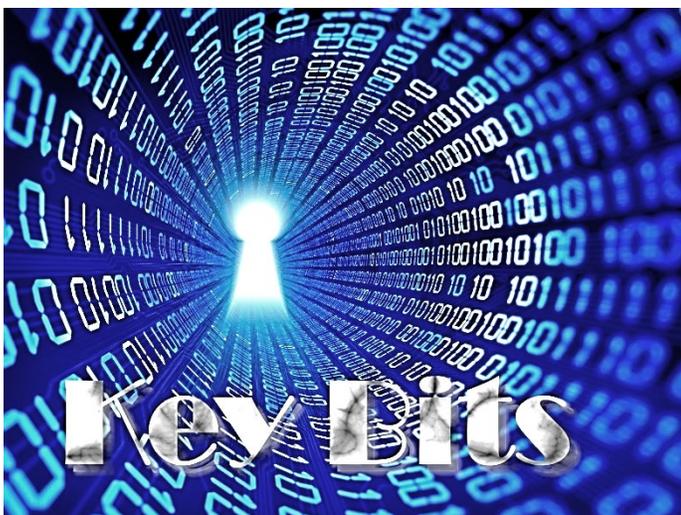


During the past couple of years and the first half of 2022 we have endured a lot of changes to the landscape of prison ministry. Coming out of the uncertainty of covid, the Texas prison system slowly evolved from a total lockout of volunteers by beginning to allow two volunteers to enter with mandatory covid testing and limited inmate attendance. The next step allowed more volunteers, the next more inmates and eventually the covid testing requirements were removed. Of course, the units we have been ministering to have undergone both staff and inmate population changes, some were shut down or renamed. Policies have evolved and new technologies are making their way into the TDCJ environment.

As we began to be able to return to full time ministry, David Gunter, our director for the past 10 years and Chairman of the Board of Directors prior to that, went home to be with our Savior. In his letter to our volunteers and supporters, current Chairman of the Board, Bob Crites said, "We can't replace a man like David Gunter, so what we endeavored to do was find God's next man to carry on this effective ministry... Please welcome Bill (Everts) as our new leader and director of the ministry. His ideas for growth, his passion for the inmates, his relationships with the TDCJ Chaplains, and his management skill set make me as excited for the future of Less Than The Least as I have ever been. Also, I know David would be pleased with this selection." We are now structuring our ministry to meet the demands of the new Texas prison system. In this issue of Inside And Out, you will see some of what we have been doing.



30 Prison Church Services in 9 different Units
1645 Inmates attending
104 First time salvations
205 Rededications to Jesus
682 PALs received and responded to
162 Reformation Study Bibles Shipped to inmates
75 Baptisms
96 Bars of soap, bottles of shampoo, tubes of toothpaste and sticks of deodorant delivered



We have had a great start to 2022 ministering at the Plane State Jail in Dayton. Thanks go to their chaplain, Dr. Kevin Hrebik, the wardens and staff who have greeted our renewed ministry with open arms. This unit in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) houses women convicted of felonies that qualify for “state jail” time. Over the last four months we have held 10 church services with an average attendance of 85 inmates.

In March, we helped upgrade the sound system at the Plane State Chapel of



Hope. Some equipment had been donated by other ministries (a computer and a very small mixer), but they needed technical expertise to piece everything together. Our director, Bill Everts, made several trips to the unit and LTTL Ministries purchased some

equipment needed to piece the separate parts into a functioning sound system.

We also had a very successful [clothing drive](#) in March to provide release clothing. Each woman released from TDCJ receives one pair of pants and one shirt each. Four of our partner churches: Clear Lake Baptist Church, Sagemont Church, Shadycrest Baptist Church and United City Church donated 604 shirts and 309 pairs of pants.

At the end of March, Chaplain Hrebik appointed four women to be the first ever choir. LTTL volunteer, Stephanie Everts, stepped up to be their director and they sang their first service on Easter Sunday. You can see them sing this song by clicking [here](#). Mrs. Everts held a second round of auditions in May and there are now 10 women in the choir.

