

FAMILY UPREACH, INC.

NewLife

BEHAVIOR MINISTRIES

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

“THANK YOU” BUCK!

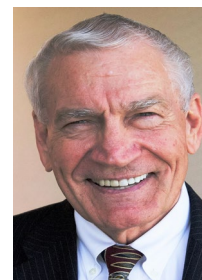
Dr. Dale Underwood

I was officially *welcomed* in last month’s newsletter. In this first month of 2023, I want to accomplish two priorities.



First, I want to express how humbled I am to be invited to accept the invitation of NLBM’s Board of Trustees, including Buck Griffith and *the stamp of approval* by HM, to serve in this capacity. It is both a challenge and honor to aim at upholding the rich tradition of excellent leadership provided by Dr. H. M. Motsinger (18 years) and Buck (20 years). All I can do is promise to give it my best effort.

From what I have discovered, HM was only 48 when he founded Family Upreach in 1984. He brought with years of training and practice in the fields of education, counseling, and family therapy. Buck was 59 when he assumed these reigns but brought with him 31 years of jail and prison ministry experience in addition to full-



time preaching

for 36 years.

I am arriving at 55 with 34 years of ministry, teaching, school administration, and having worked with turning lives around of adjudicated youth in custody. I am coming on the heels of 38 years of history-making developments in this curriculum-based ministry. While I stand in awe of these accomplishments, I must not allow myself (or you) to be intimidated by them. There is so much more to do. We need help - divine and material – now more than ever. Thank you for being a part of the solution.

With the wholehearted encouragement and support of our Board of Trustees, we are staring in the face of change after Covid-19. We believe the changes will strengthen us and improve our ability to serve those in need. You will see NLBM hard at work as we rise to these challenges. I will give you a bird’s eye view of what lies ahead and keep you apprised of progress made . . .

- The exciting “Video Project” in partnership with Harding University.
- Developing more NLB teaching teams to seize new doors of opportunity.
- Expanding of Spanish translation work plus overt efforts to provide qualified instructors.
- New curriculum developments: 12 Steps to a Closer Walk with God, “The Christian Man”, and *Re-Entry*.
- Multiplying NewLife support groups (like CASA) both locally and nationally.
- The “Gideon” Project: refining the most outstanding products for more abundant fruitfulness.
- Ongoing growth of the NLBM *Endowment Fund* to insure our long-term stability.
- Blasting through that \$100,000 ceiling on the annual Day of Giving.

In all of this, we are “more than conquerors” through the Lord who loves us. Come stand by our side. Let’s stand

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 to transform destructive behaviors into positive ones through Jesus.

Received from:

John Henry Pruitt
M/M Don Crofton
M/M Buck Griffith

In loving memory of:

Elaine Woods
Elaine Woods
Elaine Woods

Received from:

M/M Buck Griffith
M/M Dale White
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In living honor of:

Don & Linda Crofton
Dr. HM Motsinger
Helen Horne

2022 DAY OF GIVING

First, we say “Thank You” to those that supported us financially on another successful “Day of Giving” on November 8th. We can now “officially” announce that we received a check in the amount of \$96,763 – only \$3,237 short of our \$100,000 goal! We will soon be sharing more observations pinpointing helpful steps required to keep moving us forward. Again, *thank you for your support.*



A FANTASTIC FINISH TO INSURE A STRONG NEW YEAR

On top of our best response ever on November’s *Day of Giving*, many made special “End-Of-the-Year” donations to help finish 2022 in excellent fiscal condition and provide a positive start on the **New Year of 2023!** Several made last minute gifts online! We are grateful for each of you,

Here are the “keys” to continued growth:

- #1 – A growing number of consistent month-by-month donors.
- #2 – Experiencing some monthly donors that will increase the “amount” of their gifts.
- #3 – A growing number of regular quarterly donors plus, a few that will increase the amount of these gifts.
- #4 – A growing number of occasional donors and some that will increase the amount of their donations.
- #5 – A growing number of donors that contribute at the end of the year with some increasing their amount.
- #6 – Increasing the number of “online” donors.
- #7 – Receiving more “Required Distribution” gifts from friends with IRA accounts.
- #8 – Receiving more proceeds of Life Insurance policies and planned estates.

PREPARING FOR A STRONGER 2023

All we plan and do, coupled with faithful stewardship of funds available, is translated into souls won for the kingdom of God. We are simply ministers and servants of His Gospel. You are an incredible encouragement. Every month we see more lost and confused men and women in darkness coming to The Light. The video lessons being developed in English and Spanish will flood the USA and beyond. We are receiving requests from South/Central America now! It is hard to keep up with those taking advantage of courses by mail with 40,000+ English and 9,100+ Spanish. Wow!



You (our kind donors) have taught us much about how you prefer that we request help.

The first clue is to **ASK God** for His guidance and blessing before saying a word to you. We also recognize our need to reach out and be willing to learn from others. Thus, we have asked a new friend, John Hyde, for direction. You will understand below why we selected John.

INTRODUCING: JOHN HYDE

I first met John Hyde in a small group meeting. He asked about *NewLife Behavior Ministries*, and it gave me a chance to share the scope of what we do. I mentioned the new curriculum I’m working on, and video lessons being developed with a worldwide impact. John was blown away by the thousands of prisoners reached each year. Right away, he wanted to assist. He contributed financially and thinks he knows others who would want to do the same if approached appropriately. John knows the right way; this is his business. Many are interested in **ONE thing: *Affecting lawbreakers in a way that leads them to stop it.*** The people he knows are not hung up on “what” we teach as much as *lives changed*. John immediately began feeding us new ideas and methods. All this has led to a more formal arrangement since he works independently in this field. He gives us a day every week in our office. He knows people and organizations that we do not. John has raised over \$85 million during his 30+ years serving more than 30 non-profits like Driscoll Children’s Hospital, Magnolia Speech School, and Baylor Scott & White Health. He has applied his passion *and integrity* to philanthropy with a proven record of fundraising success. We thank God for bringing John Hyde into our path. Pray for John *and us* for success in days to come.



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