

MBA of Texas January 2018 Mission Reports

January Beginning Balance: \$22,947.13 / Offerings: \$19,714.74/ Missionary Support: \$14,050/ Designated: \$50/ Adm. Salary: \$2,600/ Bank Adjustment: \$40/ Office Expense: \$350.83/ January 31st balance: \$25,571.04
(Minute Fund Balance: \$9,644.58)

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In January State Missions was shared with: the Timberland Mission Rally at Concord MBC in Zavalla; the Southwest Mission Rally at Quaker Avenue MBC in Lubbock; Quaker Avenue MBC in Lubbock; Ridgecrest MBC in Levelland; and represented at the organization of Vanderbilt BC in Tyler.

Shiloh MBC in San Antonio had 2 to join by letter. Since November 1st there have been 2 saved, and 2 to join by letter. Pray for the Lost to be saved!

Victor Rice- San Antonio- Shiloh MBC

We give thanks to the Lord for a great start for the New Year of the Lord. I give thanks for the recovery process from my hip surgery and have been able to preach sitting down. I am still working with soreness and will be starting physical therapy. I will also be having triple hernia surgery this month.

We give thanks for the Lord blessing us with a couple that joined by letter. They are survivors from hurricane Harvey, who lost everything they had and relocated to San Antonio. We were also blessed to see snow, but because of the cold and warm month, we have seen many members suffering with flu and colds.

In January we had 2 to join by letter. Our averages were 13 in SS; 20 in MW; 16 in EW; and 14 on Wednesday evening. Our church offering was \$2,052 with \$288 given to missions, and \$1,200 paid on rent.

We were blessed as we were able to purchase partitions for the classes, that Meadowbrook MBC funded, and we are very thankful for them. We were also blessed from Woodglen MBC in Spring, that helped us out with a love offering for our transmission repair on our vehicle that went down, as I am out of work for medical recovery.

Truly, we thank the Lord for the start of the adventure for the next year.

Glenn McCarver- El Paso

After a year of deputation, we have finally made it to where God wants us to serve Him. We arrived in El Paso on January 9th. On the very next day, we were moving in our new home. We weren't able to stay the first night in our house until the 11th (waiting for the water to be turned on), but we were finally where our heart was.

Thank you to Grace MBC (Hobbs, NM) for being our newest supporter. We greatly appreciate your heart for missions! Every supporter is a great part of our ministry. We couldn't do it without God and your help!

Move: Our move would not have been possible without members from our sending church volunteering to move our belongings. Thank you to Bro. Russell, Sis. Heather and Sis. Morgan Smith for helping us! It was a tremendous blessing for you to help us move our things and unload them (even on a cold, rainy day in El Paso).

New Opportunities: As we have been unpacking, there has been opportunities to meet new people. Even during these first days, God has placed us in contact with people. Our time here is about relationships. The relationships that we make with people that live here will hopefully lead to them beginning a relationship with the Savior.

Our new mailing address is: 7008 Faxon Drive, El Paso, TX. 79924. You may send all correspondence to that address.

Joe Bozarth- Fellowship MBC- Conroe

We have set two dates for our dedication and both times we discovered that there were other churches having special services on the same days. So we are now planning to reach into March and chose yet another day. The mission is optimistic about our growth although we have not begun to see it happen as yet. I am so glad we have a strong supporting church with a mission minded pastor, who offers to help even when they still are suffering from Harvey.

Our averages for January are: 9 in SS; 10 in MW; 8 in EW; and 8 on Wednesday Evening. Our offering was \$4,063, with \$2,006.75 paid on the loan, and \$431.32 given to missions.

The weather has caused several setbacks in outreach. Still we reach out when we can and then the weather affects our attendance. We are still experiencing a lot of sickness in the church family. We appreciate your prayers and support.

Donald Trussell- Hill Country MBC- Kerrville

We had a new child join us in Bible Clubs on Sunday nights. The children were really excited, as well as the teachers. Please pray that this ministry will increase and that children will get saved as a result.

Our averages for January were: 11 in SS; 11 in MW; 14 in EW; and 5 in outside Bible Studies. Our offering was \$1,507, with \$150 given to missions, and \$300 paid on rent.