LTTL also organized and led in the baptism of 75 women at Plane State ([click here to see highlights](#)) in June. Following that baptism, LTTL ministries received approval from the Rehabilitation Programs Division of TDCJ to begin a class called “Starting Point” for the purpose of discipling new Christians. The material for this class was developed and is being provided to the women by United City church. Two of our volunteers, who are also members of United City, Stephanie Balfour and Denise Sowders, began teaching this 7-session class on June 10, 2022 with the 75 newly baptized women enrolled.

We now have a church service the second Sunday of every month at 11:30 a.m. led by Bill and Stephanie Everts with occasional Saturday services led by Heather Dutton. Choir practice is every Friday at 3pm and Starting Point is every other Friday from 3pm to 5pm.

We have a 2-phase plan to complete the upgrades to the Chapel of Hope. Phase 1, which we hope to be able to complete this year, includes over \$9,500 worth of much needed equipment: monitors for lyric display, amplifiers, a properly sized mixer, cabling and installation. If you are able to help fund this project, please contact us at info@lessthantheleast.org or click [here to donate now](#).



WE OUR volunteers



Nearly all of our operations are run by volunteers. We are now appointing these volunteers to key volunteer staff positions, giving them responsibility for various aspects of the ministry.

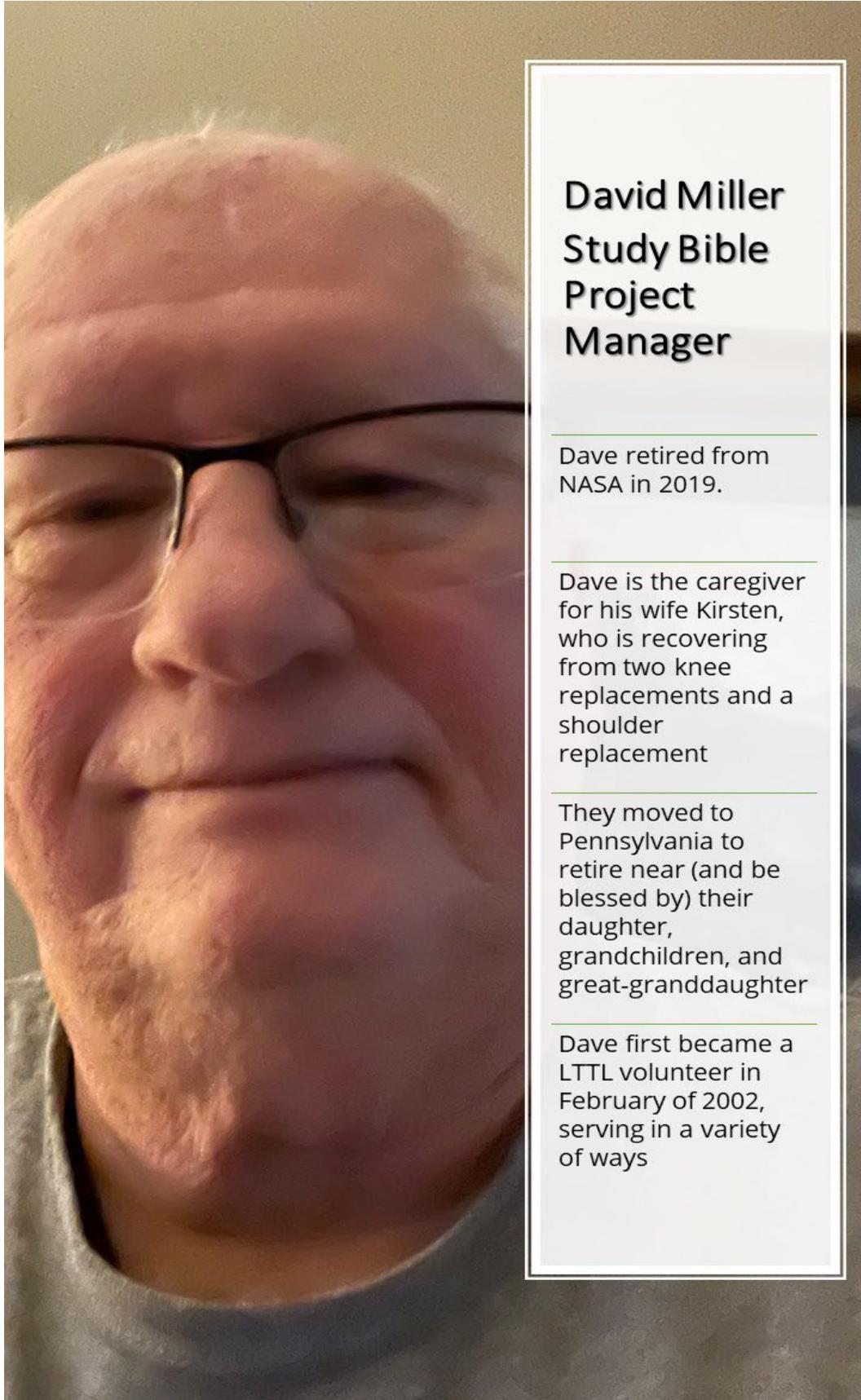
Bill Everts, Director of Less Than The Least said, "I felt it was important to recognize the work that our volunteers have been doing for a long time by giving them official roles within the organization without increasing the overhead for the ministry." We also need to be able to utilize the special skills and talents God has given our volunteers that go beyond the direct services inside the units. "As we grow, having volunteers with years of experience with our ministry, handling our operations as volunteers will keep us on target", added Bob Crites, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

