

FAMILY UPREACH, INC.

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BEHAVIOR MINISTRIES

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

JUNE 7-9: NATIONAL PRISON WORKSHOP

New Orleans is the place to be June 7-9. Don't miss it! Exciting things always happen (and a lot of it takes place outside the classrooms). This is not to suggest the topics or speakers won't be stimulating, but the bonus is being with fellow workers from *everywhere*. In the halls, display booths, breaks, meals, early mornings, late nights, etc., we get to see folks one-on-one to ask questions and get answers or ideas to improve our ministries. There is power in *networking*. Many value this experience as worthy enough to take vacation-time or leave jobs to travel at their own expense just to be here.

The theme and logo with vital details appear below. Register at <https://forms.gle/aWBKHwg9kU2JTSJb8> or fill out the hard copy enclosed. Registration is \$90 each if paying by check (payable to "Keep It Real" or Church of Christ). Mail it to P. O. Box 1883, Chalmette, Louisiana 70044-1883. If registering online, the amount is \$95.00 per person to partially cover the transaction fee. David Green is the workshop coordinator, assisted by co-workers and primary *fortifier*, Jaime. Phone numbers for both are also seen below with the theme and logo. The quick way to get answers is by emailing Jaime at jgreen.kir@gmail.com.

Let's take time to explore our 2023 Workshop theme: "Fortified." In December 2021, **Keep It Real** ministry purchased a 48,000 square foot facility for aftercare use. There are beds for 63 men. A three-year DOJ/DOC grant meets the needs of 50%. The Church of Christ of Greater New Orleans meets there with 150+ in Bible study and worship with David preaching. Tours of the facility will be available during the workshop. You can see more up-to-date information on Facebook at David Green-Keep it Real. It is regarded as the most comprehensive transitional living and re-entry program in Louisiana. Beneath its name (Keep It Real) is the description of **The Fort**. This will give you a "tip" about the meaning of "**Fortified**" for our workshop theme.

Soon after the early colonization of this *new* continent, people began expanding from the east coast to the west, north and south. A **fort** often preceded the building of communities, towns, cities, and states. Its mission was to be a refuge in time of danger and provide protection. Homes, churches, schools, and businesses would then be constructed. So, it is with this ministry. Those captured in Satan's traps are thrown into dark pits. Some come to the Light. Translated into the *spiritual* kingdom, these new citizens need help being **fortified** as they transition to their new lives where they will work, worship, and build new relationships prior to the final entry to *gloryland*.

49th Annual Churches of
Christ Jail & Prison
Ministry Workshop

FORTIFIED

Come and be FORTIFIED in your
ministry **June 7-9th, 2023** in New
Orleans, LA. There will be
relevant & encouraging sessions,
national resources,
knowledgeable experts, think
tanks AND food, fun & fellowship!

Registration is \$90 to \$95.
Space is limited so register
early!

We are here to answer your questions:
David (913)605-2495 or
Jaime (985)379-8944

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.

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“BITS” & “PIECES”

The Owen Richey Memorial Golf Classic: May 23

This annual NLBI event raises funds in Dallas to spread the NLB curriculum outside of the USA while NLBM focuses on this country. If interested in playing, contact Dale Underwood who is taking a foursome to Dallas.



Online Studies

We continue our dream to have NLB studies freely available on the worldwide web, by working with Dr. HM Molsinger to make it a reality. Many of you share this vision.



Endowment Fund Report

A special “thank you” goes to all that donated in April to build up our *Endowment Fund*. With a few pledged gifts still out, we will delay announcing a total but it looks like we will reach a new high of at least \$45,000. Again, thank you for your generosity.



50th National Prison Ministry Workshop, June 12-14, 2024, is in Corpus Christi, Texas.

RECARDO REYES ARRIVES MAY 15

We are more than anxious to welcome Recardo Reyes to Corpus Christi on May 15. He excited Kings Crossing Church of Christ when he spoke April 16th. His new office is ready. Recardo arrives at exactly the right time as the Coastal Bend Detention Center reopens its doors for NLB bilingual classes for the first time since Covid-19. This facility houses people from all over the world and many will be returning there. This is a modern reenactment of Philip and the Treasurer of Ethiopia. We can teach them Jesus and return them to their homelands winning souls to Him.

We will try to find a better picture later. This one (from Facebook) catches Recardo singing and driving. While it may not get ticketed as a driving offense, it may be considered *offensive* in music circles. Recardo revealed his sense of humor in his recent message at Kings Crossing when he referred to the trials and afflictions of Paul. Recardo admitted that coming to Corpus Christi means he will have to work with Dale Underwood! Everyone erupted in laughter. Later, he admitted to being nervous but when the congregation found his comment funny, he relaxed a bit.



Recardo will also work with our **Gideon Project**. His personal life experiences will be a powerful asset. However, his training at Sunset International Bible Institute and passion for evangelism is important as he helps mature new Christians in keeping on walking in the light. As most know, students at SIBI raise their own personal support. Recardo is already doing this not only for himself but to be able to see this outreach grow. So, he is not arriving empty-handed. His father, Richard, is coming, too. Recardo will be leading us to greater success in the Spanish portion of this work. Keep him in your prayers.

Reprint of Workbooks

Beginning on May 15th, we will be reprinting the “Managing My Anger” and “Loosed & Forgiven” workbooks. We hope to have them ready for you by mid-summer.

SPANISH TRACT DEVELOPMENT

The Spanish version of the “Monarch Butterfly” tract is ready for use. We are in the process of translating the 52 tracts that accompany *Christian Marriage Skills, CASA, Attitudes & Behaviors, and Managing My Anger*. They are valuable tools that reinforce those 52 lessons.

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