MBA of Texas December 2019 Mission Reports

December 1st Balance: \$79,943.78 / Offering: \$16,081.89 / Missionary Support: \$13,450 / Adm. Salary: \$2,600 / Expenses: (designated= \$10)(Minute Fund= \$729.98)=\$739.98 / December 31st balance: \$79,235.69 (Minute Fund= \$11,367.13)

Salvations: Baptisms:

Since November 1st there have been 2 souls saved and 3 baptisms. In December State Missions was shared with Heartland BC in Longview, and Kilgore MBC in Kilgore.

Joe Bozarth- Fellowship BC- Conroe

Outreach- 2019 is almost gone as I write this report. Our attendance is down. Perhaps the weather or perhaps the holidays. Although our outreach for December was a great success, we did not gain any attendance, as yet. We enjoyed the help of three adults from our sponsoring Church and two other volunteers who are prospective members. Thirty-eight children came to our one-day Vacation Bible School. We advertised the day as a day the mothers could go Christmas shopping without the children. We had fourteen families bring their children and registered them with their names and addresses. We now have fourteen new families that we can reach out to with visitation. We have three prospects who have shown interest in joining the church. One family arrived in Conroe on the 21st and will join soon. Another has been out of town visiting family.

Stats- We averaged 10 in SS; 16 in MW; 11 in EW; and 9 in WE. Our offering was \$4,743 with \$454.57 given to missions and \$3,002.32 paid on the loan. **Plans-** Our plans for 2020 is to continue with door to door visitation. We have

teachers and others who are making a list of the areas that need to be canvassed. Once again, the Montgomery County has been named the fastest growing area in Texas.

Glenn McCarver- Borderland MBC- El Paso

Visitors- God blessed us tremendously this month! We saw 1 first time visitor and a total of 10 visitors this month.

Outreach- Our second annual Christmas outreach was a great success with several churches and individuals helping with this ministry. Through this, we were able to share Jesus with people both in El Paso, and also in Juarez, Mexico. On Christmas morning, we as a congregation, went out to our city handing out Krispy Kreme donuts, candy bags with tracts, hot chocolate and sharing the glad tidings of our Savior. The best moment of the morning was when our newest member shared

Jesus with a couple on a park bench!

Stats- We averaged 12 in MW; 9 in WE with 1 first time visitor and 10 return visitors. Our offering was \$684 with \$150 given to missions.

Spanish- In addition to this, I spoke in Mexico two Sunday evenings this month. While I presented the messages from what I had written down, I was told that everyone understood my sermons completely. Pray that God continues to bless my efforts in Spanish. Thank you for your prayers and support. Please pray for the Borderland!

Leland Acker- Life Point MBC- Early

Outreach- A blessed and wonderful Christmas season was celebrated by Life Point BC in Early. We entered a parade float into the Brownwood Christmas Parade, and handed out more than 2,500 packages including Gospel tracts, church invites, candy, activities, and invitations to our Christmas Eve service.

Special service- We had 26 attend our Christmas Eve service, which was livestreamed on Facebook. The video of the service has been viewed by more than 71 people on Facebook.

Stats- We averaged 17 in SS; 18 in MW; and 18 in WE. Our offering was \$1,637 with \$350 given to missions.

Organization service- We are looking forward to our organizational service on Saturday January 11th at 10 am. Come out and see us.

Victor Rice- Shiloh MBC- San Antonio

Cupcakes- We give thanks for all the churches that have supported us through financial and prayers. We have been blessed to be able to give rides for our homeless shelter for Sunday services. We made a trip to Meadowbrook MBC in Will Point where we shared the work. We hosted our second annual Christmas cupcake party and crafts at Silver Manor Nursing Home where we were blessed to have Sister Heather Smith from Northside BC singing. She has a big fan base and the nursing home staff were listening to the message from the songs being sung. Stats- We averaged 16 in SS; 23 in MW; 14 in EW; and 20 on WE. Our offering was \$7,488.79 with \$550 given to missions, and \$1,200 paid on rent.

Forward- On the Sunday evening before Christmas we went Christmas caroling to one of our shut-ins and we also sang at our local firehouse which they enjoyed and prayed over. We finally give thanks to the Lord for the souls that came forward for Salvation, for the Baptisms we had, one that joined by letter, and for all those that the Lord blessed to invite, share or just came on their own to hear the Word of the Lord. We look forward to the upcoming Year of the Lord.

29 in Attendance- It was our best Sunday of the month! Praise God. We had a Christmas program and gifts and a great time together as a church family. Spiritual growth needed- Our group is growing again, but the greatest need is spiritual growth to take place in people's lives. Because we are reaching the unchurched it is an ongoing challenge to help folks grow in the Lord. Please pray for this to occur. We need strong believers.

