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persons to God, families and  
society**

## **NATIONAL JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY WORKSHOP 2025**

Annually, for the last 51 years, brothers and sisters who are interested, involved, and support the mission field that is in our jails and prisons across the United States, meet once a year. This year's workshop- was in Louisville, Kentucky and was hosted by the **Midwest Church of Christ**. **John "Pooh" Malone** is the preaching minister there and **Jerry Stephenson**, a NewLife Behavior Board member and preacher emeritus, also attends at the Midwest congregation. Together with the church family there, they treated all of us with wonderful hospitality and put on a great conference with the theme, **"Recovery Meets Redemption"**.

We come together to hear how various ministries are operating, to learn new ways to reach the lost, and how best to work in these environments. Since there is such a strong connection between incarceration and the sin that comes through drug usage, alcoholism, violence, and the impact of broken homes, we hear from those in these fields on how to minister to these populations. There are lots of renewed friendships as well as new friends found. And, there is the much-needed refilling of the spiritual tank as we have moments to study God's Word.



**The National Jail and  
Prison Ministry  
workshop is coming to**

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If that sounds exciting to you, we hope you will consider coming to next year's national workshop. **We are making plans even now to have the 2026 National Workshop be hosted in Dallas, Texas.** We know that not everyone can make it, but Dallas is a great central location to which to travel with solid hotel and vacation amenities. Be watching this monthly newsletter for future information. For now, **put these dates on your calendar: June 10-12, 2026.**

Do you recall Jesus' words from Matthew 9:38, *"therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."* Many servants of God have been working in this vineyard for many years. Paul reminds us in Romans 13:7 to *"give honor to whom honor is due."* We cannot recall when it started, but there is a moment during the workshop when the host congregation chooses to recognize the contributions of servants in this mission field. Pictured (right) are three of these servants. All of them are NLBM leaders! None of these people are engaged in this work to be recognized. In fact, they were all surprised, having no idea they would be honored. Which, of course, made it all the more special! Congratulations to **Barbara Tubbs**, **Charles Barber**, and **Willie Jackson** for being recognized for their dedication and service in the Lord's vineyard!

**23 New NLB Instructors  
were trained and certified  
at the National Workshop  
this year!**

If you are interested in becoming a certified NLB instructor, contact our office to schedule in-person or Zoom training.

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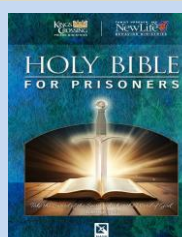
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## PRISON BIBLES DELIVERY

**Recardo Reyes** is pictured with **Alex Soto** just after they loaded up Bibles to go the Smith prison unit in Lamesa, Texas.

We received a call from a chaplain telling us they had increased in capacity by 500 men and had no Bibles. That week, Recardo loaded up the transport car and made the eight-hour trip to west Texas!

Please support this effort to get Bibles into prisoners' hands!



## OKLAHOMA / ARKANSAS

# Prison & Jail Ministry

## Workshop

OCTOBER 11, 2025

DETAILS TO COME!

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## NLBM IN SPANISH

### NEWLIFE BEHAVIOR MINISTRIES' SPANISH IMPACT

**Buck Griffith** has been working with **Mayra Melendez** for several years on getting all of the NLB courses translated into Spanish. We discovered Mayra and her translating talents through a relationship with **Luis Melendez** who is part of the missions staff at the **Sunset International Bible Institute (SIBI)**.

Some of our courses were translated back in 2008, but we found that the work done at the time was not as proficient as needed. In other languages, choosing which words to capture the meaning of a word or phrase in English can change the entire meaning of a thought or even make a sentence nonsensical. With Mayra's assistance we have a quality translation of NLB courses in Spanish that is being used in jails and prisons across the country. It has also caught the attention of churches and ministries south of the U.S. border.

Normally, NLBM works within the borders of the United States and our sister organization, **NewLife Behavior International (NLBI)**, works in countries outside of the United States. NLBI has a strong presence in Africa, but we have not experienced the same impact in Central and South America. That may be changing.



We have been asked to speak with the **Nicaragua International Bible Institute (NIBI)** in Managua, Nicaragua. Like SIBI, NIBI is also a preacher training school. In addition, several churches that impact this area of Central America will also be present. **Dr. Dale Underwood** will travel to Nicaragua July 24<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup> to carry the Newlife Behavior Spanish curricula to NIBI. Please pray that the years of work in translating NLB courses into Spanish will bear much fruit and help the churches in Central and South America.

## MEMORIALS

Dr. Kenneth Bottoms in memory of Mickey Harper  
Lynn Gentry in memory of Don Gentry  
M/M Buck Griffith in memory of Mary Williams  
Frank Maxey in memory of Mary Williams  
Maggie Wachtel in memory of Mary Williams

## HONORARIUMS

M/M Buck Griffith in honor of Dr. H. M. & Gracie Motsinger  
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