

MBA of Texas July 2021 Mission Reports

July beginning balance: \$90,802.05 / Offerings: \$15,573.34 / Missionary Support: \$12,450 / Admin. Salary: \$2,600 / Expenses: (designated-\$10)(Minute Fund-\$327.54)(office-\$198.43)= \$535.97 / July 31st balance: \$90,789.42

Saved: 3 Baptized: 1 Letter: 3

Since November 1st, **8 were saved**, **4 were baptized**, **8 joined by letter**, and **2 joined by statement**.

State Missions was shared with Fellowship BC in Conroe.

Glenn McCarver; El Paso; Borderland MBC

God's Providence: A couple of days before we left for camp, one of the vehicles we were taking began having overheating issues. We tried to get it checked with 2 places we have used before, but they couldn't get to it in time. We finally found another that said that they could check it out. After having it all day, they told us that they couldn't find where a leak was coming from but were sure we had one. They listed several things that we needed to fix to the tune of about \$1,500! We were able to use someone else's car to get everyone to camp and back, and while we were there had our mechanic check it out. It turned out to not need any of the things we were told needed to be fixed, but had to have the radiator and hoses replaced. While it still cost about \$700, God protected us from not only leaving for camp with a van needing repair, but also saved us about \$800! Praise God for His blessings!

Direction: This year we were able to take 8 campers to our Southwest Family Camp in Ruidoso, New Mexico. It was great to be able to return to Bonita Park after one year away. While there, we were able to see 16 come to know Jesus as their Savior and three rededications. Among our group we had 2 to talk with us about God's direction in their lives. Please pray that as God leads, they listen and follow His direction.

Stats: We averaged 9 in MW; 7 on WE; with 2 visitors.

Pray: I ask you to pray for my son-in-law, Raul. He also knows that God is leading him in a certain direction, but has not fully surrendered to what God has in store for him. Pray that God will increase his faith!

Victor Rice; San Antonio; Shiloh MBC

Saved: We are so thankful to the Lord for safety and health He has provided for the congregation. We were blessed to take one of our youth to the Southwest family camp at Bonita Camp in New Mexico. With the power of prayer after a great message preached by Bro. Jonathan Smith, the Lord used me to lead someone to

Salvation. It was a blessing to hear her prayer of repentance and a call for the Lord to be her Savior. What a blessing for Northside BC as she was brought with their group.

Mass Mail Out: We started our mass mail throughout all the ABA churches in the USA for a request in helping our church get a building. We see in the Bible how God did mighty things as only God can do, such as parting the Red Sea with dry ground to cross, or God accepting the offering from Elijah verses the 450 prophets of Baal. Our prayer is that God would come to San Antonio to do a mighty work for the provision of a church/ soup kitchen, that it could be said that God provided in a mighty way.

Stats: We had **1 saved**. We averaged 13 in SS; 20 in MW; 12 on EW; and 14 WE. Our offering was \$6,290.35 with \$525 given to missions and \$1,200 paid on rent. We are busy inviting and witnessing.

We're also thankful to have Bro. Torres of Bethel BC having one of his members who is attending college in our area, to serve the Lord while away. Sis. Kaeth has been a blessing as she came and was well loved and attentive of the word.

Larry Watson; Rockdale; Landmark MBC

Joined: July has been a good month. We had 4 visitors this month. Two have come on more than one Sunday. We also started our Wednesday evening prayer meeting and Bible study. Bro. Loddie, the gentleman that recently started coming, and has been playing the piano for us, came forward to unite with our church by letter this past Sunday!

Changes: We held our annual business meeting this past Sunday where we addressed many things, including increasing our Missions giving, which will begin next month as well as our church positions. It's amazing seeing the Lord work and people volunteering for different ministries that we didn't even have one a year ago!

Prayers: We would like to ask you all to remember Sis. Marilyn in your prayers. The heat has really taken a toll on her health, and she's been unable to attend. Please also remember our community in Milam County, many are being hit with Covid. Lastly, remember me in your prayers as far as my job is concerned.

