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DALE & KARLENE ARE ON THEIR WAY!

Last month we introduced Dr. Dale Underwood and his wife, Karlene. Many compliments have been received about that announcement by phone, emails, Facebook, etc., and personal notes attached to contributions. This godly couple brings a multitude of talents to help us upgrade almost every facet of what we do.

Dale called recently to say that he will be here by July 15th! However, Karlene may be delayed due to having a home to sell in Huntsville and one to purchase in Corpus Christi. Pray that these details fall into place and timelines fir to help make this transition smooth and stressless.

You will be hearing more from Dale himself when his “boots hit the ground.” We are more excited than ever about the future. Our “best is yet to be.” Thank you for your prayers and support.



47TH NATIONAL JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY WORKSHOP

“Thank You, Louisville”

We want to express our gratitude to Jerry Stephenson and his team of co-workers as well as the Midwest Church of Christ for doing an outstanding job hosting this year’s event, June 9-11. The opening night panel was well worth the time, cost, and effort to be there in person. Being able to view the workshop electronically was a bonus! Now, let’s get ready to gather in Wichita Falls (Texas) for another mountaintop experience in 2022.

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 generously to this good work. In this way, others – even strangers – receive God’s message of hope and redemption.

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Don & Kim Umphrey
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Don & Linda Crofton
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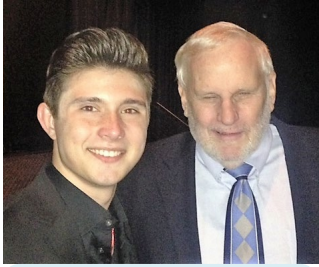


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“MEANEST MAN IN TEXAS” WEEKENDS

Family Upreach and Dr. Don Umphrey (Quarry Press) have collaborated on various projects for many years. Our most notable sharing was, perhaps, in the reprinting of “The Meanest Man in Texas” which NLBM utilizes extensively throughout prison systems. Don first met Clyde Thompson in Lubbock in 1977 where Clyde was then serving as chaplain of Lubbock County Jail.

Upon hearing it, Don quickly envisioned making Clyde Thompson’s story “coming to life” on the Big Screen to showcase the reality of God’s power to redeem any fallen person willing to yield to Him. The book version has had a huge impact already on prisoners’ lives. We maintain a file full of their grateful comments. The movie has the potential to touch the hearts of many more.

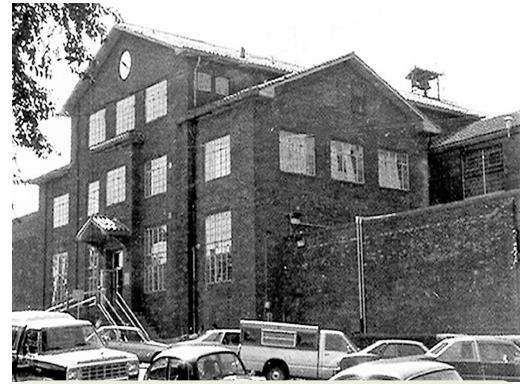


Mateus Ward (“Clyde”) & Don Umphrey

Dr. Umphrey, Professor Emeritus at Southern Methodist University, has utilized Quarry Press to author several other tools and products centered on this common theme of redeeming fallen man. More recently, he started Next Step Christian Recovery to help those seeking help from addictions of any kind, including codependency. For added information, go to NextStepChristianRecovery.com. You can find insightful posts on his Facebook Blog page.

Don and his wife, Kim, sold their Dallas home and have moved to Corpus Christi. This will make it much easier to build a team of volunteers and coordinate dynamic weekend events. The basic plan is to show the movie in prisons on Friday nights. This will draw a maximum number from the general population who have not participated with NLBM in other ways.

It will be followed by a “Question and Answer” session(s) the next day, drawing on Don’s rich personal relationship with Clyde and his family. As you know, movies provide brief glimpses into much larger lives and stories. Many accounts in the book version had to be omitted from the film due to time constraints. When possible, the weekends will conclude with a Sunday worship followed by baptisms.

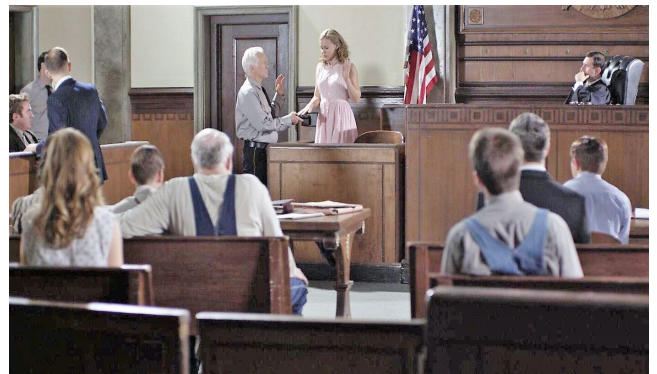


The “Walls” Unit that housed “Death Row” when Clyde Thompson was there.



The latest “movie” version of the “Meanest Man in Texas” book is being formatted similar to the current NLB student workbooks. They will be freely distributed to movie-goers along with an invitation to enroll in local NLB courses offered “live” at the institution or by correspondence. Announcements will be made of classes already being taught in the prison and how any person interested can take advantage of these opportunities to learn more about what Clyde Thompson learned and turned his life around. Thus, the special weekend will strengthen and support the ongoing efforts by the local prison ministry.

The **R&R** weekend seminars (**R**econciled & **R**enewed) have been presented (mostly in female prisons) over the last ten years. The **R&R** seminars will continue. While “The Meanest Man in Texas” will relate ideally to male inmates, it does have a general appeal – including the mixed audiences in free-world churches. We plan to conduct at least 3-4 of each of these seminars annually. To schedule either of these seminars or if more information is needed, call (361) 855-3372 or email nlbcasa@yahoo.com.



A DVD of “The Meanest Man in Texas” is available at NextStepChristianRecovery.com for use in jails, prisons, halfway houses, etc., at a minimal fee.