

MBA of Texas September 2018 Mission Reports

September 1st beginning balance: \$35,716.77 / Offerings: \$15,286.63 /
Missionary Support: \$11,150 / Adm. Salary: \$2,600 / Office Expense: (envelops,
ink, stamps) \$445.78 / September 30th balance: \$36,807.62
(Minute Fund: \$5,879.20)

Salvations: 2 Letter: 3

The MBA of Texas messenger meeting will be held November 13-14th. The missionaries coming for support will be: Joe Bozarth-\$2,000; Steven Haney-Designated Funds; David Smith-\$2,850; Donald Trussell-\$2,600; Leland Acker-\$1,500; Glenn McCarver-\$2,000; Victor Rice-1,600; and Ricky O'Neal-Designated Funds. Daniel Tijerina is seeking \$1,000 to be used for building expense. He was a state missionary from 2009-2012. He will be sponsored by Unity MBC in Longview.

Since November 1st 2017 there have been 12 saved, 5 baptized, 7 joined by letter, and 3 joined by statement.

The MBA of Texas was shared with the Red River Assoc.; Mission Valley Assoc.; Solid Rock MBC in San Antonio; Tri-County Assoc.; Heartland MBC in Longview; Landmark MBC in Athens; Southwest Assoc.; Anderson Co. Assoc.; and Victory MBC in Sherman.

Joe Bozarth- Fellowship BC- Conroe

Vacation Time: The month of September was different from all the others. I actually took ten days off for vacation. The first vacation since 2010. God is good! He protected us for a trip to Michigan and back. Two men from the mission took my place while we were gone. It was good to be home and it may be another ten years before I go again. My daughter and her husband moved in the area and are settling down. Her job is handled over the internet. He is retired! They have already been a great help.

Stats: The averages for Fellowship BC were 11 in SS; 12 in MW; 8 in EW; and 7 on WE. Our offering was \$4,036, with \$556 given to missions and \$2,006.75 paid on the loan.

The mission will host the Trinity River Association annual meeting October 13th. We are looking forward to that meeting. We are planning a fall outreach, which will be a door to door event. Come and see us when you are in the area.

Leland Acker- Life Point BC- Early

LMD Funds: September was a major step forward for Life Point Church. We received the Local Mission Development funds from the Southwest Association of Missionary Baptist Churches. Local Mission Development (LMD) is a program similar to TMD. The funds are raised for churches and missions in the Southwest Association who need funds for buildings and land. The ministry is sponsored by Quaker Avenue BC of Lubbock, and is a great ministry to support. The LMD funds totaled more than \$10,000, which is sufficient to install the plumbing on our new worship facility. The plumber will begin his work on Oct. 2.

Stats: The averages for Life Point were 18 in SS; 18 in MW; and 9 in outside Bible Studies. Our offering was \$1,973.75, with \$300 given to missions and \$50 paid on rent.

Otherwise, the ministries at Life Point Church continue. Pray for us that we would see more souls saved, and that the Lord would send more workers for the harvest.

Glenn McCarver- El Paso

Excited: We are excited to report we will be holding our first service on Sept. 30th. The past couple of months, we have been searching for a place to begin services. Last month, we believed we had one, only to find out it was another dead end. The place that was fully furnished for a church, was in fact being used by THREE separate congregations! One was meeting twice on Sunday's, another was meeting on Tuesday's and the last on Wednesday's. Needless to say, we were a little bit discouraged. Finally, this month we were able to secure a meeting place that will be able to seat up to 40 people. We are looking forward to seeing God continue to work here in the Borderland!

Francis: Francis is a disabled man we have helped from time to time. He has a family of 12 that includes both children and grandchildren. For weeks now he said to let him know as soon as we found a place to meet so he and his family could come to the services. When I told him we found a meeting place, he was thrilled! He said he was a 63 year old man, and his mission in life is to make sure that when he dies that his entire family will be able to see him once again in heaven. His prayer is that everyone in his family accepts Jesus as their personal Savior. Please pray for Francis and his desire for his family to be saved!

Chewing Gum Money: The same week that we found a meeting place, I came across a church building for sale. They are asking \$245,000 for a property that the city has appraised at over \$500,000. This property has a high school about 3 blocks

from the building, and a very nice park across the street. It is 2 miles from our house and close to the areas where we currently minister. When we toured the property, the realtor said they are very motivated to sell and would probably take less than the asking price. When I told a fellow missionary about it, he said it was just chewing gum money to God! Please pray as we seek God's will.

Victor Rice- Shiloh MBC- San Antonio

First, I would like to give praises to the Lord for providing, through the MBA of Texas. It has been a busy month. We attended and shared the work about Shiloh to the Mission Valley Assoc. I was elected to bring the message. We also attended the Southwest Assoc., and the Anderson Co. Assoc.

