

MBA of Texas March 2020 Mission Reports

March beginning balance: \$77,597.29 / Offerings: \$13,663.45 / Missionary Support: \$13,450 / Adm. Salary: \$2,600 / Expenses: (designated \$10)(General \$390.65) = \$400.65 / March 31st balance: \$74,810.09
(Minute Fund \$6,352.41)

Souls Saved-0 Letter-2 Statment-2

Since November 1st, there have been 8 souls saved, 3 baptized, 6 joined by letter, and 2 joined by statement.

Due to Corvid 19, state missions was not shared with other churches this month. Also, most of the missions just met a couple Sunday's this month, but are using Facebook Live and Zoom to get the Word out. Several of the mission points had special events planned before Easter, but had to cancel because of the virus.

I want to thank the Churches of Texas for their continued prayers and support as they deal with their own crisis in their own congregations. You are all in our prayers.

Leland Acker- Early- Life Point MBC

Additions: In spite of the effects of the Corvid-19 pandemic, March was a blessed month. We've had more first time and repeat visitors, 4 to join the church, and we anticipate additional new members as we move forward.

Transitions: The transition to online services is mostly good. We do have some work to do in terms of keeping our group together during this time, and providing avenues for interaction among the members, as well as the conducting of business. These are challenges we all face, and you all are in my prayers, as I know that I am in yours. Our online services and videos have been viewed approximately 720 times as of the time of this writing, and we have gotten good response from folks we don't normally get to reach.

Stats: We averaged 19 in SS; 23 in MW; and 15 in WE. We had 2 to join by letter, and 2 to join by statement. (We suspended, but online, the last 2 Sunday's).

Good: Meanwhile, back at the ranch, Jessica and the kids have forged relationships with our neighborhood, mowing and cleaning the yard for an elderly veteran who was cited with a code violation by the city, and planting a garden with an elderly resident across the street. Despite all the bad news, there are good things happening. My work as a hospice chaplain continues. May God bless you all and give you peace and security during this time of uncertain transition.

Glenn McCarver- El Paso- Borderland BC

Unusual: What an unusual month this has been! As we prepared for our daughter's

wedding, making last minute purchases, the world was rocked by this pandemic. Even in the midst of all this, God blessed and we were able to meet 4 times on Sunday and 4 times during the week.

Hearing Visitor: Last Sunday (the last one before our mayor issued a stay-at-home-order), I was told of a man who has never attended our services, but had said that he hears our singing and preaching from his apartment. He said that he really enjoys listening to both. Please pray after all of this is over, that he will become a true first time visitor!

Stats: We averaged 8 in MW; 8 on WE, with 1 visitor. We gave \$312 to missions.

Wedding: On March 19th, Governor Abbott issued an order that limited assemblies to groups of ten beginning the next day. With a wedding scheduled for the 27th, we informed the couple and asked them what they would like to do. To make a long story short, in just a little over 2 hours from that time, as the sun was setting behind the Franklin Mountains, my daughter and her husband got married! Please pray for this young couple as they begin their life together.

David Smith- Mansfield- Lifeline BC

Plans: We were gearing up for three major events to build momentum and reach our community and city for Christ. God had other plans! Not sure how this will all work out, but it is in God's hands.

Shut down: As a result of the Adventist's Shut down we had to vacate our building. They acted swiftly to comply with the County Disaster Declaration.

Media: We have been live-streaming for nearly 2 years already, so we were ready for that, thank God. We've had good views and visits to our Sunday services via media. My media person, Ezrie, has done a phenomenal job getting us on all forms of media. We're hoping for much more exposure during this time of "shelter in place".

Stats: We averaged 10 in MW and 7 in small groups with 3 first time visitors. Our offering was \$2,387 with \$371 given to missions, and \$650 paid on rent.

God's Plans: I thought they were God's plans. Please pray for us as we seek to know His plans for our church. We have reached a low point and are seeking His direction to regain growth momentum, both spiritually and numerically. We are to have our first service then after the national shutdown. Of course, it is only our prayer right now. Don't know what God will do.

Ministry Partners: We are praying for God to open the hearts of special people to come and minister with us regularly. We believe it will take some extra special people, filled with the Spirit of God! We need Spirit led and Spirit filled ministry partners to come over and help us.

