

MBA of Texas August 2019 Mission Reports

August Beginning Balance: \$68,555.58 / **Offerings:** \$18,316.46 / **Missionary Support:** \$10,950 / **Adm. Salary:** \$2,600 / **Expenses:** (Minute Fund Ex. \$267.73) (Designated \$10) (Office ex. \$95.04)=\$372.77 / **August 31st balance:** \$72,949.27
(Minute Fund: \$7,401.06)

Souls Saved: 4 Baptized: 1

Since November 1st there have been 29 saved, 15 baptized, 8 joining by letter, and 1 surrendering to the ministry.

State missions was shared with the Tri-County Mission Rally at University MBC in Tyler, and with Hubbard MBC in Hubbard.

Glenn McCarver-El Paso-Borderland BC

Tragedy: On Aug. 3rd, as we stopped for lunch in Albuquerque, we received a phone call that made our hearts drop. Our daughter called and told us that there was an active shooter at Walmart about 3 miles from her apartment. As we made the nearly 4-hour journey home, we stayed in contact with all of our family, making sure that everyone was safe. When our oldest son heard on the news that there were possibly multiple shooters (later refuted by the news), he told us we needed to stay away from El Paso! He was more interested that we stayed safe, than worrying about himself. Our city is hurting. 22 people lost their lives and will never have a chance to hold their children. All have lost their life on earth, and many (if not all) probably never accepted Jesus as their Savior. As our heart grieves for those families that lost loved ones, it also shakes us to realize the enormity of the task that God has burdened us with. Please pray for El Paso's loss, but more importantly, pray for El Paso's lost!

Stats: We averaged 8 in MW, 8 on WE, and had 1 come for baptism. We gave \$125 to missions.

Commitment: In the wake of the shooting, we had a day of great joy. The very next day, Aug. 4th, Raul told Caleb that he wanted to help see the work here grow, but wasn't sure what the next step was. Caleb (as blunt as ever), said, "Well, duh. You need to be baptized and join." He came to me after our services and asked me about being baptized. This is something that we have been praying about since he was saved in December. Continue to pray for him as he seeks to follow God's leadership for his life!

Leland Acker-Early-Life Point MBC

Assimilation: August was a great month as offerings significantly increased, attendance held steady, our new visitors began to assimilate into the congregation

and began to give to the offering, and we received several offerings from sister churches.

Organize: August was also a great month as the congregation is catching the vision for becoming self-supporting, so we can more directly participate in the Great Commission by sending out missionaries. Because of that, Life Point voted to organize in December, and come before the MBA of Texas as a project for 2019-2020. We are reducing our request for monthly support, asking only \$1,000 per month, compared to the \$1,500 we have been receiving this year.

Given our growth in the past few months, we feel that we will grow to the point over the next year where we no longer need support from the MBA of Texas. We're not quite there, but we're close, and we know God will give the increase. Therefore, we have committed ourselves to making this the LAST YEAR we will request support. If the messengers of the MBA of Texas approve this request, we feel that we will have a strong, Missionary Baptist Church established by this time next year.

Stats: We averaged 19 in SS; 22 in MW; and 21 in WE. Our offering was \$2,768.60 with \$350 given to missions.

Rescheduling: Looking forward to September, we will begin a new schedule for midweek services. We will hold outreach (door-to-door evangelism) on Wednesday nights, and family Bible Study time on Thursday nights. Please pray that God blesses these efforts. Thank you for your support.

Daniel Tijerina- Mission- A New Beginning BC

Blessings: The month of August was filled with blessings, with the member's commitment to spreading the Gospel by giving to missions and going out into the community. They are growing spiritually through the weekly Bible studies.

Future Plans: We are looking forward to the great things the Lord has in store for us the rest of this year. We requested the Texas Mission Development funds for the 4th quarter to purchase land and a building for a permanent meeting place.

We ask your prayers as I plan to retire from Municipal Government in order to work full-time in the ministry.

Gratitude & Prayers: We are grateful to Unity MBC and ask you to pray for Bro. Ray Williams, who is healing up over the surgery he had this month.

