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BEHAVIOR MINISTRIES

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Since 1984: Reconciling persons to God, families and society

ONE “DAY OF GIVING” WILL BECOME A “YEAR OF DOING”



By the time this reaches you, another impactful “Day of Giving” will have concluded. We express our thanks, and our hearts are lifted we know you are joining with us to continue the awesome work God is allowing us to do! This **ministry of hope** is both a privilege and a charge.

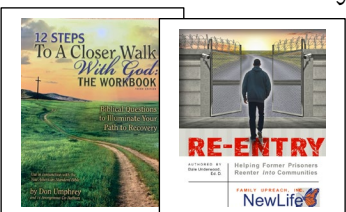
In 2026, we expect to reach at least 500 families in our “Little Angels” program. These children of incarcerated parents deal with the hardships caused by parental behaviors. We



will meet essential needs to ease their pain and break cycles of hardship. We will use each encounter to try to draw families into knowing and following Christ.

In 2026, we will produce more curriculum to get into the hands that need it. We are running low of NLB workbooks in several courses such as “True Freedom”, “Managing My Anger”, “Parenting Matters”, the “NLB Support Group Manual” and “Christians Against Substance Abuse” (CASA). The reason for the low supply on hand? Many studies are taking place in prison ministries around the country!

In this digital age, NLBM is also transitioning to have more courses available on flash drives and video. We previously video recorded the “A Sense of Self” study in English



and Spanish with the help of the **Film and Media Production** staff at **Harding University**. Our next video project will be the CASA course. We will release a newly NLB formatted “12 Steps to a Closer Walk with God”. We will release the newest NLB course entitled, “The Journey Home: Helping Prisoners Re-enter into Communities”.

In 2026, we will continue to help congregations around the country to start up jail/prison ministries and addiction recovery support groups.

2025 saw efforts to help congregations in Florida, Kentucky, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, and Texas. Congregations are seeing the value of relevancy to their community’s needs through support groups. We are starting work on a second volume of the “New Life Support Group Manual”. Volume 2 will focus on group sessions of Bible moments that demonstrate how the 12 Steps help structure lifestyles to combat addiction.



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



There will not be a **National Jail & Prison Ministry Workshop** scheduled for 2026.

The idea was to host the workshop in Dallas next June 2026. We have since learned that the FIFA world soccer league will be hosted in Dallas/Ft. Worth in June which is raising hotel prices far above any workshop rate reasonable price to ask of those who might attend. Further, we have not been successful in securing a host congregation. If any prison ministries (like the recent Poteau, OK workshop) are hosting regional workshops in 2026, let us know and we will get the word out. Planning for the 2027 national workshop is in motion. We can't wait to see you then!

Make Your Mess Your Message

I always enjoy it when I get the opportunity to hear *Joe Almonza* share his story. You will be blessed if you hear him. Joe was a member of a well-known drug cartel and was serving time in prison when he picked up a **World Bible School** study another prisoner discarded in the trash. From that small moment came the beginning of a life that now reaches hundreds weekly in ministry in Abilene, Texas. Joe is fond of saying, “*Make your mess your message.*” It has become a saying we quote frequently when teaching offenders and ex-offenders.

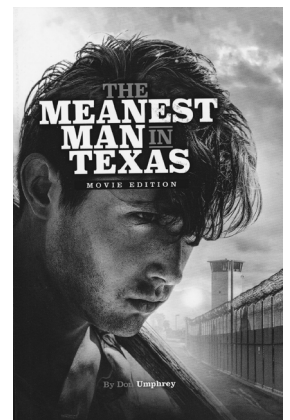
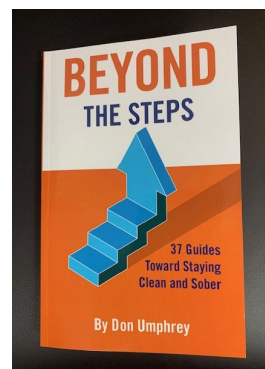
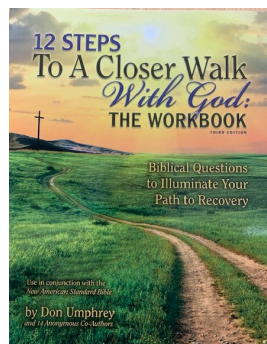


Dr. Don Umphrey's story- although very different- is one in which he will readily echo this statement. Don has enjoyed a long and distinguished career as journalist in Michigan and later a professor at **Southern Methodist University** and **Texas Tech**. If you spend just a little time with Don, he will tell you about his moment of clarity when he realized that alcoholism at the age of 27 almost killed him. For the next 51 years, Don has “made his mess his message”.

We are privileged to see this in action. Don has written several books on addiction and authored the biography of Clyde Thompson's life of transformation entitled, The Meanest Man in Texas which later became a movie. DVD's of the movie and copies of the book are available at the NLBM website (nlbm.org). Don is still making his mess his message, and many people struggling in the grip of addiction are benefiting.

Don just released Beyond the Steps: 37 Guides

Toward Staying Clean and Sober. NLBM has the first 500 copies available now. Another of Don's recent efforts is “*12 Steps to a Closer Walk with God*”, which will be formatted as an NLBM course and released in 2026.



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