

MBA of Texas March 2018 Mission Reports

March 1st Balance: \$22,955.53 / Offerings: \$17,893.97 / Missionary Support: \$14,050 / Designated Offering: \$100 / Adm. Salary: \$2,600 / Office Expense: \$629.38 / March 31st balance: \$23,470.12

Saved: 1 Baptized: 2

During March there was 1 saved and 2 baptized. Since November 1st, there have been 5 saved, 2 baptized, 2 added by letter, and 3 added by statement.

In April or May, we want to encourage Texas Churches to receive a Resurrection offering for State Missions.

In March State Missions was represented at the Fellowship BC building dedication in Conroe, it was shared with College Station BC in College Station; with Calvary MBC in Livingston; and with Brooks Chapel MBC in Beckville.

Joe Bozarth- Fellowship BC- Conroe

After such a long wait the day did finally come. On March 3, 2018 the mission held the dedication for the building. There were 78 in attendance and we had many visitors from Conroe and the surrounding area. Several have come back and visited the regular church services. Our sponsoring church pastor, Bro. Loyd Chittenden preached the dedication message and really set the mood for the rest of the day. Our ladies and my son-in-law and daughter took care of the cooking. Several of the ladies from neighboring sister churches brought dishes. We were very proud of their help.

The averages for Fellowship BC in Conroe were: 8 in SS; 11 in MW; 8 in EW; and 9 on Wednesday Evening. Our offering was \$3,280 with \$328 given to missions and \$2,006.75 paid on the loan.

Now comes the big outreach we participate in each year. The city of Conroe holds a Saturday in April each year, especially for kids, called Kitz Fest. We have had a booth every year that it was not rained out. Generally speaking, we will receive 200 or more good contacts. The booth will consist of games for the kids and give away items. The adults will sign up for a drawing of a nice family bible. Of course, they must fill out a card with name and address. And we follow up where we can, either in person in the subdivisions that are not gated for security purposes. The rest we contact with a mail out. Pray for us in this endeavor.

Donald Trussell- Hill Country MBC- Kerrville

I was very pleased to hear that one of our Bible Clubs children, Mila, got saved this past month! Please, folks, never give up on your children's ministries. Please continue to pray for the children who attend at HCMBC; we are still working on

getting parents into church on a regular basis.

Praise God for the 1 salvation! The averages for Hill Country MBC were; 10 in SS; 10 in MW; 12 in EW; and 5 in outside Bible studies. Our offering was \$1,259 with \$150 given to missions and \$300 paid on rent.

Thank you all for your prayers for my wife. The doctor ran some more tests at the end of March and they show that there is a little improvement in Cindy's adrenal function. Please continue to remember her.

Also, please keep lifting up the man I've been trying to lead to the Lord (Tommy) in your prayers. He has now asked his wife for a divorce and won't talk to me. I left his house in tears on the last visit, as I am hurting over the fact that he and his wife, Beverly, have two small children. I am praying for a miracle in their lives and I'm asking that you do the same. God bless you all for your support and prayers.

Leland Acker- Life Point BC- Early

God is still moving at Life Point BC in Early, TX. We have seen one member return after an extended absence, we continue to see regular visitors, and God has opened the doors for us to serve our community in special ways.

By the time you read this, we will have held our annual Community Easter Sunrise Service in downtown Brownwood. This service is an outreach to our community which usually sees an attendance of approximately 30 every year, many first time visitors.

Back in February, I filed to run for Early City Council. There were three open seats, and the only ones who filed were the two incumbents and me. There being no opposition, the city cancelled the election and I will be sworn into office in May. Upon being "elected," I was briefed by the city manager. With the economic developments that will be announced over the next year, I can say that God definitely moved our congregation into the right place. This town will soon grow rapidly.

I was also elected as a delegate to the State Republican Convention. This is the first step in being re-elected to the Republican Platform Committee, where in 2016, I seconded a motion to place language supporting Christianity and Christian values back into the state Republican Party Platform.

My kids are in baseball and softball, and one of the coaches has asked that I lead joint prayers between the two teams every game.

The averages for Life Point BC are; 19 in SS; 20 in MW; and 10 in outside Bible studies. Our offering was \$1,911.60 with \$300 given to missions, and \$300 paid on rent.

The members of Life Point are becoming more involved, teaching Sunday School classes and leading worship, as well as participating in worship by offering

specials.

As for the building, the air conditioning is being installed this week, and progress continues to be made on the ceiling. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Cory Page- Disciple Life- Georgetown

What a month! Let me begin by thanking the many people who reached out to us during the bombing situation. The first bomb was in the next neighborhood; so close that Jessica saw the smoke from our house! We praise God for keeping us safe. Continue to pray for Austin. That the bomber was a right-wing, Christian home-schooler has made for some obvious media headlines in this liberal area. Pray that this situation will open up conversations for the gospel.

Disciple Life averaged 15 for the month. It was great to have steady attendance for the month. God is moving in this church, and we cannot wait to see what He is about to do. Disciple Life continues to be involved in various ministry opportunities, from which we get to share evangelism stories each Sunday. The highlight of the month was a bible study that started in Cedar Park (Northwest Austin Metro). One person showed up the first week. 10 showed up the next week! Pray that God would continue to guide Disciple Life through open doors. Disciple Life was also blessed with the opportunity to bless a missionary with \$350 for unexpected ministry expenses. That adds to the approximately \$4,000 Disciple Life gave to missions last year. Even though we are still at the beginning stages of what God will do, Disciple Life shows a constant desire for missionaries around the world.

