

MBA of Texas November 2020 Mission Reports

November 1st balance: \$82,552.73 / Offering: \$22,566.66 / Missionary Support: \$14,200 / Adm. Salary: \$2,600 / Expenses: (designated=\$10)(Office Ex.=\$254) (Minute Fund Ex.=\$6,078.76)(Christmas gifts=\$2,250)= \$8,592.76 / November 30th balance: \$79,726.63 (Minute Fund= \$11,898.51)

Baptized: 2 Statement: 1

The MBA of Texas started a new associational year with **2 baptized** and **1 joining by statement**.

State Missions was shared with Brooks Chapel MBC in Beckville.

The State Meeting went well this month. The attendance was low due to Covid-19 and we were expecting this. Alvin MBC of Alvin and Pastor Bro. Justin Gatlin, did a great job of hosting the Meeting. Changes to State Missions were; Life Point MBC of Early, Pastor Bro. Leland Acker, went off state support this year, so please keep them in your prayers; and Soul Seekers MBC of Hooks came forward as a mission seeking support of \$1,500 /month.

Missionaries for 2020-21 and monthly support are: David Smith- \$2,850; Joe Bozarth- \$3,000; Glenn McCarver- \$2,500; Daniel Tijerina- \$1,500; and Soul Seekers MBC- \$1,500.

Projects for 2020-21 and monthly support are: Larry Watson- \$1,000; Steven Haney- Designated Funds; and Victor Rice- \$1,600.

Soul Seekers MBC- Hooks- Ronnie Kellam

Low: November has been a very trying month. We have had an average of 3 each Sunday this past month, but also have had inquiry from one of the local Assistant Living Facilities of their tenants being able to attend morning worship each Sunday, provided we can isolate them in the nursery and they have no contact with anyone during the service. We will be attempting to provide this available to these individuals. This will increase our attendance by about 10.

Building: Also a local ladies organization is asking if they may use our family center during the week for their exercise classes. This will allow us to have visibility in the community. Please keep us in prayer while we continue to try to reach the community of Hooks. We are live streaming each Sunday and have approximately 50 viewers each Sunday. Many are still concerned about attending due to the Pandemic.

Landmark MBC- Rockdale- Larry Watson

Visitors: November started off on a high note. Our attendance was up. We also have one Mother and her adult Son that visited the first 2 Sunday's of the month, and they seem excited to keep coming.

Healing: Marilyn was also finally able to come back, and we had a sweet reunion. I know she needed that, as did we! Tawana is recovering well, and getting around much better. We did get news that one of our members, Mrs. Josie, tested positive for Covid after attending a funeral on the 10th. Thankfully, she was notified of her exposure prior to the weekend, so she was able to proactively stay home last Sunday. Unfortunately on Monday she tested positive. Praise the Lord she is feeling well with very mild symptoms. We are praying that it remains that way. Please remember her in prayer! Because of her exercising caution, we do not believe anyone else at the church had exposure.

Outreach: This past Thursday we had our first door to door outreach. We walked the neighborhood up the road from the church, and left door hangers with the Gospel and some literature.

Stats: Attendance was up and down with a high of 16 and a low of 4. Our offering was \$524 with \$40 given to missions.

Illness: The 4th Sunday of the month was our lowest to date for the year (not counting when we were shut down due to covid). We had 4 in attendance. Many of our families were out due to covid, chronic illness, and normal childhood bugs. Please remember our families dealing with sickness in your prayers, as well as our visitation program.

Lifeline BC- Mansfield- David Smith

Roof: Lifeline voted to put a metal roof on our mobile church. Texas Mission Builders will be installing the roof. Lifeline has already raised \$469 toward the roof. The ABA credit union is loaning us \$2,000 for the roof.

Adoption: This is truly going to be a challenge as we begin to learn about the Phu Tai Wang people in Southwest Asia we are adopting. They are Bible-less and unreached with the Gospel. Pray we can be effective in doing this.

Food: We delivered over 50 food boxes on Saturday the 21st. We delivered nearly 30 to the mechanics, technicians, and financial staff at Vandergriff Hyundai dealership. Many doors were opened to us for witnessing and encouragement. We are privileged to deliver devotions to the shop and financial staff every Thursday morning.

We delivered about six food boxes to Guererro's Tire Shop as well. The Guerros are members of our church and we conduct devotionals there every Friday morning for the workers.

The rest of the food boxes were delivered to Muslim and Catholic friends in our neighborhood, as well as folks we are making contact with.

Potential Property: We are looking at property that has an existing church building on it. Please pray for God's will to be done in this.

