

MBA of Texas March 2021 Mission Reports

March beginning balance: \$72,468.52 / Offerings: \$17,664.87 / Missionary Support: \$13,950 / Adm. Salary: \$2,600 / Expenses: (designated- \$10)(general- \$433.19)(Minute fund- \$63.85) = \$507.04 / March ending balance: \$73,076.35 (Minute Fund- \$6,584.11)

Saved – 1 Baptized - 1

Since November 1st, **2** was saved, **3** were baptized, **4** joined by letter, and **1** joined by statement.

Larry Watson- Landmark MBC- Rockdale

Come Back: The Lord has really been working here in Rockdale! Attendance has been on the rise! We also have members that are back following illness, and others that are finally able to come inside the building for services. They have been coming to listen to the radio broadcast for the past year. Our visitation program has been going really well, we're slowly working our way across Rockdale.

Stats: We averaged 12 in SS; and 14 in MW. Our offering was \$1,555 and gave \$100 to missions.

Swinging: Sunday School is back in full swing and everyone is really enjoying being back. The children are especially receptive.

Only God: We also just received the news that Landmark will be receiving the 2nd quarter TMD funds! This is such an incredible blessing! We are so grateful. Please remember us in prayer. We're praying for you all.

Joe Bozarth- Fellowship BC- Conroe

Damage: Some of our members suffered property damage due to the bitter cold spell. Here in South Texas, the water pipes are in the attic. When they freeze, they leak through the ceiling and do much damage. Overall and in spite of the freeze damage, we had a good month. Our attendance was above average every week.

Stats: We had **1 to join by baptism**. We averaged 17 in SS; 23 in MW; 22 in EW, and 11 on WE. Our offering was \$3,466 with \$391.60 given to missions and \$3,002 paid on the loan.

Baptism: We rejoice that a young lady joined our church by baptism. The Teenagers treated our mission to the Sweetheart banquet. We held the baptism after services on Sunday morning and had great services with the Sweetheart banquet. There was about 50 in attendance for the evening service.

Glenn McCarver- Borderland MBC- El Paso

Low/High: March has been a month of both highs and lows. Our attendance has

remained strong, and with the lessening of Covid restrictions, we pray that we will be able to go into our neighborhood (where we meet) to begin inviting more people to our services. The biggest issue we are currently faced with is people's fear of this virus. Please pray that God will open the doors for us!

Family: On March 18th, my mom was admitted into the hospital with a severe infection that we were told might cost both of her legs. Thankfully, that has been stabilized at this point, but they are waiting for her health to improve so they will be able to do a procedure to restore more blood flow to her legs. On top of that, the doctor confirmed something else that we had worried about. He informed me that she has either dementia or Alzheimer's. I ask that you pray for my dad who is struggling with all this news. **(Note: Bro. McCarver's mother passed away on April 4th. Be in prayer for this family.)**

Visitor: The third week we saw a great blessing, as we welcomed a first time visitor to our services. May God bless that this is the first of many near our building that come to hear God's word!

Stats: We had 1 saved. We averaged 9 in MW and 7 on WE with 2 visitors with 1 being a first time visitor.

Saved: In addition to that, we were blessed to help (along with his mother) our nephew come to know Jesus as his Savior! Even though the lows have been low, the highs are even higher!

Daniel Tijerina- A New Beginning BC- Mission

Praises: I thank God for the privilege to continue preaching and teaching His Word. God continues to provide us with opportunities to share the Gospel. Everyone needs Jesus. Without Him we can't do anything.

Missionaries: We continue to pray for and assist missionaries in Quintana Roo, Saltillo, Hidalgo, Monterrey, and Camargo. We have been praying and sending offerings to these missions. They have been praying for us as well.

Ministry: We have been sharing the Gospel with many people both in person and via social media. We continue to have Bible studies, as well as Sunday and Wednesday worship services.

Future Plans: Continue to work on having a real relationship with God. We are meeting in homes and seeking the Lord's direction regarding a permanent place to worship in.

Thanks: First and foremost, we thank our heavenly Father for His provisions and grace. Second, we thank our sponsoring church- Unity MBC of Longview for their prayers and support. Third, we thank all the churches that give faithfully to the MBA of Texas, TMD, and TMB.