We were blessed to have Adrian, who visited for 6 months, come to the salvation of the Lord. While in our visitors class I shared how he was going to make a commitment to his wife, and he needed to make a commitment to the Lord, first. He was saved and came forward for Baptism. We will have 2 baptisms on Sept. 30th. I am so thankful the Lord is adding.

Stats: We had 1 saved and 1 baptized. Our averages were 15 in SS; 22 in MW; 18 on SE; and 20 on WE. Our offering was \$2,253 with \$311.01 given to missions and \$1,200 paid on rent.

Bro. Joseph is still filling in for New Life as Bro. Stuckey has been in the hospital for his heart.

Our nursing home ministry had a high of 28 in attendance.

Keep Bro. Mike Pileggi in prayer as he will have open heart surgery next month.

We are starting a church van fund, so we can give rides for the residents from Silver Manor that have wheel chairs to our Sunday morning services. We have one that comes now, and one more who will be coming soon.

On September 19th we were blessed to have Bro. Adrian and Sis. Toni's wedding in the Wednesday night service.

Please keep my wife Ramona in prayer for her shoulders hurt due to arthritis.

Donald Trussell- Hill Country MBC- Kerrville

My wife and I have tried for several months to lead one of our neighbors, Nancy, to the Lord. Regretfully, she has been diagnosed with stage 4 brain cancer and even after surgery, the doctors have given her only a month to live. I praise the Lord that after several visits with Nancy in the nursing home, she finally made a

profession of faith! We are so excited to have this new sister in Christ, while at the same time are sad to see her start deteriorating so quickly in the last week. Please keep her in your prayers, as she is in severe pain.

Stats: The averages at Hill Country were 11 in SS; 11 in MW; 14 in EW; and 8 in outside Bible studies. Praise the Lord for 1 salvation. Our offering was \$1,088 with \$100 given to missions and \$300 paid on rent.

We worked most of the month getting ready for a yard sale to raise money to send to a sister church who is in need of a roof and a heating and AC unit. We will have that fund raiser in October, as well as our outreach at the Kerr County Fair. Please keep us in your prayers as we try to win the lost in Kerrville.

David Smith- Lifeline BC- Mansfield

Back to Church: Lifeline made a great effort to reach out to the community for our National BTCS. We were pleasantly surprised to have 40 present. We had a number of guests and followed up with a BBQ lunch.

Afterwards: The Sunday after BTCS was a little disappointing with only 17 showing up. But, we know there would be fewer following a big outreach. In the past we would have fallen to about 10, so you see, we are making progress!

Pastor Monty: We were truly blessed to have our sponsoring/sending pastor, Bro. Monty and his wife with us last Sunday. This was his first time with us and did an outstanding job in preaching to us. It's always good for a new church to hear other preachers.

New Members: We were also blessed to receive three new members by letter from Longview MBC: Ricky & Debra Langford and daughter Ezrie. What a blessing they are to us.

Stats: We had 3 to join by letter. Our averages were 25 in MW, 10 in small groups, and 7 in Venus small groups. Our offering was \$3,216, with \$300 given to missions, and \$650 paid on rent.

CR+: As I am writing this report, CityReach+ is already gathering in preparations for 3 jam packed days of ministry and outreach in Mansfield. We are so grateful for this wonderful ministry that is coming to help us build more momentum for the growth of our church plant. Pray for us this whole week, please.

Venus: One of our church families has helped us begin a new small group bible study in their community just one month ago. We have had 4 first-time guest thus far. The Venus area is wide open for this new bible study. Keep praying for God's blessings in this new community. Two of our guests also visited our church services the following Sunday.

Steven Haney- MBSF- Texas T., Lubbock

Slow Start: This month has been a little slower for us. With students getting back into the swing of school comes the test, labs, and loads of homework. We are averaging 4 on our Monday Bible Study. Hadley, the new international student from Nigeria, made every single event and seems to really enjoy it. His presence is a huge encouragement this semester. The other tech students have had trouble making our Bible study due to their schedules with labs and homework. Please pray for all the students that we have coming that God will open the door to enable them more time to be able to come and participate.

Patience: I found out I have to be careful in how I interact with the students that I don't know. Normally, I go up to and invite random students to the Bible study, but due to the current political climate and safe space issues going on in college campuses, if a student complains to the administration, I can be restricted from campus because I am not a student. Pray that I can be what our current students need me to be, and that God will light a passion in them to reach out to their friends. This semester I will be pushing to get the tech students to reach out to their classmates and roommates. Pray for our students, and for those they will reach out to as God prepares the hearts of both.

Support: We had another church to come on board with monthly support. As of this month we have Second Ave. MBC in Corsicana, Pathway BC in Odessa, Ridgecrest BC in Levelland, and First MBC in Hermleigh, along with several individuals, who are helping with monthly support. Thanks to their generosity, we were able to get insurance for our family. If you would like to hear about the work of the MBSF call me at 902-722-1545.