftercare, family ministry, mentoring, classes, worship services, baptisms, name of the jail(s) and/or prisons visited (halfway houses, treatment facilities, etc.) males and/or females, adults and/or juveniles.

## Welcome: Rick Elliott



We welcome and introduce to you our newest “Regional Director” – Rick Elliott. Rick was hand-picked by Al King, his predecessor. Al was living in Warren, Michigan. Rick is in Dearborn Heights. The job of a “Regional Director” is to be experienced, knowledgeable, and familiar with the NLB material. Thus, he is a source in his area to introduce it to others. Thank you for all you do, Rick!

## Welcome: HM Motsinger in a New Role

Dr. HM Motsinger needs no introduction. After all, he “founded” NLB in 1984 and was President (1984-2002). An active leader, HM “founded” *NewLife Behavior International* in 2008 to expand use of the curriculum outside the U.S. and was its first President. This torch passed to Mike Biggers a few years ago and he does a fantastic job. Not letting grass grow beneath his feet, HM then developed a deeper and larger “Sense of Self” version and taught it online with Southern Africa Christian College. HM lost Nancy, his wife of 59 years on April 1, 2022. Life is full of changes. On July 22, 2023 at the NLBM board meeting, HM became a new member of our Board of Trustees. One of his first assignments is to continue our shared dream of making our curriculum “free” online to students *everywhere*. HM will keep us posted. Welcome, HM!



*You can see all our monthly newsletters at [www.nlbm.org](http://www.nlbm.org)*

## Prison Songbooks

We have assembled 81 favorite hymns in a softbound booklet that we use in Bible classes in county jails and **R&R** weekend seminars in prisons. It includes Bible references on singing, a list of NLB courses, and a section on “essentials to salvation.” Our cost is only \$2 per songbook. We are happy to share them if anyone is interested in using them.



## USE OF OUR NLBM WEBSITE

Much of our activity is generated from requests coming via our website: questions, products desired, prisoners enrolled, and even gifts are made. We sometimes forget this *hidden* asset. Direct your friends to it and they will say “thank you.” Our resources are available to all in need. We overlook the individual by focusing on reaching the masses. People are hurting financially, in marriages/families, addictions, and negative attitudes. A growing number are choosing this as their preferred way to send donations to the ministry. You have heard the phrase, “Use it or lose it.” Let’s use this tool.

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