Rockdale- Landmark MBC

Shelter-in-place: We have not been able to all get together because of the shelter-in-place in effect in Rockdale. We all need to get on board with this, because right now we are having to wait a while longer before making a decision on a pastor. Our attendance has been very low because of illness in the congregation.

Daniel Tijerina- Mission- A New Beginning BC

Praises: We are grateful to God for the new families we have been able to share the Gospel with this month. These families are from our neighborhood: Hernandez (4), Moreno (3), Salinas (5), Alanis (1), Garza (3), Tamez (6), and De Luna (4). That is a total of 26 people including parents, teenagers, and children!

Missionaries: We have been in contact with 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. These folks have continued to gather and worship at their church buildings in Mexico up until this week.

Plans: We have plans to visit the works mentioned above as well as the Navajo Nation this year. Also, we look forward to baptizing two teenagers in April. We are going to purchase a camera, a tripod, and an online service in order to stream our services from home until we are able to meet in person again.

Stats: We are working with 7 families. Our averages were 10 in MW and 7 on WE. We were able to meet 2 Sunday's and 2 Wednesday's this month.

Thanks: We want to thank our gracious God for everything. We want to thank our sponsoring church, and all the churches that give faithfully to the MBA, TMD, and the TMB.

Victor Rice- San Antonio- Shiloh MBC

Thanks: We give thanks to the Lord for life as our everyday events have drastically changed, and how we conduct our everyday life.

Attendance: The earlier part of the month we had low attendance due to the fears of the virus for part of our membership is older. It has been challenging as the Federal, State, and local enforcement makes changes daily. We have had services every Sunday, even the last Sunday we broke down into two, for the morning services, to abide by the 10 count rule. We also did Facebook live last Sunday and Wednesday service for our Shut-ins, which has been an ongoing learning experience as it's a work in progress.

Stats: We averaged 12 in SS; 14 in MW; 11 on SE; and 11 on WE. Our offering was \$3,725 with \$565 given to missions and \$1,200 paid on rent.

Outreach: For outreach we had feedback on Facebook of thankfulness as they heard the word of God. Also my work is allowing me to share with the employees God's word and to pray at the beginning of my work day for 15 minutes. I have 3

employees that are asking questions and seeking God. Keep this matter in prayer that God's will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. We thank God that not one of our members has contracted this virus or any family member. Thank you for your prayers and support as we pray for all of our Lord's churches as we all are affected by this world event.

Steven Haney- Lubbock- Texas Tech MBSF Director

Zoom: We don't have much to report on this month since Texas Tech has shut down all the classes and meetings this month after spring break and possibly for the rest of the semester. We managed to have one meeting before spring break and had 7 in attendance but that will probably be our last in person meeting for a while. Texas Tech sent out a notice to all Student Organizations stating the campus would be closed to all gatherings until further notice. I will be trying to start up a zoom Bible study this next week and hopefully get some people involved in that. A lot of our students don't have Facebook so Facebook live isn't much help. I had hoped to get some in person meetings planned for off campus but most of our students have gone home for the rest of the semester.

Helping: I have been very impressed that those still in town have gotten involved with helping our church gather supplies for shut-ins as well as checking in on and running errands for some of our older members. Please pray for us and that God will guide us in how best to keep moving forward with this ministry in spite of everything.

Pray, pray, pray: Please continue to pray for us, this ministry, and all the churches, ministries, missionaries that this virus and all the shutdowns and gathering bans might continue to affect for the foreseeable future! God is greater than any virus or economic issues and we will continue to trust in Him and follow His will to the best of our ability.

Joe Bozarth- Conroe- Fellowship BC

Visitors: We had several visitors at the first of the month and our attendance increased some. Then Corona Virus happened and we have had a steady 6 to 8 in attendance for services since then as those who have been at risk stayed home. However, we have been streaming our services for those members and we have attracted some attention. Our Sunday morning services show 132 views and the Wednesday evening services show 23 views. We are planning to stream only on a temporary basis until the quarantine has been lifted.

Stats: We averaged 10 in SS; 16 in MW; 10 in EW; and 11 on WE. We do not have a financial report for we have not had a business meeting this month.

Plans: Our plans for 2020 are to continue with door-to-door visitation. There is a nursing home in Conroe that is waiting for the quarantine to lift; they want us to

hold services there once a week afterwards and we are excited about that opportunity.