

## ***MBA of Texas December 2017 Mission Reports***

**December Beginning Balance: \$24,613.12/** Offering: \$15,083.79/ Missionary Support: \$14,050/ Designated: \$50/ Adm. Salary: \$2,600/ Office Expense: \$49.78/ December 31<sup>st</sup> balance: \$22,947.13/ (Minute Fund Balance: \$9,544.58)

### ***Salvations:0***

Well, we are starting a New Year. There are new adventures ahead for the missionaries and for our supporting churches. We want to let you know, YOU, are in our prayers. May the Lord bless the missionaries and their families, and, may the Lord bless each one of the MBA of Texas Churches! We do want to wish each one of you a blessed New Year!

### ***Steven Haney- MBSF- Texas Tech U.- Lubbock***

December was a slow month for the MBSF. We only got two weeks for our Bible Study before the students headed home for the month long Christmas/New Year holiday. Most of the students finished their classes around the 14<sup>th</sup> and will not return until January 11-12<sup>th</sup>. Once the holiday kicked in most of the campus shut down for cleaning, repairs, and redecorating and was not open to the public. We still had lunches on Sundays at our house for the students that were still around, and classes on Sundays and Wednesdays as well. Things will start picking back up around the second week of January and everything should get back on track then. We appreciate your prayers especially for the safe travels for our students over the holidays. Thank you, and we hope you had a Merry Christmas and a will have a blessed New Year!

### ***Joe Bozarth- Fellowship MBC- Conroe***

The month of December seems to have been filled with people in the hospital! My wife, Carolyn, spent 2 days without finding out what was wrong. We have had one member in and out all month and is still there. So, I also spent a lot of time going back and forth between several hospitals. Of course this affects our attendance. Our averages were: 9 in SS; 11 in MW; 7 in EW, and 7 in WE. Our offering was \$3,429 with \$367.90 given to missions and \$2,006.75 paid on the loan.

We still have great prospects. Since, the city is building so fast and there is much construction. One of the past hindrances is the gated communities. Now, the fences are not going up until the subdivision is completed. That allows us to get into the new comers with our materials before we are shut out. Thank you for your support and prayers.

***Donald Trussell- Hill Country MBC- Kerrville***

Most of the month of December was spent taking care of my wife and carrying her to physical therapy after her total knee replacement on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Cindy is recuperating well and was able to walk a good bit without a cane by Christmas day.

The averages for Hill Country MBC were: 11 in SS; 11 in MW, 13 in EW, and 6 in outside Bible Studies. Our offering was \$1,073 with 150 given to missions and \$300 paid on rent.

When I was out door knocking last month, I met a young woman named Audrey. After we talked a little, we discovered that she knew my daughter because they work together. My daughter related to me later that Audrey was a single mom and that last year her children didn't get anything for Christmas because it was a choice between Christmas presents or paying bills and buying food. She is also caring for a mother who is waiting for a heart transplant. Normally, Hill Country MBC "adopts" a single mom each Christmas and buys food and toys for their family. Of course, after hearing about Audrey's situation, it was an easy decision to pick her as our adopted mom this year. Please pray for this young lady, her family, and us as we try to minister to her. God bless you all in the New Year and thank you for your prayers and support.

***Leland Acker- Life Point BC- Early***

December has been a blessed month for Life Point BC.

First, our building is coming along nicely. The walls have been dry-walled and textured, and the interior doors will be installed this week. Then we will paint and install the suspended ceiling, and install electrical and plumbing fixtures.

We still need money for air conditioning, flooring, ADA ramps and parking lot construction. Please support our building project by sending offerings to:

Life Point Baptist Church  
P.O. Box 3134  
Early, TX 76803

We continue to see Scriptural growth in the congregation. I had the honor of officiating a wedding this month, and more people are participating in the worship services by offering specials. We've also had additional help teaching the children's classes. Our averages in December were 19 in SS; 20 in MW; and 9 in outside Bible studies. Our offering was \$1,839.65 with \$150 given to missions and \$300 paid on rent.

Please pray that we will reach more people, and that the Lord will send more workers to help us make disciples.

