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NLBM ENDOWMENT GIVING REPORT

We received some exciting information from the Coastal Bend Community Foundation (CBCF) a few days ago. They received funds allowing them to “match” the first \$25,000 to the *Endowment Funds* of the first fourteen nonprofits that could raise an equal amount. With about 60 nonprofits in the “Day of Giving” last year—the race is on! This could potentially mean an increase of at least \$50,000 to our young “Endowment Fund” which stands at \$80,000! Wow! So, **we are asking our friends to respond quickly**. Send your check with “Endowment Fund” on the “memo” line to NLBM, 3833 S. Staples, Suite S-101, Corpus Christi, Texas 78411.

As a result of this late-breaking announcement, we are extending the April 30 deadline for Endowment Fund gifts to May 15. Some nonprofits do not have a fund set up, but this could be a catalyst for them to do so. We are blessed to have started our Endowment Fund in 2017 and **use the month of April as the time to build it up**. The *average* received annually is \$10,000 or less. Thus, this “matching fund” has the potential to significantly increase it at once! We are grateful for whatever you can do, including your **PRAYERS** for God’s blessings on this rare opportunity! There is no indication that CBCF will repeat this so, we want to take advantage of it as though it is a “once-in-a-lifetime” occurrence.



“Second Chance Month”



The month of **APRIL** has been designated as “Second Chance Month” since 2017. This effort owes its beginning to Prison Fellowship, the nation’s largest nonprofit serving incarcerated people, the formerly incarcerated and families of the incarcerated.

It is estimated that 70-100 million adults in this nation today have an arrest or conviction record. It is false to think these records will be totally wiped out. If you were arrested, there is a record of it *somewhere* and *someone* will find it *sometime*. “Second Chance Month” was begun

as a nationwide initiative raising awareness of the collateral consequences of such records. But unlocking “second chances” opens opportunities to create a better future for all. And there is a role for everyone to play. It is not necessary to go behind prison bars to make a difference. As the visual above illustrates: a heavy load or *mountain* can be moved if enough of us work together, providing mentorship, support groups, jobs, transportation, childcare, counsel, etc.

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 to transform destructive behaviors into positive behaviors.

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MORE EXAMPLES OF HOW WE OFFER “SECOND CHANCES” TO THOSE BEING RELEASED FROM JAILS & PRISONS



Our church ladies have prepared “Start-Up Emergency Packets.” Our office is located near excellent bus connections going and coming in all directions. Some enter our office literally with only the clothes on their back and on-the-streets. The packets are *life-savers*. They contain basic hygiene items along with non-perishable food in easy-to-carry packets. Normally, we have a limited supply of clothing and shoes. A large Walmart is a few blocks away. A few secure oil-j-field jobs, refineries or the Port of Corpus Christi but steel-toed boots are essential. Cafes and restaurants often require dark pants, black shoes, and white shirts. If the person has a car, his immediate need is for gas.

In the Intake process, we learn of *spiritual* needs that can be supplied through one-on-one studies on topics of greater interest. They learn of peer support groups with days, times and locations. Transportation may be necessary. Many come straight from our county jail where they were in our Bible classes only a few days ago. Some have spouses with children and the entire family needs encouragement. Others may qualify for and be interested in going into sober-living facilities. We maintain a list of 400+ companies that are willing to hire felons with local addresses and phone numbers.

Our “Street Sheet” is 20 pages of treasured resources of everything from housing to food, medical-dental assistance, recovery programs, and much more. Our one request is to be informed if a source listed no longer offers that service. In doing so, we remove them. It is discouraging to make it across town only to be told, “We have stopped this.” On the bright side, most of new efforts are added to our “Street Sheet” from clients returning to tell us where they DID find help.



Working closely with probation and parole, we want to help clients comply with the rules, restrictions and regulations. We are an approved agency for those needing to fulfill “community service” hours by completing the hours through this office. This allows us to spend more time together, and we get to see minds and hearts change as they see this ministry from the inside instead of just from the outside.



Everyone is not from Corpus Christi, but this is where they were arrested or released. They are away from family or familiar resources. They need assistance reconnecting with loved ones in other cities and states. Some will need help getting a bus ticket to return and funds for food on the road. We are contacted at times by the family or a congregation requesting help in getting a loved one home. If under local supervision, permission to relocate must be approved first. Otherwise, we have aided an escapee. We like to recommend Christians wherever he or she is going who will follow up and offer continued assistance upon arrival.

51ST NATIONAL JAIL-PRISON MINISTRY WORKSHOP

June 11-13, 2025
Midwest Church of Christ
2115 Garland Avenue
Louisville, Kentucky 40211

Theme: “**Redemption Meets Recovery**”
Best Western Premier Airport Exo Center

Speakers: Pooh Malone (256) 874-5457
Registration-Booths: Debora McGill (502) 930--2005

TEXAS PANHANDLE INITIATIVE

Dale & Recardo took a group of recently redeemed folks to Lubbock at SIBI for a lunch-meeting on April 5. Brethren came from far and near to learn of “new” open doors in Texas prisons in Region V. Attendees were very deeply interested and we have a lot of follow-up to do. However, as you can see in the photo, a big snowstorm hit and was worse north of Lubbock.



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