Stats: We had **1 join by letter**. We averaged 16 in SS; 18 in MW; and 6 on WE. Our offering was \$3,721 with \$100 given to missions.

Close call: We did have one Wednesday and Sunday where my family and I were unable to attend church due to direct Covid exposure. Thankfully I am through the quarantine days and have remained healthy. It was really hard to stay away!

Steven Haney; MBSF Director; Texas Tech U. Lubbock

Busy: July was a busy month for us alongside of the MBSF work between church

camp where we had 4 from our church saved and our family vacation.

Semester Plans: We put together a to-do list going for each officer and they have been working their way through that this month. Some of the list included things such as: making sure our student org status has been re-approved, getting all the new officers on Tech Connected for our MBSF contacts, getting a booth reserved for welcome week, contacting Tech to finalize information for reserving meeting rooms on campus, contacting the grounds use committee to check on areas and times for our out-reach booths, checking for community service projects for the fall semester, deciding on plans for a semester kick off fellowship, etc. We were able to do 2 of our officer zoom meetings this month and will be meeting several times in person before school begins once everyone is back in town to make sure everything is ready to go. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to get ready for the semester! I am excited for this fall and am looking forward to God doing a lot of big things! If you have any questions or concerns or contacts, let me know by calling (806)470-2850 or email me at s_haneymbsf@outlook.com. Thank you for your prayers and support, and God bless!

Joe Bozarth; Fellowship BC; Conroe

Joining: The mission has had an exciting month. Two of our young people were saved at Youth Camp. One joined our mission by baptism. We had 2 other visitors who joined by promise of letter.

Stats: We had **2 saved**, **1 baptized**, and **2 to join by letter**. We averaged 23 in SS; 25 in MW; 17 in EW; and 12 on WE. Our offering was \$3,397.05 with \$464.72 given to missions and \$3,002 paid on the loan.

Growing: Our attendance has continued to grow. We are looking forward to a great August report as well.

David Smith; Lifeline BC; Mansfield

Venus: We have begun a weekly Bible Study in the home of one of our members, who lives in Venus. We had about 10 in our first meeting. We are so thankful for this additional Bible group which we hope will contribute to the growth of our church. We are excited about what God will do through this. Venus is a small but growing area just south of Mansfield.

Property: We were hoping to be able to purchase a piece of property with a church building on it, but due to the owner's counter offer we were reluctant to follow through. We had asked for owner financing and the counter offer included a payoff penalty within the first three years in the amount of \$30,000, which was a turn-off point. Continue to pray that we find the property God wants us to have.

Stats: We averaged 12 in MW; 15 in small groups, and 10 in Venus. Our offering was \$1,748 with \$310 given to missions and \$725 paid on rent.

Ordination: We were very privileged to ordain our first man to the gospel ministry: Bro. Robert Baidya from Toronto. He ministers to Hindus and Muslims from Bangladesh in the Toronto area of Canada.

He is planning to go as a missionary to Bangladesh, his native country. He already ministers via zoom groups both in Canada and Bangladesh. His desire is to leave for Bangladesh as soon as the lock down is lifted there. Pray he will be able to lead many to Christ.

Muslims: Our Muslim outreach is slow, but we have built relationships with 5 families. We have personally witnessed the gospel to 3 teenage boys in these families, and the adults have received literature from us about Christ. Pray that we can form a question and answer group with some of these very soon.

Daniel Tijerina; A New Beginning BC; Mission

Blessed: The Lord continues to bless us in a mighty way. We have held services in our home and I have been asked to fill the pulpit at Gethsemane in Palmview a few days this month. We give all Honor and Glory to God, our sponsoring church-Unity MBC, and to all churches that support the MBA.

Stats: We averaged 12 in MW. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Plans: Our plans are to continue to reach the lost, search for a place to worship, and keep growing spiritually.