Stats: We had **1 to join by statement**. We averaged 10 in MW and 10 in small groups. Our offering was \$2,580 with \$250 given to missions and \$725 paid on rent.

Help: Your church may want to help a mission church by sending one of your ministry families to come over and help us. We need a young family that will be able to help us minister to and reach young families in our area.

Shiloh MBC- San Antonio- Victor Rice

Phil. 1:3-5 "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now."

Baptism: We started with a baptism of a young man who was saved a couple of months ago.

Stats: We had **1 baptism**, and had \$4,276 for offerings, and gave \$827.60 toward missions.

Thanks: At the State meeting we are thankful for the vote to continue our support.

VBS: We are continuing services, and inviting others, but we still need prayer for our faithful member Bro. Julio as he has been out for seven weeks with Covid-19. We are gearing up for winter VBS on the first weekend of December. We pray that we will have a good turn out from the invitations, and not let Covid shut us down.

Borderland MBC- El Paso- Glenn McCarver

Meeting Place: On Oct. 28th, our congregation met together at our new facilities to have a special time of prayer for our new meeting place. We studied the passage in 2 Chron. where Solomon was dedicating the Temple. It was a very beautiful service as all our members prayed that God would use them to see our congregation grow and to have souls saved. Then, on Nov. 1st, we were able to hold our first official service there. We also celebrated 2 years of holding services in El Paso (we weren't able to have it at the end of September).

Stats: We averaged 8 on Sunday; 7 on WE; with 1 visitor. We gave \$441 to missions.

Thanks: We are grateful to the MBA of Texas for supporting the work in El Paso another year.

A New Beginning BC- Mission- Daniel Tijerina

Praises: We thank the Lord for permitting us to gather at our home. He permitted us to talk to many people about their problems and the only solution- Jesus! We

thank our sponsoring church, Unity MBC of Longview, and the churches of the MBA of Texas.

Missionaries: We continue to pray for and support 5 mission points in Mexico.

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

Stats: We averaged 23 in MW.

Future: Our plans are to continue to share the gospel and disciple new believers. We are looking forward to finishing up this year strong in the Lord and continue meeting in homes while seeking the Lord's direction.

MBSF Director- Lubbock- Steven Haney

Closed Campus: November was only a half month for us due to Thanksgiving break. Texas Tech decided to switch to all online classes from Thanksgiving until the spring semester which starts January 20th, so most of the students will not return to campus until the spring semester. For our MBSF Bible study, we missed one due to the state meeting, had one the next week, then had to miss our last one before Thanksgiving break due to 3 students testing positive for covid and myself being in quarantine. We will be having a few meetings and fellowships for the students that stay in town over the break. We will also be trying to figure out what the plans will be for the spring semester welcome booth and maybe a few monthly booths as well. Pray this break will help cut down the high rate of covid infections in Lubbock County so we can avoid another shutdown.

Support: We were able to go to the MBA of Texas meeting and met with several of the representatives of our sponsoring churches. It went well and we have another church that I will be presenting the work to in January that is looking at coming on board for monthly support. We are trying to reach \$4,500 /mo. and are currently at \$3,600/mo. We are getting close enough to start looking for property close to campus. If you have questions please call me at (903) 722-1545.

Fellowship BM- Conroe- Joe Bozarth

Baptism: In spite of Covid hitting some of our visitors and the loss of my wife, Carolyn, our Mission held strong in November. We started off with a baptism the first Sunday. We held a work-day and replaced all the lights in the sanctuary at the beginning of the month. Even non-members showed up to help in the endeavor.

Stats: We averaged 11 in SS; 16 in MW; 10 on EW; and 7 on WE. We **baptized 1**, praise God. Our offering was \$3,853.52 with \$410.36 given to missions and \$3,002 paid on the loan.

Rest: I took off 2 Sunday's and we had visiting preachers and the Mission enjoyed hearing them.

Life Point MBC- Early- Leland Acker

Self-Supporting: We launched this new work in 2008, and our goal was to see the mission become a church and grow to be self-supporting. We are blessed to announce that the day has come when we will be able to stand alongside our sister churches as a fully-organized self-supporting New Testament Church. We look forward to working with our sister churches to spread the Gospel and carry out The Great Commission.

Continued Prayer: Please keep us in prayer. We have several members out with health problems, and some are having to quarantine due to Covid-19 exposure. Please pray that this virus is taken from this earth quickly and that we are able to resume our normal activities. We are still having in-person services, though we have reformatted our services to allow better participation by online attendees.

Stats: We averaged 17 in SS; 19 in MW; and 16 on WE. Our offering was \$2,470 with \$464 given to missions.

Thanks: Once again, we'd like to thank you for your years of prayers and support. May God bless you all richly!