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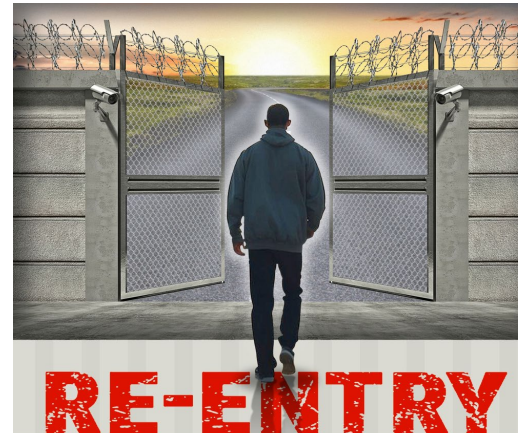
## FOCUSING ON RE-ENTRY

It has taken almost four years, but we are nearing completion of a new NLBM course that should be completed by January 2026! Time spent researching some great programs around the country have led, in part, to this course. Its focus is to help men and women who have spent time in prisons to successfully re-enter society. In fact, you can see that re-entry is the heart of NewLife Behavior's mission:

*"Reconciling persons to God, families and society."*

1.9 million people are currently incarcerated in various correctional facilities across the United States (<http://www.theglobalstatistics.com>), with 95% eventually released. In Texas, the number is 219,000 with 40,000 released annually (<http://www.tdcj.texas.gov>). Here's the thing. All of these broken, hurting, damaged people are coming to a community near you.

The Bible teaches us to "make disciples" (Matthew 28:20). We are so grateful and joyful to see thousands baptized into Christ each year in this mission field! Yet, once these new brothers and sisters in Christ are released back into our communities, they need to be discipled by men and women following Christ. Government agencies and programs focus on consequence and compliance. It is the Lord's church that focuses on transformation and renewal.



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Helping Former Prisoners  
Reenter Into Communities

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## THE "DAY OF GIVING" IS ONLY WEEKS AWAY

Seven-year-old *Mia* faced tough times with her mom incarcerated and her grandma struggling financially. A \$25 Wal-Mart gift card from **New Life Behavior Ministries'** Little Angels program brought her new sneakers, crayons, and hope. Mia felt seen and loved. Transformed.

For more than 20 years, our Little Angels program has supported children of incarcerated parents across the Coastal Bend, providing essentials and God's love to ease their pain and break cycles of hardship. On November 4, 2025, during the Coastal Bend Day of Giving, your donation at ([coastalbenddayofgiving.org](http://coastalbenddayofgiving.org)) will be matched, doubling your impact—\$25 becomes \$50, \$100 becomes \$200. Your gift helps children like Mia shine bright. This is a one-day fundraising effort that includes a matching amount through the Coastal Bend Community Foundation (CBCF). Donations are doubled up to a matching amount of \$25,400.

**This year's "Day of Giving" is November 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**You can also give early the week of October 27 – November 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Help us purchase more prison Bibles, produce curriculum in demand, teach and baptize souls in jails and prisons, assist those leaving incarceration and re-entering free society and meet the needs of families impacted by incarceration.

Giving is done online. Be sure to recognize the picture (right). Family Upreach, Inc., does business as **NewLife Behavior Ministries**.



**Thank you!** *This ministry and the souls that are impacted would not take place without your help!*  
*Your gift can keep that hope alive, not just for Mia, but for many who are being transformed through New Life Behavior Ministries. Please remember NLBM on November 4<sup>th</sup>.*

# You're invited!



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## Working with Prison Chaplains

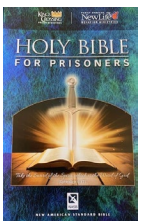
Each of the 103 prisons located throughout Texas is assigned a chaplain. These men and women provide religious opportunities for those in their care. Typically, a prison will house (typically 1- 2,000) people. Some prisons may hold as few as 600, others as much as 4,500. It is common for about 20% of prisons to not have a chaplain due to staffing shortages. Some chaplains have charge of more than one unit.

The picture (right) is a snapshot of the TDCJ state forum where required annual training takes place. It is also an opportunity for us to build relationships as we are one of the few state-wide impact programs allowed to attend and present *NewLife Behavior* curriculum and how it can impact prisoners. We spent nearly a week talking and planning how NLBM can impact inmates for Christ. We gave out almost 2,000 of the new NLBM Prison Bibles. Getting these Bibles into chaplains hands in mass means they will get into prisoners' hands. It also meant we avoided costly shipping. About 50 chaplains have made requests for NLBM courses, classes to be taught, more volunteers, and baptistries. Very few of these chaplains are members of our fellowship (*Churches of Christ*), however almost all of them share a love for Jesus Christ and the need for inmates to know and follow Christ.

Several chaplains are asking for volunteers to teach in their prisons. Even more chaplains are asking for NLBM curriculum as well as training on what is in it and how to teach it.

Please keep praying God continues to provide opportunities for NLBM to get curriculum and Bibles into chaplains' and prisoners' hands. Please pray God grants us the wisdom in how to work with all these chaplains. Please pray God continues to increase the NLBM borders in His kingdom to His glory.

As I write, I received a call today from a sister in Christ in the Gatesville area where several women's prison units are located. She is interested in being a volunteer and teaching NewLife Behavior courses. While at the chaplains' forum last month, I met with one of the chaplains who is over two of these women's prisons in Gatesville. He is requesting portable baptistries and volunteers to come teach. *Isn't God good?!*



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