Stats- We averaged 19 in MW and 6 in small groups. Our offering was \$1,881.75 with \$485 given to missions and \$650 paid on rent.

Have we reached 50? Yes, but about half of them have left for one reason or the other. We are on our second group of 20 and moving toward the 50 goal all over again. Keeps us going! Praying for faithfulness among our new people. *Witnessing-* Yesterday as I was walking my dog in the neighborhood I met a teenager. I asked him how his Christmas was, and he said, it was ok. We don't do Christmas because we are Buddhist, but we respect all religions. He was of Oriental background. He immediately assured me that he respected all religions, and I said, I do too!

Then I asked him, do you know that all religions have something in common? They all try to be good, and they all want to go to heaven? He said, yes! I then explained the difference between world religions and being a follower of Christ. He was very attentive as I shared the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. Pray for him please.

Help us- We have benefited so much from different groups coming to help us do door-to-door outreach. We need more help in this way. Would you like to come help us next summer with VBS? We would love to hear from you. The sooner the better. Contact me at 817-726-8781.

Steven Haney- MBSF Director- Texas Tech- Lubbock

Graduation- December has been a bittersweet month for us due to one of the students who has been with us the longest having graduated at the end of this fall semester. We are so proud of Savannah Wood and all that she has accomplished and are so grateful for her standing with us and helping us to get to where we are with the MBSF. Even though we know that it is time for her to move on, we are also sad to see her go and will pray for her as she continues to follow God's path for her life.

9 Students- We ended the semester with our usual breakfast for dinner at our house during finals week to give the students a break after all the stress from studying and testing. We had a good turnout, even though 3 of our usual students were unable to make it. We had 9 students come out to that with 3 of those being completely new. We have also registered a booth space for Raider Winter Welcome week for new incoming students in January alongside the other student

organizations. This will be a great opportunity to meet with new students that are looking for someplace to get involved and we would appreciate all the prayers we can get for the contacts we can make through it. Our student president, vice-president, and myself are working on getting things figured out for our spring semester now that we are registered as a student organization during this winter break.

Meeting room- We will be reserving an actual meeting room in the Student Union Building every Monday for our Bible studies and will be looking at possible Bible studies in dorm common areas as well as flyer routes and mailbox advertisements for students. Please continue to pray for us as we figure out all the new methods we have available to us now and how best to utilize them. We are so thankful and blessed by the generosity of the churches of the MBA of Texas in their support and prayers. We are currently at \$3,100/ month of our \$4,500/ month goal to cover salary, MBSF house mortgage and utilities, and miscellaneous expenses. God has definitely been blessing us and we are continuing to push forward in this ministry. If anyone would like to know more just let me know at 903-722-1545 or at shaneymbsf@outlook.com. Thank you all and God bless!

Landmark MBC- Rocdale

Stats- We are averaging 8 in MW, and having some visitors.

Co-Sponsor- College Station BC of College Station voted to co-endorse Landmark MBC of Rockdale. They are also assisting us in calling a pastor.

Pastor Needed- Landmark MBC of Rockdale is praying for, and searching for the pastor that God would have us to have to lead us forward in the future. If you know if a man interested in this position, call 903-279-4416, Bro. Curtis Gilbert, and he will forward the information to Landmark MBC.

Daniel Tijerina- A New Beginning BC- Mission

Church Growth- The Lord is in control of all things. He is so good to us. The Mission continues to grow spiritually through our Sunday school classes, prayer, and daily Scripture reading.

Praises- We praise God for His provisions, grace and mercy. Remembering Jesus' birth filled our hearts and minds with joy and peace. Singing and praising our God is instilled in us by the Holy Spirit once we believe.

Fellowship- We continue to have fellowship with Macedonia MBC, Mt. Calvary MBC, Getsemani MBC, and other churches in the area and in Mexico. We had the honor of visiting the work in Carmago and taking gifts to the children there. We had a wonderful time of fellowship with the church. Bro. David Garcia is doing a tremendous job. God is at work there. Please keep praying for them.

Future Plans- We applied for the 1st quarter funds for 2020 and are anxiously

awaiting the results. We will be applying for TMD funds in February 2020 as well to assist us with acquiring a permanent meeting place. Plans to organize into a local New Testament Church next year are moving forward.

Stats- Our averages were 16 in MW; 12 in EW; and 6 on WE. Should you have any questions call me at 956-240-5717 or email me at anewbeginningbc@yahoo.com. **Thanks-** First and foremost, we thank our gracious God for everything, especially for His Salvation and eternal life that He has given us and offers to all who call out to Him in repentance and faith. Second, we are grateful to all the churches that give faithfully to the MBA of Texas, TMD, and TMB. Third, we thank our sponsoring church-Unity MBC of Longview for their prayers and support.