Glenn McCarver- El Paso

To everything there is a season... A new season has arrived in our lives. On March 4th, Joseph Rice proposed to our daughter, Cala. When I look at my daughter, I see two people. I see the amazing young woman that she has become, but the eyes of this father see her as a two or three year old girl dancing around! When we were privileged to be there for the proposal, all I could think of was where have the years gone. Joseph is a young preacher and the son of Victor and Ramona Rice, missionaries in San Antonio.

Spanish Classes... I began Spanish classes a little over a month ago. I am enjoying this time as I learn not only the language, but more about the local culture. It is always interesting to find a word that is different here than in another Spanish speaking area or country. Please pray for me as this is extremely important to our work here. To be able to share Christ effectively, we must be able to be understood!

“For I was hungered, and ye gave me meat...” As we go throughout El

Paso, we see the many homeless people. Our hearts ache for these people. We may not know their story, but we know two things that they need. Many (if not most) are hungry and so we try to provide them something to eat. Most (if not all) are in need of something they don't realize- salvation. We also make sure that they have information to satisfy the hunger in their souls. Please pray especially for a man named "Chito" that we have been talking with for a few weeks now. May God open his eyes to the TRUTH!

Victor Rice- Shiloh MBC- San Antonio

The month of March has been a blessing to me and to the work. First of all I give thanks for the prayers for my healing as I progress and moving around, and for the Lord granting me another year of life on the 16th.

The church was blessed to have Bro. and Sis. Pileggi baptized. We are very thankful for Faith MBC of San Antonio providing the use of their baptistery.

Praise God for 2 baptisms! The averages for Shiloh MBC were; 13 in SS; 18 in MW; 15 in EW; and 13 on Wednesday. Our offering was \$1,296.40 with \$354.20 given to missions, and \$1,200 paid on rent.

We drove down to El Paso for a couple of days to introduce my family that lives in El Paso to the McCarvers who are Missionaries to El Past along with another contact for the work there. My Son Joseph, is filling in for Bro. Stuckey who is having heart surgery again, please keep him in prayer for healing of his heart.

Also continue prayers for Shiloh for we will have a busy month in April.

David Smith- Lifeline BC- Mansfield

City Reach Plus... City Reach is coming to Mansfield this September to help us do outreach. We are very excited about their interest in our ministry and looking forward to a great time of evangelism and ministry.

Win some, lose some... Unfortunately our dear Nazarene friends decided to move on. While they were with us they helped us in so many ways: faithful giving, coordinating fellowships; decorating our special days. We will miss them for sure. We thank God for them being with us while they were.

Stats... The averages for Lifeline BC were 17 in MW; and 6 in small groups. Our offering was \$2,088.90 with \$200 given to missions, and \$650 paid on rent. The mission paid \$300 toward the missionary salary and \$150 toward his insurance.

Saturday Outreach... I have been encouraging our members to join me in Saturday outreach doing the BLESS method of door knocking. So far I've gotten one of our men to go with me. We hope to add more to our effort.

Our men are speaking... Bro. A.D. Silas is a former pastor. He has been

bring short, stirring messages for us every Sunday morning before our worship. What a blessing he is.

Also Bro. Schwane has been giving his testimony and has now given his first devotional.

Accountant doing our finances... Denise Roach, an experienced accountant, has taken on our church finances. She is very capable and we are very grateful for her willingness to help us.

Van needed... One of our newest members, Bro. Silas, a preacher and former pastor, would like to start a van ministry in order to pick up people for church. He is actively doing outreach on his own and feels there is a need. We are therefore appealing for a church van to be donated to us if at all possible. Please call us at 817-726-8781. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Steven Haney- MBSF Director- Texas Tech U.- Lubbock

This month has been a little hit and miss for us at Texas Tech due to midterms and student jobs but we have still been averaging 3-5 at our bible studies. We were able to have a little fun doing some lazer tag and putt-putt as a group to which one of the students brought a couple of friends. It's always an encouragement to see new faces and have a chance to witness to new students. The students that have been coming to our bible studies have remained faithful to both Sunday and Wednesday nights at church as well. We are still praying for those extra students needed to enable us to get registered on campus and still hope to start the fall semester of 2018 off as a recognized and registered student organization of Texas Tech University.

My wife and I have been blessed to have the opportunity to present the work with a couple of churches and are looking for as many presentation opportunities as possible. We still need monthly support to both enable me to be full time and enable us to purchase a MBSF house close to campus. If any churches desire to know more about the work or ways that they can help it, please call/text me at 903-722-1545, or email me at s_haneymbsf@outlook.com.

Please continue to pray for our students as they continue their education and work, that they will reach out to their friends and classmates for Christ, that churches will see this as a need and partner with us in prayer and finances in our efforts to reach Texas Tech campus, and that we can see the MBSF here grow and flourish and become a place of spiritual growth for these college students. Thank you and may God bless!