***David Smith- Lifeline BC- Mansfield***

December has been an interesting time for us at Lifeline.

1. The Nazarene Church that once allowed us to rent their facilities has disbanded. (Their building burnt down Christmas Sunday morning a year ago). About 7 of the members have been visiting our church. Pray that God use this as a way for us to encourage them and teach them more about the Word and Baptist ways.

2. Ken Sibley did an outstanding job for us on the 17<sup>th</sup>, and we had 25 attending on that day. It's always good to see Bro. Ken.

3. Christmas play, "Just Believe" was performed on the 17<sup>th</sup> with 33 present. We had a good turnout and lots of good fun and fellowship.

4. After a wonderful month of attendance and participation, last Sunday slipped way down to only 8! Oh well, that's what happens in church planting work.

Our averages for December were 19 in MW and 5 in small groups. Our offering was \$2,256 with \$200 given to missions and \$750 paid on rent.

Overall, December has been a good month and we are so thankful to be able to do this work here in Mansfield. We are also very thankful for a great sending/sponsoring church; Quaker Avenue BC, in Lubbock.

We will be having our State of the Church sermon this coming Sunday. There are many plans that we will be making for the coming year. We are praying for much good growth in the coming year. We are praying especially for God to give us disciples who will be making disciples.

### ***Cory Page- Disciple Life- Georgetown***

As usual, December was a busy month. God gave us some great opportunities and we are excited to see how these doors might open.

This month we had our average of 15 during Sunday services. God continues to bless each member of the team with opportunities to share the gospel. We pray that the seed would soon bear fruit.

Disciple Life was blessed to be able to serve in some interesting ways this month. God connected me with a CPS agent. When kids fall through the cracks, she reaches out to our church for help with special projects. We were blessed with the opportunity to give a sizable offering to help a foster child get an orthopedic helmet. We also were blessed to give a good offering to the students of the Central Baptist Seminary in Acuna, Mexico. The most exciting was our holiday meal. A Turkish Family with whom Jim is friends had never experienced an American holiday meal. Our church held a Thanksgiving/Christmas feast! This Muslim Family even gave the Paces a Christmas gift.

### ***Victor Rice- Shiloh MBC- San Antonio***

We give thanks to the Lord for the blessings and prayers from the MBA of

Texas. We also give thanks for allowing us to work and be blessed. We were blessed to have Bro. Brain Sheridan and his family from Arkansas come up during the Thanksgiving week to be with their daughter who is serving in the Air Force and attending our services. We also were blessed having Bro. Cory Williams and Sister Williams from Meadowbrook MBC come in the first part of December for morning services. They blessed us with a \$3,000 offering for partitions for our fellowship room to divide out for classrooms. We are very thankful to them.

We had low attendance with way over half of the church members out of town for the last two weeks in December, but that didn't stop us from doing the work of the Lord. Our averages were 12 for SS; 16 for MW 12 for EW; and 10 on WE. Our offering was \$3,991 with \$263.40 given to missions, and \$1,200 paid on rent. We did a Christmas service at Silver Manor nursing home and brought gloves and gifts for them. Our members put together 33 shoeboxes of gifts wrapped for the victims of hurricane Harvey and dropped them off at Faith MBC in Houston to hand out as needed. We went to Haven of Hope in between Sunday services and came back from a second year to do a cookie party, singing, coloring with the kids and photo and witnessing for Jesus. It is a center that takes homeless families and works with them to get them off the streets.

We close with a Christmas luncheon where our visitors attended with our 3 repeating visitors. I ask all to keep myself in prayer as I had hip surgery on December 26<sup>th</sup> and will be down for 6 weeks off work. Love and blessings!

***Glenn McCarver- El Paso***

Continue to pray for us as we are finishing packing, celebrating the holidays, and preparing to move. Lord willing, we will be arriving to our new home and mission field around the 10<sup>th</sup> of January. We are excited to get settled and start the task that God has placed on our hearts. Bro. Glenn's email address is: [themccarverfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:themccarverfamily@yahoo.com). His phone number is 915-301-3712.