

MBA of Texas October 2020 Mission Reports

October 1st balance: \$83,864.88 / Offering: \$18,509.08 / Missionary Support: \$14,450 / Adm. Salary: \$2,600 / Expenses: (designated= \$10)(office& Audit= \$2,747.91)(Minute Fund= \$13.32)= \$2,771.23 **October 31st balance: \$82,552.73**
(Minute Fund= \$11,297.27)

Saved: 3 Baptized: 1

Since November 1, 2019, ***23 souls have been saved, 8 baptized, 6 joined by letter, and 2 joined by statement.***

In October the MBA of Texas was shared with: the Mt. Zion Association at Greggton MBC in Longview; Union Cross MBC in Nacogdoches; the Trinity River Association at Good Shepherd MBC in Shepherd; the Hopewell Association at Spring Hill MBC in Pittsburg; the Shelby County Association at Lone Cedar MBC in Joaquin; the South Texas Association at Creekmont MBC in La Porte; and Pleasant Hill MBC in Overton.

Glenn McCarver- El Paso- Borderland MBC

Meeting Place: Sunday, October 25th was our last meeting in an apartment. After we returned home from the Southwest Association Annual meeting, we were able to locate a meeting place about ½ mile off the interstate. It is located on a major 4 lane road directly across from an elementary school. Our first service there will be November 1st! We are looking forward to it greatly. There has been a lot to get done in the past two weeks, but it seems that everything will be ready.

Interest: The same week that we rented the building, our landlord said that someone had already asked about our services! God has been preparing our way here in El Paso and we are thankful to be used by Him.

Gone Home: Please pray for the Jorge Pina family. Bro. Jorge had been a pastor in Juarez for nearly 40 years. He went home to be with his Lord on October 8th.

Stats: We averaged 8 in MW; 7 on WE; with 2 visitors. We gave \$195 to missions.

Travel: We will be attending the Arkansas and Texas state meetings this month, so I ask for your prayers for our safety as we travel. We are excited to share what God is doing here in the Borderland and look forward to this great time of fellowship and encouragement. Thank you for your prayers and support!

Larry Watson- Rockdale- Landmark MBC

Encouraged: The month of October has been good. Attendance was down, but we remained encouraged! We had some out due to illness, and others due to recovery from surgery. We were also blessed with some past church members passing

through town, they stopped in for a Sunday morning service. We were excited that Tawana was able to make it one Sunday, while she is still recovering from her surgery. Marilyn reports that she is slowly starting to feel better, we are praying these cooler days help her to continue to improve.

Stats: We averaged 9 in MW with a high of 13 and low of 6. Our offering was \$450, with \$40 given to missions.

Outreach: We received our supplies for our outreach, and hope to get started with our Contactless Visitation in November, weather permitting. We are all excited about this.

Pray: We would like to ask you to pray for Marilyn and Tawana. Also pray for us as we begin our outreach. We are grateful for the prayers and support.

David Smith- Mansfield- Lifeline MBC

One Baptized: Praise God for one more baptism! Her name is Jayden and she is 10 years old. Her mother and brother also plan to be baptized in the future.

Faith Promise: I was privileged to do a Faith Promise Missions conference in Acworth, GA with Bro. Mike Maxwell, and another conference in Overton, TX with Pleasant Hill MBC with Pastor Pete Thompson. They had great results with increases in faith giving for world missions. We are so excited for these great mission minded churches.

Roof: Lifeline voted to put a metal roof on our mobile church. Texas Mission Builders will be installing the roof. Please pray that we can raise the funds quickly to do this.

Stats: We **baptized 1**. We averaged 14 in MW; 7 in small groups; with 1 first time guest. Our offering was \$2,332, with \$250 given to missions and \$725 paid on rent.

Community Center: The Mobile Home Park has invited us to come and conduct Bible Studies at their new community center. This will open up a lot more opportunities to reach the residents in the Mobile Home Park. Praise God it's free!

Adopting the Unreached: This is truly going to be a challenge as we begin to learn about the Phu Tai Wang people in Southeast Asia. They are Bible Less and unreached with the Gospel. Pray we can be effective in doing this.

Your church may want to help a mission church such as ours 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 younger families.

Joe Bozarth- Conroe- Fellowship BC

Joined: In October, our attendance has remained pretty much the same. The young man who has been visiting continually joined with us this past week in baptism. We will have his baptism next week.

A great loss: My wife, Carolyn, passed from this life in October. It's been a

struggle for me, so please continue to pray for God's guidance.

Stats: *We had 1 saved.* We averaged 9 in SS; 16 in MW; 11 in EW; and 10 on WE. Our offering was \$4,281.25 with \$453.12 given to missions and \$3,002 paid on the loan.

