

MBA of Texas December 2020 Mission Reports

December 1st balance: \$79,726.63/ Offerings: \$18,726.48/ Missionary Support: \$13,950/ Adm. Salary: \$2,600/ Expenses: (designated-\$10)(designated-\$700) (Office-\$278.15)(Minute Fund-\$125)= \$1,113.15/
December 31st balance: \$80,789.96 (Minute Fund =12,723.51)

Letter: 2

Since November 1st there were **2 baptized**, **2 to join by letter**, and **1 to join by statement**.

State Missions was shared with Friendship MBC in Long Branch. Most of the mission points experienced lower attendance due to Covid and other illnesses.

El Paso- Glenn McCarver- Borderland MBC

Thank You: We are grateful to be supported by the MBA of Texas for another year! Even in the midst of the year that our nation has experienced, souls have been saved. We praise God for each one that accepted Jesus as their Savior!

Stats: We averaged 8 on SM; 7 on WE; with 1 visitor.

Outreach: On Christmas morning, our congregation did our 2nd annual outreach to the homeless in El Paso. We were able to talk to a variety of people. Some were interested, while some asked for specific prayer requests. Two stood out above the others. One, unfortunately said he didn't know Jesus as his Savior, but also didn't have time to talk because he had to get back to his sick wife. Please pray for the Flores family. The second (and the last we spoke with), said that he had accepted Jesus and had even been baptized (not a Catholic). He told us that he was trying to get his life straightened out after having turned away from God. Please pray for these and all that we were able to speak with about Christ. Thank you for your prayers and support! As always pray for the Borderland!

Rockdale- Larry Watson- Landmark MBC

Illnesses: What a month December has been. We've had many out due to covid and other illnesses. We are grateful that everyone is recovering well, and again that the cases have been isolated, and were discovered prior to church attendance, and haven't spread through the congregation. We may be few in number, but we didn't let that stop us from gathering to praise the Lord and hear His word preached.

Stats: We averaged 12 on SM. Our offering was \$507 with \$40 given to missions.

Visitation: We have also continued our door to door contactless visitation. We have had a few people meet us at the door, and all have been kind and receptive. That is definitely an encouragement! We continue to pray that the Lord prepares the hearts of those we visit.

New Year: We pray for you all as we go into the New Year, for your ministry, health, and that the Lord's work and will, be done.

Mansfield- David Smith- Lifeline BC

Covid: Yes, my wife and I went to see out children and grandkids on Thanksgiving! Alice caught it first from our Son-in-law in Virginia and then we passed to on to our son and his family in West Virginia. We came home as soon as we could. Alice showed positive and then I showed positive. We've been at this for over a month now. I had my worst day just before Christmas and am slowly recovering. Alice is now negative.

Carrying on: Lifeline Church has been carrying on all by itself! We praise God for our worship leader, Debra Langford, and my fill-in Ricky Langford and Stephen Davis. They did a great job!

Stats: We averaged 9 on SM; 7 in Small Groups with 1 visitor. Our offering was \$2,646, with \$250 given to missions, \$1,387.83 to faith promise missions, and \$725 paid on rent.

Property: We have located a possible church building to purchase. Our sponsoring church and Lifeline are getting ready to make an offer on a property just under an acre with an existing building. Nothing fancy, but it will serve as our first step in becoming land-owners. They are asking \$275,000. With just a little work it will be usable for church services within a couple of weeks. It's located in a developing area with a little less than one acre. There is seating for about a hundred (50 with social distancing). There is a baptistery and a Sunday School hall in a double wide mobile unit just behind the sanctuary. Pray that God shows us the way financially as our sponsoring church is getting behind us to negotiate the securing of funds.

San Antonio- Victor Rice- Shiloh MBC

VBS: As we close out the year of 2020, December has been a challenging month and year as our faith has been tested. We had our winter VBS where the Lord blessed us with 8 visitors, and we were very thankful even though we handed out 200 invitations. We were thankful for the church in Rusk Texas that donated prizes and decorations to help us out. We are thankful for our membership and my wife who out-did herself with directing the VBS.

Fellowship: We hosted a Pastor/ Wives Christmas luncheon for the Mission Valley association and had a great turn-out and great fellowship with the word of God shared.

Stats: We averaged 14 in SS; 19 in MW; 11 on SE; and 11 on WE. Our offering was \$4,050 with \$561 given to missions and \$1,200 paid on rent.

Closing: In closing, we received heavy news of one of our young members who is 10 years old attempted suicide. Thank the Lord he realized what he was about to do

and stopped. He was hospitalized for about a week and thank God no permanent damage physically, but mentally he is under treatment with the family. Keep him and the family in prayer for healing. It just shows how serious the changing of the times are. I would never have thought a young child would have thought of doing something like this.

Thank You: We are thankful for the Christmas offering from the MBA of Texas and the extra amount to Bro. Curtis for our behalf. Thank you for the prayers and encouragement from all our churches in the work for we are truly blessed.

Hooks- Ronald Kellam- Soul Seekers MBC

Hard Month: The month of December has been very hard. Four of our attending people have come down with the covid virus and have been unable to attend. This past month we have been just streaming the service on Sunday morning. Hopefully in January the Assistant Living Facility will begin to join us each Sunday. We know the Lord will provide, and help us through this very difficult time. We have had several in the community this past month to pass away from the virus.

Stats: We averaged 2 on Sunday mornings. Please keep us in your prayers.

Lubbock- Steven Haney- MBSF Director- Texas Tech U.

Planning: December is always a planning month for us, especially in 2020, as Texas Tech let out for the fall semester at Thanksgiving. Students will not return until the Spring Semester starts around January 20, 2021.

We were able to meet with a few of our students involved in our leadership several times this past month in order to plan upcoming events and studies. We had a fellowship for the students who remained in town after the holidays. There were four who were well and able to attend.

Support: Your offerings are holding strong and we are very grateful for your continued generosity. Please pray for us as we move forward into the new semester, that God will continue to bless and that we will know how to navigate during the pandemic. We are so thankful for all the support you give through your thoughts, prayers, gifts, and offerings. May God richly bless you all!

Conroe- Joe Bozarth- Fellowship MBC

Up: December's morning attendance increased this past month. However, because of the time change, some of our elder members do not drive at night, so our evening attendance was down.

Stats: We had **2 to join by letter**. We averaged 12 in SS; 17 in MW; 8 in EW; and 5 on WE. Our offering was \$4,276 with \$452.60 given to missions and \$3,002 paid on the loan.

Additions: The Lord blessed with two more additions by letter this month, a father

and his son. There has been more illness in our congregation, so please continue to pray for us.

Mission- Daniel Tijerina- A New Beginning BC

Praises: I thank God for letting me pray and present the Word at many events this month. He continues to open doors for us to speak to people about Him and His love for all.

Missionaries: We continue to pray for and assist missionaries in Quintana, Roo, Saltillo, Hidalgo, Monterrey, and Camargo.

Ministry: We have been sharing the Gospel with many people both in person and via social media. We continue to have Bible Studies, as well as Sunday and Wednesday worship services.

Stats: We averaged 17 on SM.

Future Plans: Continue to share the Gospel and to disciple new believers. Today is December 31st, and we are having a fellowship at this time and will be bringing in the New Year in prayer. We will continue meeting in homes and seeking the Lord's direction in 2021.

Thanks: To our Heavenly Father for His provisions and grace; to our sponsoring church- Unity MBC of Longview; and to the churches that give faithfully to the MBA, TMB, and TMD.