In November, I asked for prayers for 2 police officers, Tommy and Anthony. I have visited with them both several times since then. During the last meeting with Tommy, I found out that in addition to him being lost, Tommy professes to be an

atheist. He had never mentioned this during any of our previous talks. His wife is a believer and she ask me to “give up” on him. Please pray for Tommy and me, that the Holy Spirit will convict him and guide me to say what He would have Tommy to hear. We were pleased to have special visitors during our last Sunday night singing service and fellowship. Bro. Victor Rice and his wife Ramona and son Joseph joined us as they were traveling back from a meeting in West Texas. It was really good to see our friends in Christ. Thank you for all you do for the mission work in Kerrville and for me. God bless you all.

Leland Acker- Life Point BC- Early

Each passing day brings increased hope for the completion of the mission project at Life Point Baptist Church in Early. In the new building, the walls are textured and the interior doors are hung. Colors have been selected and the painters will begin to finish out the interior within the next two weeks.

We still have to install the ceiling, electrical and plumbing fixtures, air conditioning, and cabinetry, and we need to pave the parking lot. We are blessed to be receiving the TMD funds in February which will go a long way toward helping us reach this goal debt-free.

We have a new first-time visitor, two regular visitors, and a core group of dedicated members. Our averages for January were; 18 in SS; 19 in MW; and 11 in outside Bible Studies. Our offering was \$1,948.33 with \$300 given to missions and \$300 paid on rent.

This year, I have set the following goals, which are ambitious, but attainable.

1. Finish the church building.
2. Come off of regular support from the MBA of Texas.
3. Become a full-time minister (currently, I am bi-vocational).

I am not sure how far God will progress us toward these goals, however, I do believe the Lord will prosper our work this year and tremendous progress will be made. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Cory Page- Plant Texas- Austin

Happy New Year! The year was off to a good start. We are still averaging our normal 15 on Sundays, but its also been good to have a few visitors. All of the team is doing a great job. Jim continues to meet people through his job with Uber. He even shared an interesting story of being berated by one angry fare who didn't appreciate that Jim was a Christian. James began renting a desk at a work co-op from which to do his art. He is using this to make many new friends with opportunities to share the gospel. Pray for the Shields family as they are currently in Alaska on a short term trip. I recently took a part time job delivering sandwiches a few days a week as a way to meet people. I have only worked 2 shifts, so the

efficacy of this experiment remains to be seen. However, I can already tell that it will be easier to make a tangible difference in people's lives if I am in regular, normalized contact with them. Pray that doors begin to open with my fellow employees. Pray with us that this year will be a great year for the work of God in Austin!

David Smith- Lifeline BC- Mansfield

We have seen a steady increase in attendance over the last month or so, also in offerings. We thank God for this.

Nazarenes: We continue to see more folks from the disbanded Nazarene Church attending our service. We don't know how long they will be with us, but some suggested they will stay through my Genesis series, and that will carry us through to Feb. 25. The Nazarene folks are very giving and helpful. They are tithing and helping with music. Some of the ladies have helped decorate our meeting place and did an amazing job of it.

Valentine Fellowship: We are excited about our upcoming Valentine Fellowship which will be an outreach event. We have learned a long time ago that we must give people an opportunity to invite their friends. We do it as often as we can.

Developing Leaders: This is a difficult task, yet always needed. We are finding folks who are willingly helpful in our worship services, receiving offerings, welcoming guests, preparing food, serving and decorating.

Financial Leader: One of our ladies is a professional accountant and has been organizing our finances. We will be purchasing Quick Books for her this month.

We are praying for souls to be saved and baptized. It has been awhile since we baptized. Blessings to you all for your giving and praying.

The averages for January were 23 in MW and 5 in Small Groups. Our offering was \$3,511 with \$200 given to missions and \$750 paid on rent. The mission also helps with the missionary salary and insurance.

During this last year several TBI students have come to help us go door to door using the Bless method of outreach and evangelism. Last Sunday a family of 5 were our guests and shared with us how that some seminary students visited their door and prayed for them this last summer. They felt it was time to come and visit our church. Pray that they will return.

Steven Haney- MBSF- Texas Tech U.- Lubbock

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as we look forward to a new year serving on the mission field at Texas Tech University, we are filled with hope. Not only are we excited for what the new year has to offer, but our active MBSF members are as

well. Please join us in prayer as we begin our regular meetings of the semester. Pray that more students will join us, and that all our students will have a passion to serve Christ on campus. We need students who qualify and are willing to step into an officer position, so we will be able to be registered as an on-campus organization. Also, please pray that more churches will consider partnering with us in monthly support, so that we may have a greater influence on campus. If your church is interested in hearing more about our work, please contact me at 903-722-1545 or at s_haneymbsf@outlook.com. Truly the harvest is ready! Blessings be to you!