

FAMILY UPREACH, INC.

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BEHAVIOR MINISTRIES

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Since 1984: *Reconciling persons to God, families and society*

## DOUBLING YOUR TAX BENEFIT?

Buck Griffith

Now that I'm a legitimate Senior Citizen (approaching my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday), I am privileged to spend increased amounts of time in physicians' offices. While there, I'm entertained by the jokes and "Laughing Matters" section of *Seniorific News* plus, updates on subjects of interest to seasoned citizens. In the January (2023) edition, I saw an article by Liz Weston (*Nerd Wallet*) about making the most of new rules concerning charitable giving. In the piece, she quotes Mark Astrinos (CPA and personal financial specialist in the San Francisco Bay area). Liz commented on how stock bought at a low price but may escalate with you can owing a big tax bill when sold. By donating that stock to a qualified charity like Family Upreach, you may avoid the tax bill. If you itemize deductions, you may be able to count the *current price at the time of donation*.

Astrinos illustrates this with one who invested \$10,000 in shares that are worth \$100,000 today. Selling it would mean \$90,000 in capital gains but donating it would create a **\$100,000 deduction and bypass capital gains tax!** "It's a double tax benefit," Astrinos says. It is worthy of strong consideration.

With such contributions, one of our most treasured efforts (the "Little Angels" program) flourishes. This ministry works with those in and alcoholics/addicts to not only help *them* but spouses and *children*. We choose to call children "Little Angels" since they are 100% innocent of the mistakes their parents have made. We want them to know they are loved and valued. We do not want them to follow the wrong footprints. The right path must be taught – in word and deed. Thank you for your support.



Family Upreach IS a "qualified charity." We lift up families! Our Endowment Fund is entrusted to Coastal Bend Community Foundation. When you are ready to make a gift of stock, please contact us to pave the way for a swift and smooth transition of funds to this worthy cause. The idea behind the Endowment Fund is to insure the stability and long-term existence of this ministry despite economic conditions or loss of key donors. A work worth doing is worthy of being continued. This IS our legacy.

## IN LOVING MEMORY ~ IN HONOR OF

Family Upreach expresses gratitude for remembering loved ones and honoring those cherished with gifts. These remembrances allow souls to be taught to transform destructive behaviors into positive ones through Jesus.

**Received from:**

M/M Bob Wachtel  
M/M Don Crofton  
M/M Buck Griffith

**In loving memory of:**

Carl Hill, Sr.  
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**Received from:**

Helen Horne  
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**In honor of:**

Dale & Laura White  
B. D. Griffith, Sr.

## NATIONAL JAIL-PRISON MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Mark your Calendar for **June 7-9, 2023**, for this annual gathering in New Orleans. David Green is coordinator of the event.

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY – 2024

While you have your calendar open, write down **June 12-14, 2024**, for the National Jail-Prison Ministry Workshop here in Corpus Christi. Dr. Dale Underwood is coordinating this one.

## **A SAMPLING OF THE VETNET PROGRAM**

The **VetNet** program is awesome! We wish you could read all the comments in letters from students. Veterans have an appreciation and respect that all of us would do well to emulate despite their ongoing challenges. The following is one sample that is on my desk and mind today . . .

“I’m a Marine veteran. I saw action in Somalia where I lost several friends. I suffer from PTSD but not getting help for it. I do my best to forget and use alcohol and drugs. I realize it’s not the best medicine, but it does ease the pain a little. I tried killing myself a couple of times, but someone always stops me. I have a shotgun shell with the firing pin marking on it – was it a dud or was God giving me a message? I found a group of veterans and we look out for each other. Together, we fight our demons. This is where YOU may be able to help. I was given a brochure about VetNet. Can you supply lessons for us to study together – one vet helping another vet?”

## **MORE ABOUT THE “GIDEON” PROJECT**

We are concerned about having a sufficient number of qualified Christians to carry this ministry forward. Those with the greatest passion have “been there - done that.” We are looking closely at ex-offenders that have risen to the top. We want to locate them and literally bring them here for a minimum of six months training. With our help, they will find employment, housing, transportation, etc., and as part of an *internship*, they will learn about every aspect of this ministry through personal involvement. From here, they may fill volunteer roles in local ministries throughout the nation and some will become part-time or full-time workers.



The label “Gideon” has been selected from Judges 7 because of the process God used to dwindle the original number of soldiers (32,000) down to the final 300. These chosen “few” were watchful, careful, and courageous. **God** is the true power behind the fall of Jericho’s walls. We are hunting for the proverbial “needle in the haystack” - the *cream of the crop*. We seek help with recommendations and referrals from ministry workers everywhere. Some may have completed programs such as TPOM (Nashville), Project Rescue (Alabama), House for New Life (Nebraska), The Men of Nehemiah (Texas), Off the Chains (Florida), David & Jamie Green (Louisiana), Henry Petree (Oklahoma), etc.

In time, we believe that the “watchful, careful, and courageous” will change the landscape of prison ministry as we know it today. God will cause *the walls to fall down* in the hearts of disbelievers of this work’s value. It is hard to look a converted “Saul of Tarsus” in the face and call this a *waste of time, energy, and money*.

## **NEWLIFE GROUPS**

This newly designed and “all-encompassing” logo can be used by all sorts of support groups. A sampling of groups is found below. The group designation can be placed directly below the logo.

Substance Abuse Recovery  
Grief Recovery  
Divorce Recovery  
Clutterers Recovery

Overeaters Recovery  
Sexual Addiction Recovery  
Debtors Recovery  
Pornography Recovery

Gamblers Recovery  
Co-Dependency Recovery

Emotions Recovery  
Smoking Recovery



## **SIBI “VISION” WORKSHOP – 2023**

Dale Underwood, his wife Karlene, and Don Umphrey were in Lubbock for Sunset International Bible Institute’s workshop with the NLBM display. It allowed them to new friends that have an interest in carrying the gospel to men and women behind bars. It is always encouraging to hear the SIBI audience shouting, “**Preach the Word!**” Dale said, “You know a blessing is on its way as we study together.”

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