

FAMILY UPREACH, INC.



September 2024

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

Front & Center: **“DAY OF GIVING”** 2024

Dr. Dale Underwood, President

We asked you last month to mark your calendar for **Tuesday, November 12**. It is now six weeks away. Your help is critical to match the **\$25,000** offered by the Coastal Bend Community Foundation and generous funders willing to boost South Texas nonprofits. We are celebrating our 10th year to be blessed to receive this help. Our constant aim is to reach **\$100,000**. You will see in the box to the right the numbers reached since 2015. The “Day of Giving” is remarkable in accomplishing all this in a 24-hour period of online giving—from 12:01 a.m., November 12, to 11:59 p.m.



2015	- \$46,746
2016	- \$49,410
2017	- \$67,979
2018	- \$71,070
2019	- \$80,899
2020	- \$62,526
2021	- \$91,964
2022	- \$96,763
2023	- \$88,196
2024	- \$?????

We are gathering a visual story of scenes on how Family Upreach impacts others for good. Then, when *our* “button” is pushed and viewed, folks

will want to do what they can to help us.

Our success on November 12 depends on several factors: the **first** being most crucial. It requires broad engagement of our donor base . . . **YOU!** Striking the bull’s eye depends on *how many more of our donors respond*. So, if you have not been a regular “Day of Giving” donor, please donate on November 12. The **second** is for 2023 donors to *give a little more*. It does not have to be much—just a few dollars more. The **third** key is finding “new” donors. If you ask a few donors to jump on board, it could make the difference. If you have a friend who is passionate about a cause and asks you to help, you will want to do it. **But if He isn’t excited, why would YOU be?**

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**51st National
Jail and Prison
Ministry Workshop
FOR THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST**

JUNE 11-13, 2025

THEME: REDEMPTION MEETS RECOVERY
“THAT YOU MAY KNOW THAT THE SON OF MAN HAS POWER ON EARTH TO FORGIVE SINS” HE SAID TO THE PARALYTIC, “I SAY TO YOU, ARISE, TAKE UP YOUR BED, AND GO TO YOUR HOUSE.” MARK 2:10-11

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Dr. Dale Underwood, NLBM President, was honored to speak at the annual NLBI Dinner in Dallas, September 17th. NLBI helps spread the use of the NLB curriculum *outside* the USA. Dale took several portable baptistries with him to be utilized by NLBI, as needed, in countries where they are highly successful. Our Lord would want us to serve together in love and unity.

THE UNIQUENESS OF THE “PRISON” BIBLE

Letters are on their way to every friend of jail & prison ministries we know because while Family Upreach and Kings Crossing Prison Ministries is doing the work to print the first 15,000 “Prison” Bibles, it is impossible for us to bear the total cost (\$150,000) by ourselves. We also realize that most fellow prison ministries are struggling on “shoestring” budgets. We must lean upon our friends to help. We believe that the more you know about this “prison” Bible—*the more you will want to contribute to make it possible*. First, you must understand our dilemma before you fully appreciating how this “Prison” Bible will benefit all of us.

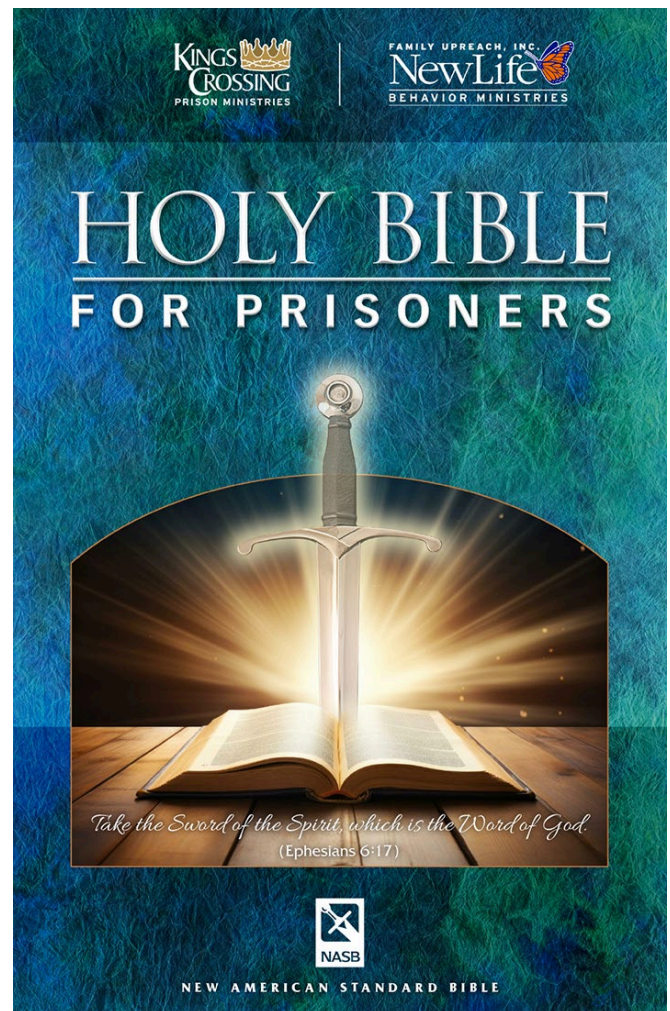
Here is the dilemma we have faced for 50 years: The Gospel is God’s power to save, but it requires a study of the Bible. This means that those we teach need a Bible. The Gospel IS free. But the Gospel is only found in the Bible. There is no such thing as a “free” Bible.

Do you know it costs more to *mail* a Bible than what the Bible costs? And postage rates keep rising. We cannot find a Bible that is free of added human teachings. This requires valuable time and effort to remove objectionable material.

The only added material in this “Prison” Bible is an offer (upon request) for free studies directly related to needs of prisoners or those of their family members. This allows prison teachers to offer free correspondence courses to those in classes without creating extra work or a pinch on meager ministry budgets. Then, when there is a need for follow up (such as baptism requests), we can refer it back to the teacher in the facility.

We feel extremely blessed that the copyright owner of the New American Standard Version (NASV) has given us the privilege of using it at no cost—in both English *and Spanish*. We hope to one day be able to produce the Spanish version but, we are tackling English first. The NASV is considered by many to be the most accurate and dependable translation currently available.

If you (or any you know) desires to contribute to make this Bible possible, checks may be made out to either **NewLife Behavior Ministries** or to **Kings Crossing Prison Ministries**. They may be mailed to 3833 South Staples, Suite S-101, in Corpus Christi, Texas 78411-5221. Please write “Bibles” on the *memo* line.



IN LOVING MEMORY ~ IN HONOR OF

Family Upreach expresses gratitude to those remembering loved ones and honoring those cherished with gifts. Remembrances allow persons taught to be transformed from negative behaviors to positive. Loved ones recalled bring immense comfort if the life lost was today, yesterday, or 50 years ago. Thank you!

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M/M Bob Wachtel
M/M Buck Griffith

In loving memory of:

Dr. Gary Underwood
Bobby Robinson
Cary Moore

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