

MBA of Texas May 2020 Mission Reports

May 1st beginning balance: \$76,426.05 / Offering: \$16,526.01 / Missionary Support: \$13,450 / Adm. Salary: \$2,600 / Expenses: (designated-\$10)= \$10 / May 31st balance: \$76,892.06 (Minute Fund: \$6,627.41)

Baptized: 1

Since November 1st there have been 8 souls saved, 4 baptized, 6 joined by letter, and 2 joined by statement. Due to Covid 19 the MBA of Texas was not shared with any churches in May.

Most of the missionaries and projects began meeting in their buildings in May using face mask and social distancing. Texas churches and missionaries are in our prayers.

Glenn McCarver- Borderland MBC- El Paso

Visitors: We continue meeting and were extremely blessed to have 2 first time visitors this month. Josh and Jackie are a young married couple in their 20's. My Daughter, Cala, and her husband Raul are close friends of theirs and invited them to services. Josh and Jackie asked us if it would be okay if they continued to come! God is continuing to bless here in El Paso!

Stats: We averaged 9 in MW; 8 on WE and gave \$150 to missions.

Landmark MBC- Rockdale

Faithful & Hopeful: Bro. Larry has been filling in the pulpit faithfully every Sunday. He is also faithful to keep up the church property and mow the lawn. We are averaging about 12 in our drive up services. We are looking forward to opening up the church building according to the Governor's guidelines very soon. We will probably vote on a pastor once we are able to meet together.

Note: Sis. Marilyn had the coronavirus and now has a fatigue syndrome. She has been unable to attend services, but hopes to be with the church soon.

David Smith- Lifeline BC- Mansfield

Opening: We are so ready to begin regular services this Sunday. The Adventist Church has been so helpful to enable us to get back to our meeting place. We have plenty of face-mask, sanitizers, etc., for our first meeting.

Baptism: We will be baptizing Bro. Gregory Covert immediately after our services. He is a fine gentleman that is learning and growing spiritually with us.

Renovate: Complete remodeling has taken place at our facility. New flooring, New A/C-Heat has been installed. New Touchless Restrooms, new kitchen! Wow, we are amazed at how nice our facility will be.

Concert: We are so blessed to have Heather Smith, Gospel Country Singer to help us re-open this Sunday. She is a blessing to all of us and so willing to come and sing for us and of course, the Service.

Stats: We will baptize 1. We had over 400 views to our website. Our offering was \$3,580, with \$200 given to missions, and \$650 paid on rent.

Momentum: As a result of the Covid-19 the wind got sucked out of our sails. However, our group has stayed solid at 10 faithful souls. We have a lot of work to do to rebuild. Pray for us to find those whom God wants for us in order to build a strong N.T. Church in Mansfield.

Joe Bozarth- Fellowship BC- Conroe

Visitors: Even though we lost two Sunday's during quarantine, we are still having regular visitors and we are up in attendance. One visitor from our Parking Lot services is still attending every Sunday. We have two visitors that are coming from before the quarantine. We have started a teenage class and are excited about watching that class grow.

Stats: We averaged 13 in SS; 18 in MW; 10 in EW; and 9 on WE. Our offering was \$6,548 with \$679.80 given to missions and \$3,002.32 paid on loan.

5th: Sunday will be our Fifth Sunday and it will be ground-breaking for us. We have two picnic tables on our community park area and plan on using them Sunday.

Leland Acker- Life Point MBC- Early

Blessed: We are extremely blessed. Our congregation held together while in-person services were suspended, giving increased, and we have been able to resume in-person services.

Together: We resumed Sunday services on May 3rd, following the governor's recommendations to observe social distancing during services and to offer a special service for members 65 and over. The first week, my family and one member attended morning worship, and 6 attended an evening service for those 65 and over. The following week, our senior citizens "rebelled" and attended the morning service. Seeing how they wished to attend service with the rest of the congregation, we eliminated the evening service and brought the entire church together for Sunday mornings.

Stats: We averaged 15 in SS; 15 in MW; 5 in EW; and 10 on WE. Our Facebook Videos averaged 457. Our offering was \$4,682, with \$400 given to missions.

SS: On May 17th, we resumed Sunday School and observed communion during morning worship. There were 23 in attendance. Social distancing recommendations and Covid-19 protocol were followed. Our people are returning to services, and are being safe. And, they continue to faithfully give to the Lord.

Meeting: Lord willing, we will host the Southwest District Ladies Auxiliary Meeting and Mission Rally on Saturday July 25th, at 10 am. Make plans to come and visit. May God bless you, thank you for your prayers and support!

Victor Rice- Shiloh MBC- San Antonio

We give thanks for the Lord allowing us to worship in services even though we are practicing social distancing and face masks.

Services: We still are not at 100 percent of membership due to fears of the virus. I am amazed that it's our older membership have been faithful to come compared to our youth. We started one in home Bible study that one of our couples is hosting and will be starting another Bible study at a retirement apt starting June 1st. We are still doing Facebook live for Sunday morning, evening and Wednesday evening services. We give thanks that the Lord is keeping us healthy and safe.

Stats: We averaged 17 in MW, 11 in EW, and 11 on WE. Our offering was \$4,362.22 and we gave \$567 to missions and paid \$1,200 on rent.

Remodel: Our new landlord has started to remodel our building which is much needed. We are going forward to work on purchasing a church building. We know that many churches went through much with this virus, and we pray for them.

Steven Haney- Texas Tech U- Lubbock

Shut-down: May has been about like March and April for the MBSF here at Texas Tech. The school remained shut down completely for the rest of the semester and most likely will not open up to the in-person classes until fall. I have talked with several students who have said that even then TTU is considering hybrid schedules for the fall where each class will meet once in person each week and the rest will be online. If that is the case then I still have no idea what kind of restrictions they will put on the on-campus meetings and student organizations. I have remained in touch with most of the students and believe that all but one will be returning in the fall. Our student president and I have been working to get everything in order so we can attempt to remain registered as a student organization in the fall. Please be in prayer that we will be able to maintain that registration and that we will be able to continue meeting in the fall with few to no restrictions. Please also be in prayer for all the students as well as they try to figure out how to get back to Lubbock and what school will look like for them in the fall.

Witness: I have had the chance over the past month and a half to witness to 2 tech students who had to start a lawn business to make money since they both lost their jobs due to Covid. I am hoping that they will begin to consider Christ and their need for Him and hopefully join us for some of our Bible studies once things get up and going again. If anyone has any questions or concerns please let me know! Thank you for all your continued support and prayers even during this time of

shutdown, it has been a huge blessing for myself and my family! May God richly bless you all!

Daniel Tijerina- A New Beginning BC- Mission

Praises: God continues to provide us with everything we need. I am doing much better from my accident. God is worthy of all praise. We want to thank our sponsoring church, Unity MBC of Longview, and those churches that support the MBA of Texas, TMD, and TMB. Please remember us in your prayers.

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

Ministry: The first two weeks of May, we met at a member's home in Edinburg. We celebrated Mother's Day and had fellowship! These last two weeks we met at the church building at Mt. Calvary MBC in Pharr.

Future Plans: We have plans to visit the works mentioned above as well as the Navajo Nation this year. We continue to look for property to purchase. Our sponsoring church and A New Beginning are praying about this.

Stats: We are working with 8 families. We are having services on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, and Wednesday nights. For any questions call, 956-240-5717.