Stats: We are working with 4 families and averaging 22 on SM. We are meeting at Mount Calvary MBC in Pharr but may return to the Valley Baptist Retreat Center in September. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement. If you have any questions please call me at 956-240-5717.

Joe Bozarth- Conroe- Fellowship BC

Visitors: We had a good month with a couple of first time visitors. One of the

ladies returned and brought someone with her. She drives a dump truck and works on highway projects in Conroe. Hopefully, we will see them both return soon.

Website: We have a new website at www.fellowshipbaptistconroe.com. Please check it out and let us know what you think.

Stats: We averaged 11 in SS; 13 in MW; 11 in EW; and 12 in WE. Our offering was \$4,519 with \$476.92 given to missions and \$3,002.32 paid on the loan.

Our land is cleared of the brush and we are looking forward to cooler days so we can turn it into a park for families.

Steven Haney- Lubbock- Texas Tech MBSF Director

Back in Session: School is back in session and it has been a month of preparation and our first steps into the fall semester for Texas Tech U. We signed up for a booth during the Hub City Fest on Aug. 23rd. This allows student organizations, local businesses, and non-profit organizations to meet with incoming freshmen. There was about 3,000 freshmen and we were able to hand out around 600 flyers. It wasn't as many as I hoped for, but we still had over 100 freshmen stop and sign up for more information. I sent out as much information to those emails as I could and even though classes just started, we went ahead and had our first meeting that Monday and had 6 students come. 3 were Tech students and 1 completely new. It was a bit disappointing but I will continue to email those students and let them know about our meeting times. We are having a fellowship at the Bowling Alley this Saturday, and I invited those who could not make it on Monday to meet together on Saturday. Please pray for students to get involved. My biggest prayer is that the students we do have will reach out to their friends so we can get registered on campus this year.

Booths: I will be having 2 booths on campus each month as well as fellowships throughout the month on weekends as schedules allow.

Support: We are still looking for churches to partner with us, as we are now averaging \$2,900 of the \$4,500 monthly support we are seeking. If you have any questions please call me at 903-722-1545.

David Smith- Mansfield- Lifeline BC

4 Saved: God truly blessed this past month with four precious souls. I was walking my dog one evening and met two young men in their twenties. One was covered with tattoos and the other was his cousin. Smiling as I approached, we exchanged greetings and began conversing right there on the sidewalk. One topic ranged to another and then I said, "Guys, can I ask you a very important question?" They looked a little surprised at me and then both responded, "sure"! "If you died right now, where would you go, heaven or hell?" One said, "probably to hell", and the other said, "I really don't know." "Would you like to know?" I said. And both

wanted to know. Long story short, they both received Christ there on the sidewalk in 100 F temperatures. I am trying to follow up with them both!

Alice also led 2 children to Christ in SS! We had several families from the community to bring their children for our “bash”. It was a great blessing to be able to be a blessing to the children by providing school supplies and hot dogs etc. for all of them and the volunteers. We are slowly but surely opening new doors into the community for sharing gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Stats: We averaged 18 in MW; 6 in small groups and 7 new visitors. We had 4 saved. Our offering was \$2,914, with \$485 given to missions, \$650 paid on rent, \$300 paid for the pastor, and \$150 on pastor’s insurance.

Baby Shower: Bria and Dominique were both delighted at the many gifts our church gave them. They are a young couple with many challenges ahead of them, pray they will continue in church with us.

Victor Rice- San Antonio- Shiloh MBC

Baptism: We started the month with a baptism. We also honored the local Firehouse #41 with a plaque with the Lord’s Prayer, and a BBQ for them and fellowship with them for 3 hours. We were told when we got there not to talk politics and religion, but God had blessed us with a crew that knows the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. We have an open invitation with this firehouse.

Stats: We baptized 1. We averaged 13 in SS; 20 in MW; 12 in EW; and 15 WE.

Visitor: The Lord is blessing with another visitor who is asking questions. We thank the Lord for all the churches who support us and pray for us.