This month, you will meet three of those volunteers. Estella Davis has been named the Volunteer Coordinator and is responsible for coordinating with chaplains for ministry activities and then supplying those events with volunteers. She will also help get new volunteers plugged in right away. David Miller is our Study Bible Project Manager. David maintains an inventory of Bibles to be able to quickly respond to requests from inmates as they come in. He also tracks every Bible sent to eliminate duplicate requests. Both David and Estella have been with LTTL from the beginning. Kay Archer is a graphic designer by trade, so it was a natural fit to appoint her to be our first ever Newsletter Editor. Kay also volunteers as the Secretary for the Board of Directors. Short biographies for Estella, David and Kay are below.



Estella Davis Volunteer Coordinator

- Estella is an avid reader and a master gardener.
- She loves hosting her family and friends with a good meal.
- She has been married to James for 42 years.
- They enjoy riding their Harley Touring bike with their daughter Stephanie and son in law Robert through the backroads of Texas.
- They rescued a Terrier mix, Bailey, seven years ago and she is a faithful companion.
- Estella has been a TDCJ Volunteer since 2003.



David Miller Study Bible Project Manager

Dave retired from NASA in 2019.

Dave is the caregiver for his wife Kirsten, who is recovering from two knee replacements and a shoulder replacement

They moved to Pennsylvania to retire near (and be blessed by) their daughter, grandchildren, and great-granddaughter

Dave first became a LTTL volunteer in February of 2002, serving in a variety of ways

Kay Archer

Newsletter Editor



Kay has been a Graphics and Website Designer for over 30 years. She loves Interior Design, Sewing and Fashion Design, and Baking. She has been married to her soul mate Mac, for 29 years. Mac and Kay love spending time with their two amazing Godly sons, their beautiful Proverbs 31 wives, nine adorable grandchildren and four fur babies.

Equipment Needs



Several units need new equipment for their chapels. Here is a list of the needs. If you can help, please [donate here](#). If you have any questions about these needs, please contact us at info@lessthantheleast.org.

Plane State: \$9,553.68 for: 150 ft, 16 channel snake, mixer, two amplifiers, lyrics display monitors, floor monitors, cables, mounts, mic and music stands, installation

Ramsey Unit: \$2,556.42 for music and mic stands, cables, in-ear monitors, amplifier

Stiles Unit: \$1839.99 for a 32-channel mixer and installation

Stringfellow Unit: \$1839.99 for a 32-channel mixer and installation

Terrell Unit: \$238.21 HDMI Audio converter, cables, DI box, delivery and installation

Wainwright Unit: \$1,174.76 for Lyric display monitors for South Chapel, mounting hardware, delivery and installation

There are always needs that present themselves as equipment wears out, guitars need strings, cables, stands, and all of the equipment used several times a day usually in environments lacking temperature control just wears out. Please [donate](#) today.



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