

Since 1984: Reconciling persons to God, families and society

"DAY OF GIVING" <u>SEMI</u>-FINAL TALLY

We want to say "Thank You" to everyone who contributed to make the 2024 "Day of Giving" on Tuesday, November 8, a huge success in so many ways. We especially thank those who gave anonymously (25). *From what we know at this point*, our total reached somewhere near \$85,000. We are always asked not to announce specific numbers until the "official" results are forthcoming from the Coastal Bend Community Foundation. Each year there are final adjustments made to account for discrepancies with credit cards and other technicalities.



The formal "Check Presentation" will not be made until later in December. But nothing can prevent us from *officially* telling you how grateful we are for YOUR participation.

Few can imagine all the work that goes into an effort like this. **Prayer** comes before any plan is put together, it continues through each step of implementation, and until the last second ticks off at midnight that Tuesday. Then—regardless of the result—prayers of gratitude are offered. *NewLife Behavior Ministries* has been abundantly blessed by so many dedicated workers and supporters taking part in this effort!

The ministry is a winner and God is glorified!



Look at the evidence . . .

- For the **1,440 minutes** of Tuesday, November 8, attention is laser-focused on doing everything possible to help NLBM.
- Each friend has been giving thought for days in advance about what amount he or she can personally donate.
- Individual participation is easily seen by a record number of "Early Giving" donors although that was not stressed this year.
- After making his or her gift, contact is made to reach out to others and encourage their friends to donate.
- Assistance is given some who have difficulty successfully navigating the Internet. Many of our most faithful supporters are elderly.
- Research is done on past donors who are emailed in hope they have simply forgotten that this is the "Day of Giving."

At midnight, we're exhausted, but it's a "good kind" of exhausted. We have been going strong for 24 hours! This is the most exciting 24-hour period of the year. At the end, we feel that we have done all humanly possible for the maximum result. As soon as the clock says 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, November 9—we remember that it has been in God's hands this entire time and so—**we go to sleep.**

IN LOVING MEMORY ~ IN HONOR OF

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

Received from: M/M Buck Griffith M/M Gil Hamilton M/M Buck Griffith M/M Bob Wachtel Dr/M Dale Underwood In Honor of: M/M Jim Burrus M/M Buck Griffith Joe Waldon Joe Waldon M/M Jim Burrus Received from: Hank Holt Max Patty Marilyn Walton Jan Whiteley Jan Whiteley In loving memory of: Irma Holt Renie Patty Glen Walton Dorothy Wood Francine Sonnier

THE PRISON BIBLE

We are excited about being able to publish this "Prison" Bible to meet the unique needs of this ministry. Also, we are grateful to donors for helping make it possible.

Keep in mind that after January 1, the Prison Bible cost is \$10—*not the pre-publication cost (\$8) that was announced last June*. All will be invoiced separately for *shipping*.

A case will hold 12 Bibles and weigh 30 pounds. *Checks for pre-publication Bibles must reach us by December 31.* Bibles are expected to be in our hands for shipping by the middle of February, 2025.



Send letters of encouragement: Walker Hill, Project Rescue, 179 Cave Spring Road, Decatur, Alabama 35603

<u>The Earlier NLB</u> Spanish Courses

Please know that the NLB courses translated at no cost to us by freshman Walmart scholars at Harding University in 2000 were "as is" at that time. They include the following:

> A Sense of Self A Sense of Family Parenting Matters True Freedom Christian Marriage Skills The Christian Woman Attitudes & Behaviors Children's Edition

They were far different from our English courses today. For example, the lessons then were of varying lengths, number, and format. Not all had tests and grading keys. We are diligently at work to supply updated Spanish versions. One course consists of 200 letter-size pages. This is a massive undertaking. We can only supply you with what we have now.

As more English courses were added, we tried to translate them. So, the following courses are more consistent in both languages:

Christians Against Substance Abuse The FamilyNet Series The Seeker Series Prisoners of Christ Managing My Anger Christians Against Sexual Addiction Managing My Dollar Thank you for your kind patience and support.

THE END OF THE YEAR

At the end of each calendar year, we are very thankful for donors who choose to remember us with a gift. It is a big encouragement as we "close the books" on funds owed vendors. If blessed beyond normal; it gives us an added opportunity to "stock up" on most frequently used supplies offered at *discounted* rates. Some donors only contribute *annually*. A few do not find out how abundantly God has blessed them in 2024 until now and desire to bless us in unusual ways. Some direct their *Required Annual Distribution* sums from IRAs to us at this time and it is a pleasant *surprise!*

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HOLY BIBLE

FOR PRISONERS



This is a "magical" time of the year. We also receive some of the most beautiful *Christmas* and *Happy New Year* cards imaginable with words of love and gratitude for what we have

been able to do for sons and daughters, grandchildren, or others. They make us feel like "family members" ourselves. We keep a "special" file of these cards and letters. They really pick us up all through the year or anytime when we might be "down" or discouraged. Never underestimate the power of a few "words fitly spoken."

We want to express how equally grateful we are for each of you! We are not in the habit of spending funds for commercial cards and sending them out *as a ministry*. One year we did and were criticized for not spending the money on ministering to offenders. But we hope and pray you know our hearts. We love and appreciate you more than any number of words on a card can say.