

FAMILY UPREACH, INC.

NewLife

BEHAVIOR MINISTRIES

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Since 1984: Reconciling persons to God, families and society

NLBM ENDOWMENT GIVING:

A Single Gift Becomes a Larger Gift

I like to give toward worthwhile causes that I know are going to make a difference in the lives of others, especially others who are in need or crisis. As a boy, I watched my parents faithfully give to the Lord on Sundays. I was ten years old when all week long my dad was in a state of excitement (it still impresses me today). He had reached a point in life where he could give an amount he had always wanted to give. On Saturday he wrote out a \$1,000 check he was going to put in the plate in church on Sunday. Sunday could not get here quick enough. When the time came, no one else in church knew or saw it happen. Sitting next to him, I could see the solemn pride my father had as he put a folded check in the basket being handed down the row. You see, my father was born in northern Louisiana at the height of the Great Depression (1932), grew up "dirt poor" as they used to say, was the oldest with five half-brothers/sisters and working two jobs by the time he was a freshman in high school to help put food on the table. This ten-year-old boy knew how powerful that Sunday morning was to his father.

Today, I am constantly reminded of how blessed I am. I appreciate Jesus' words, "It is better to give than to receive." There is a joy that comes from knowing the blessings I have received can be used to serve others' needs. Dad taught me that. Even better, if used wisely, my gifts can be multiplied with other givers in larger impactful ways. Even stronger, my blessings can become long-term beyond my lifetime through such a thing as an endowment fund, creating a legacy that accomplishes the greatest command in the Bible: *Love God by loving your neighbor* (Luke 10:27). The Lord is showing me that.

April is the month we set aside annually when we invite you to join in giving toward our **Endowment Fund**. The fund was begun with an anonymous donation of \$12,000 in 2017. The idea was to ensure that the impacting efforts of NLBM become legacy bound by having an endowment fund for multiple lifetimes, not just yours or mine. That idea is now reality. **In 8 short years the fund has reached \$73,969.18.** Our goal is to see this fund grow to an amount that provides a permanency and solid future. You can help by giving now and by remembering *NewLife Behavior Ministries* in your 401k annual giving, your trust, or your will. May God bless your giving as you bless others. It does make a difference. It IS remembered.



-Dr. Dale Underwood, President

**Please use the enclosed "marked" envelope to be sure your gift is deposited into the NLBM Endowment Fund.*

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.

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“HIDDEN BENEFITS” OF THE “PRISON BIBLE” AND THE “NATIONAL JAIL-PRISON DIRECTORY”

Many fruitful ministries and individual Christians are engaged in the very valuable but often unseen work of sending Bibles and study courses into jails and prisons through the U.S. Postal Service. Studies sent by mail reach prisoners in places that in-prison volunteers cannot go. This ministry then notifies others whose ministry is on the “inside” when a correspondence student needs to be prayed with or assisted in being baptized into Christ.

Few fully understand the cost of a “Study-by-Mail” program. In addition to Bibles, tracts, and lessons, there is the cost of paper, envelopes, and most of all—always rising postage expense! Some ministries have a few dozen students and others have hundreds or even thousands, or tens of thousands.



Our newly printed “**Prison Bible**” offers a variety of **free** study courses to prisoners who will send requests to our Corpus Christi office and studies will be mailed from here. This helps a local “Study-by-Mail” program maintain a more manageable and cost-effective workload locally. We are not suggesting that any stop the good work being done. Simply *let us expand your impact*.

Other excellent “in-prison” ministries are unable to offer free Bible courses by mail. Their time, volunteer teachers, in-person study materials, travel and fuel costs are all they can manage to do. However, by distributing the *Prison Bible* to students, many will “sign up” for our free studies by correspondence and send their requests to our Corpus Christi office. This expands their impact *without* damaging their workload or budget.

This is where the “National Directory of Churches of Christ & Individual Christians Involved in Jail/Prison Ministries” enters the picture. We need every ministry to be listed (congregation, volunteers, names, addresses, cellphones, email addresses, contact person, ministry leader) so we can most effectively network to the glory of God and win more souls to Christ *while it is still day*. It helps for each to define itself by telling what you do and *where* you do it. When there is a specific need for what *your* ministry does, information may be sent to YOU by others and vice-versa.



Also, when a Bible Study-by-Mail Ministry has a need that some other ministry can help with; they will be contacted. Some only minister to women, men, children/juveniles, families, mentoring, addiction recovery, pen-pals, sex-offenders, halfway or sober living houses, re-entry (transportation, clothes, food, employment) and/or finding their place and becoming involved in the work of a local congregation. Other ministries send in a singing group, conduct Sunday worship, teach weekday or night classes, set geographical limits (county, state or other boundaries such as “no sex-offenders”). It is helpful to know these in advance to maximize time, energy and cost.



THE NEW “PARENTING MATTERS” WORKBOOK

We recently exhausted our supply of bound workbooks for the popular series —“Parenting Matters.” This is normally not viewed as a *good* thing. However —since it requires us to review every word in the course—we are given an opportunity to update it and, hopefully, improve it in ways that enhances its positive impact on students in the classroom. In time, we will also add these changes to the material on the flash drive for license-holders who choose to print out lesson copies for classroom use or for a correspondence program. But first things first . . . the “new” bound student workbooks will be ready by April 15 at the same \$12 each rate plus shipping. Unless we are only sending a single copy, we ship UPS (at our cost) so remember it is less expensive when shipped to a “business” address rather than to a residence. You may further reduce the per-book shipping if ordering by the case. We cannot project the number of books per case until we receive them from the printer on the 15th.

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