Stats: This month we averaged 11 people and gave \$500 to missions. Should you have any questions call me at 956-240-5717!

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

Family time: March was spring break month so during the week most of our students were out of town so we took a family trip to see some of our family in East Texas and definitely enjoyed the family time.

Retreat: Our MBSF Bible studies remained pretty steady at 6 to 8 each week and had good discussions on why there are so many versions of the Bible, how the texts and manuscripts prove the Bible more reliable than any other historical texts, and creation vs evolution. We had our first MBSF retreat this past weekend at White River Camp about an hour outside of Lubbock and had 8 of our students attend. The camp was quiet and peaceful and the dorm was nice for a camp. We spent Friday afternoon/night and Saturday morning out there and came back Saturday afternoon. We had a great time of fellowship, had a fireside Bible lesson with hot dogs and s'mores, and had a Saturday morning lesson and hike after breakfast. We didn't get back to the dorm on Friday after the lesson until midnight. In the dorms, we had the boys on one side and girls on the other and it was awesome listening to the students in their rooms after the fireside lesson discussing it with one another and different Bible verses/topics and struggles they face. All the students really seemed to enjoy getting away for the weekend and asked to do it again so I will be trying to do one each semester.

Pray: We did get some bad news after we got back though. Kaitlyn, one of our active newest students that just started this year, didn't get accepted into the nursing program for the fall and will have to go home and reapply for the spring semester. Please pray that if it's His plan that God will work and open some doors that she can get in for the fall semester.

Support: Thank you all so much for the continued support and prayers. Our monthly support is holding steady around \$3,400-\$3,500 and we are still trying to reach that \$4,000+ per month mark to start looking for property. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we continue to push forward on campus to reach students for Christ.

Victor Rice- Shiloh MBC- San Antonio

Visitors: We thank the Lord for surviving another month of all that is going on. The month of March brings praises and then heavy hearts. The praises, we had a blessing of 8 visitors for a Sunday morning with several as repeat visitors, for this we are thankful, being we haven't seen any coming even though we are inviting and sharing.

Stats: We averaged 16 in SS; 22 in MW; 15 on EW; and 14 on WE. Our offering was \$4,655 with \$400 given to missions and \$1,200 paid on rent.

Prayers: We have two members that need heavy prayers as we are working with

them. One of our young 10 year old member is going through much with emotional and anger problems and is in the CPS system along with the state hospital. Pray for his mom and dad as they deal with this matter to gain stability and strength through our Lord. Also, Bro. Mike as he is in Houston with his son in the hospital finding out all the stints that were placed a year ago have failed and the doctors are determining how much of his right leg they are going to remove and his kidneys are failing. He is in a bad way that only God can intervene. He and his son need all the prayers as they go through this.

We thank you for your prayers and thoughts as the Lord blessed me with 60 years of life and looking forward to what's next.

David Smith- Lifeline BC- Mansfield

Climbing: We are so glad to see our attendance climbing out of the single digits during Covid, to double digit attendance. We had over 20 on two different Sundays. Praying for more to return to worship and church.

Small groups: Our Bible study group is averaging about 15 every Wednesday at our Mobile Church.

Food: We praise God for the faithful work of each one that participates in our food ministry. We have a great source of food through another church ministry in Grand Prairie which is led by a Nigerian pastor. We have met a lot of new people. Pray for them!

Stats: We averaged 17 in MW and 15 in Small Groups. Our offering was \$4,203.25 with \$390 given to missions and \$725 paid on rent.

Easter: We are pushing hard for a great Easter Sunday attendance. There will be a BBQ and an Easter Egg Hunt.

Trip: Bro. Stephen Davis, a member of Lifeline BC will be making a survey trip to Albania and seeking God's will in his life about missionary work. He will be leaving in the middle of May. Please send an offering to help him go to Albania. Send it to Lifeline Baptist Church.

Ronald Kellam- Soul Seekers MBC- Hooks

Slow: Our works in Hooks seems to be at a stand-still at the moment. With winter behind us now and much better weather ahead, hopefully we can instill more interest. It's time to start mowing grass, and maintaining the property will become a challenge this year. I have a couple of young men to say they will help and perhaps come to Sunday services.

Prayers: We only had 2 in services this month, but I believe God is still working. Please keep us in your prayers.