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SHARING THE HEART OF NEWLIFE BEHAVIOR

Along with Joe Alley and Recardo Reyes, Dr. Dale Underwood journeyed to El-Salvador in mid-June to share NLB courses in Spanish with congregations in this country. We met up with our guides, *Luis and Mayra Melendez* and their kids, *Ashley* and *Daniel*, at the airport in San Salvador and our adventure began.



We traveled to towns like Ataco, Juayua, Ahuachapan Sonsanote, San Salvadore and others I do not remember how to pronounce or spell! *Recardo Reyes* put his knowledge of Spanish to good use and preached in two communities following our walking city streets and inviting receptive populations to hear the gospel preached on the first two days.



Next, we conducted a full-day seminar for leaders of congregations, some of whom drove several hours to hear about **NewLife Behavior** (NLB) courses that can help grow and mature disciples. We gave out flash drives containing twelve NLB courses in Spanish. Repeatedly, we were asked when we could return to do follow up sessions to help leaders implement and understand the curriculum.

Sunday, *Dale* preached to a congregation in Juayua and then we we traveled to Ahuachapan to conduct a *Christian Marriage Skills* seminar.



Following our efforts to share NLB curriculum with 25 congregations around the country, we helped 9 congregations by distributing food to their poorest members.



With the help of donors back home, we had previously raised enough funds to feed eighty-four families with essential food. During off-hours we packed these bags of food and on our last day, *Joe Alley* preached about a God of relationships who desires that we help each other. It was a beautiful end to a great sharing of the Good News!



NLBM REGIONAL DIRECTORS CAN HELP

Each month we share with you several people who have taken on the task of being NLB regional directors. These are excellent teachers and ambassadors of NLBM courses. They use NLBM courses in their own prison ministry efforts and are capable of helping you to know and teach courses, as well. We encourage you to use them as resources to your ministry. Here are three more that may be in an area near you.

Marshall Danby has built a robust prison ministry in eastern Tennessee for several decades. His teams reach men and women's in prisons. He is a trainer of those who want to learn how to teach.



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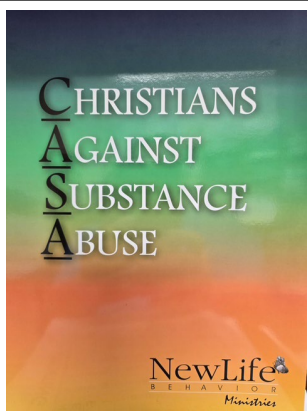
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“Christians Against Substance Abuse (CASA)”

We call it CASA. Adapted from the *Alcohol Anonymous 12-Step* program, Buck Griffith reconnected the *12-Steps* to the Bible. Without going too much into the history of the development of the *12-Steps*, you should know the steps were developed from a Biblical framework. CASA firmly puts the 12-Steps back in a spiritual framework, and the results have been powerful!

As with all NLB courses, there are thirteen lessons captured in four units. CASA lessons progress from step one in order to twelve. A thirteenth lesson that encourages continued maturity wraps the study up.

Unit One

- Lesson 1 – Out of Gas
- Lesson 2 – Shielded by God
- Lesson 3 – Surrender

Unit Three

- Lesson 8 – Pre-Amends Making
- Lesson 9 – Making Things Right
- Lesson 10 – Keeping On – Keeping On

Unit Two

- Lesson 4 – Inventory Time
- Lesson 5 – Good for the Soul
- Lesson 6 – Sick and Tired
- Lesson 7 – Sin Removal

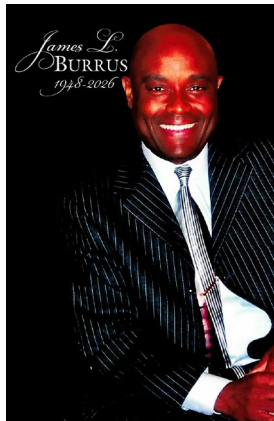
Unit Four

- Lesson 11 – Increasing Contact
- Lesson 12 – Passing It On
- Lesson 13 – Going On To Maturity

Teacher’s Tip: CASA is used in teaching formats as well as recovery group formats. We can help you to start up either one. Contact us for help.

NLBM Board Member, Jim Burrus, Passes Away

A few weeks ago, *Jim* passed. His “*Celebration of Life*” service took place Saturday, June 27th in Terrell, Texas. Jim served a chaplain in Michigan prisons for 30 years. He also preached at the **Higby Street** and **West End Churches** for several decades, encouraging many young men to be men of God. *Bernadette*, Jim’s wife, was a faithful wife and caregiver. Please keep her and the rest of the Burrus family in prayer as they grieve.



I listened to his children honor him. I listened to his former classmates from the **Southwestern Christian College** tell stories and speak of their love and admiration for Jim. I heard preachers share about Jim’s work in the kingdom. **NLBM** was spoken about in Jim’s passion and efforts to spread the Word of God.

One brother spoke on Ecclesiastes 7:7, how “*the end of a matter is better than its beginning.*” We laughed together as we heard about Jim’s beginnings. There were times like you and me, he was all too human! Yet, his ending *WAS* so much better. What God did in shaping his life and ministry remains a strong influence for many. *We praise God for jim and celebrate his reward.*

In Memorial and Honor

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

Received from: In loving memory of:

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| M/M Buck Griffith | Jim Burrus |
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