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 persons to God, families and
 society

NLBM ENDOWMENT GIVING REPORT

Dr. Dale Underwood, President

The NewLife Behavior Ministries Endowment Fund began in 2017 when its Board of Trustees decided to make an initial deposit of \$12,000 and make added deposits annually. If you are unfamiliar with endowment funds, the idea is to set aside funds that remain untouched. Eventually, the Fund increases to such an amount that the “interest earned” allows some financial support to accomplish projects such as our “Prison Bible” or development of curriculum.

Some years ago, the NLBM board designated **the month of April each year** to ask our donors to build up the Fund. Over the years since 2017, it has averaged increasing by about \$10,000 to approximately \$80,000. That is, **until this year!**



We have entrusted our Fund’s management to the Coastal Bend Community Foundation (CBCF). They also sponsor the “Day of Giving” each November. In mid-April, we learned that they had received funds to offer \$25,000 to the endowment funds of the first 14 non-profits that could “match” it! The timing was perfect, and this opportunity galvanized us into action. We began contacting friends like YOU! We apologize but the deadline did not provide time to contact everyone. ***Not only did we meet the match, a total of \$98,000 was received (including the \$25,000 match). It all went into our Endowment Fund!*** So, this year—2025—is like 10 years rolled into one.

Having an Endowment Fund constantly growing is evidence of stability and longevity beyond any of our lifetimes. Lord willing, years from now, these funds will still be sustaining these efforts. Recardo Reyes (our bi-lingual prison minister) often says, “**Praise King Jesus! God is a good God in heaven!**” We all agree. We thank God for your support, for blessings the Endowment Fund will yet bring, and for His blessed assurance. Yes, God is indeed a good God, watching over all our needs and deeds—***all the time.***



IN LOVING MEMORY — IN HONOR OF

Family Upreach expresses gratitude to those remembering loved ones and honoring those cherished with gifts. These remembrances allow more to be taught and behaviors transformed from destructive to productive.

Received from:
 Dr/M Dale Underwood
 Frank Maxey

In Memory of:
 John Perez
 John Perez

Received from:
 Maggie Wachtel
 M/M Buck Griffith

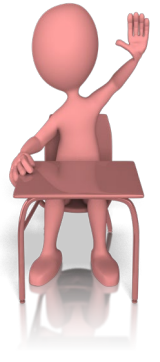
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WHAT MONEY CANNOT BUY

Money cannot buy the things that are the most valuable. You can't buy **respect, friendship, or love**. And **God's love, salvation and heaven** are *free*! Jail, prison and recovery ministries may at times sound and seem to only be wanting money. Of course, everyone understands that it does take money to provide Bibles, study lessons, tracts, postage, etc. One invaluable gift is the **prayers** of saints.

Another hidden gift that cannot be purchased is the **heart, compassion, talent, time, and energy of those who "volunteer" in this ministry**. The world we live in is materialistic and sometimes it seeps into the church and mission fields. Even *paid staff members* need the *heart of a servant* that honestly feels . . . "You cannot pay me to do what I do. GOD does."

Through almost 50 years, when this ministry has reached the point where we must add another person to our payroll, we first look at faithful volunteers. These are Christians who have sacrificed to freely serve. They possess hearts that will continue laboring until they *age out*, die or Jesus returns to give them their real reward. "Filthy lucre" is not their carrot-stick.



This ministry needs dedicated volunteers far more than it will ever need money! Jails, prisons, recovery programs and others are pleading for us to come to their facility and teach *NewLife Behavior* courses. Our standard response is: "We would love to do it and promise to add you to the list. We constantly search for more volunteers to train to enable us to say "yes" to open doors. You will be contacted as soon as we have more qualified instructors available." We must not abuse our current volunteers.

It will never be a lack of FINANCES that holds us back. It is a lack of volunteers with the heart of Jesus. If you are interested in answering this modern-day *Macedonian* call, please contact us. It doesn't make a difference *where you live*, there is a county jail, juvenile detention facility, halfway house, drug treatment center, recovery support group, or federal/state prison in your backyard. We partner throughout the United States with fellow ministries and they all need more volunteers.



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

**WE ARE NOT PUTTING ANYTHING
OTHER THAN THIS ABOUT THE
NATIONAL J-P WORKSHOP IN THIS
NEWSLETTER SINCE IT WILL ARRIVE
TOO LATE TO ATTEND. NEXT MONTH
WE PUBLISH A FULL REPORT FROM
DALE & RECARDO.**

FROM LETTERS SAVED FROM OUR MAILBAG...

"Dear Friends at NLBM,

You don't know it, but you have not only saved me from hell. You rescued me from taking my life. I was deeply depressed over the mess I've made. I was lost in a deep black pit. I couldn't see any other way out. In the first few lessons of *Sense of Self*, I was convinced that God really does love and care for me. You gave me HOPE. Thank you in Jesus' name. LRW."

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