Sis. Anne: The men in the Trinity River MBA are still doing repairs on Anne Holifield's home. We voted last night to replace all the lights in the sanctuary.

Steven Haney- Lubbock- MBSF Director at TTU

6-9 Students: October has seemed like it has gone by so quickly. Our meetings have remained steady with 6 to 9 students in attendance and we have been going over Salvation and what it is, whether works-based or faith-based, and whether or not it can be lost. We have several students that have come from work-based beliefs and/or you can lose your salvation so this is a priority discussion for us right now! We have had some trouble getting all 11 of our students at the same place because of their schedules. Due to hybrid classes (only meeting once per week on campus per class and the rest online) at Tech, most of the students are working longer hours to help pay for school. That along with some of the students having to start tutoring to help with some of their grades as well has made planning outings and Bible study time difficult for them.

Prayers Needed: We have 2 big prayer requests this month. One is that the Covid cases here in Lubbock will begin to go down, right now they are high enough that the Governor is considering putting Lubbock County on quarantine which will shut Texas Tech down again. The other request is that we will begin to have other churches come on board so that we can reach our goal of \$4,500/ month so we can afford to purchase an MBSF house close to campus. We are currently having to meet at our church across town due to Covid restrictions for meetings and groups on campus. Please continue to keep us in your prayers! God is blessing both in attendance and the work these students are putting into our Bible studies as well as having 2 churches come on board with us this past month for support, putting our support at around \$3,400/month. Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, and support of this ministry, and may God richly bless you!

Victor Rice- San Antonio- Shiloh MBC

We continue to have low attendance due to Covid, with several people still out.

Passing: This month, as a church, we had a celebration of life for Sis. Pat, for the family which I had the honor to share the gospel to the family.

Wedding: Later in the month a former visitor asked if I could perform a wedding for her friend. I said I would and was able to present the message of salvation and premarital counseling. On the evening of the rehearsal they both pulled me aside and ask the Lord to enter into their heart and for forgiveness, and ask the Lord to

be their Savior in their life and marriage, so the wedding the next day had an added special meaning.

Meetings: We were able to attend several meetings being things have settled at the church house. We attended the Navarro Association, and the Central Association. We attended the Ladies meeting with our sponsoring church, Northside BC in Snyder.

Stats: We had 2 saved. We averaged 9 in SS; 16 in MW; 10 on SE; and 9 on WE. Our offering was \$5,328.61 with \$320 given to missions and \$1,200 paid on rent. I was honored to preach the morning service at Faith MBC in Houston and was blessed with fellowship with the members.

Baptism: We are looking forward to a baptism on the first Sunday in November. We thank you for the prayers and pastor's that the Lord has laid to check on us.

Daniel Tijerina- Mission- A New Beginning BC

Praises: We thank the Lord for permitting us to gather at our home. This month we had several new visitors. It is amazing how God's Love and Texas bar-b-que brings people together. We praise God for answered prayers! All Honor and Glory to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Missionaries: We continue to pray for and assist missionaries in Quintana Roo, Saltillo, Hidalgo, Monterrey, and Camargo. We have been praying and sending offerings to these missions. They have been praying for us as well.

Ministry: I have been visiting the new families and individuals that we have established relationships with in order to disciple and encourage them. I am reaching out to the motorcycle community too. There was a swap meet this month and I spoke to many motorcycle clubs about Jesus. We keep sharing the Gospel to people as opportunity arise. We held a Harvest Festival and shared the Gospel tracts with different individuals.

Stats: This month we averaged 20 people. Should you have any questions call me at 956-240-5717 or email me at anewbeginningbe@yahoo.com.

Future Plans: Our prayer is to finish this year strong by having regular services, a Thanksgiving service, a Christmas fellowship meal, and a New Year's prayer service. We plan to continue meeting in homes and seeking the Lord's direction.

Thanks: First and foremost, we thank our Heavenly Father for His provision and grace. Second, we thank our sponsoring church-Unity MBC of Longview, for their prayers and support. Third, we thank all the churches that give faithfully to the MBA of Texas, TMD, and TMB.

Leland Acker- Early- Life Point MBC

Numbers: Attendance continues to be soft due to illness and quarantines. We are blessed that no members of our church have tested positive, but we did have a few

that had to quarantine for a couple of weeks. We also have some members who have been unable to attend due to work responsibilities. All who have been out have maintained connection to the church via Facebook Live. We have also seen a few more individuals tune in and share our messages with others.

Stats: We averaged 16 in SS; 17 in MW; and 13 in EW. Our offering was \$2,140 with \$400 given to missions.

Challenges: We have faced a lot of challenges this year, as everyone has. However, God has been faithful and He has kept us in a place where we feel confident moving forward as a self-supporting church. God will complete the work began in us, and I am looking forward to what He does next. Thank you for your prayers and support!