

## *MBA of Texas January 2021 Mission Reports*

**January 1<sup>st</sup> beginning balance: \$80,789.96** / Offerings: \$14,754.07 / Missionary Support: \$13,950 / Adm. Salary: \$2,600 / Expenses: (designated-\$60)= \$60 / January 31<sup>st</sup> balance: \$78,934.03 (Minute Fund = \$12,823.51)

**Saved: 1 Letter: 2**

Since November 1<sup>st</sup>, **1 was saved**, there have been **2 baptized**; **4 to join by letter**, and **1 to join by statement**.

The MBA of Texas was shared with the North East Texas Baptist Mission Council at Soul Seekers MBC in Hooks.

### *Glenn McCarver- El Paso- Borderland BC*

**Blessing:** We continue to be blessed by having our landlord attending our services. Gonzalo Soto grew up Baptist and has been a blessing to us at Borderland. He helped fix our outdoor sign and also painted a specific parking place for me (the Pastor). Please pray for him to unite with us in membership.

**Saved?** Amy and our sons recently talked to a homeless man in our area. His name is Jose, and he asked for prayer for his mother whom he hadn't seen in eight years. Please pray not only for Jose's mother, but also Jose as well. Pray that he will know for sure that he is saved.

**Stats:** We averaged 8 on Sunday, 7 on Wednesday and had 1 visitor.

**Juarez:** We are hoping to be able to return to Juarez, Mexico in the near future. Due to Covid, the church where we help has been closed. They believe that we will be able to begin meeting there again in the near future. Thank you for your prayers and support!

### *Daniel Tijerina- Mission- A New Beginning BC*

**Praises:** I thank God for the privilege to continue preaching and teaching His Word. We have been praying and studying His Word. The closer we walk with Him, the greater He reveals Himself to us. I praise God for loving me despite my imperfections and shortcomings. Understanding this, gives us joy and peace to share the Gospel with all that are willing to listen.

**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:** 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.

**Future Plans:** Continue to work on having a real relationship with God. We are

meeting in homes and seeking the Lord's direction.

**Stats:** We averaged 12 people.

**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.

### *Steven Haney- MBSF- Texas Tech- Lubbock*

**Covid:** January did not get off to the start we had planned. Unfortunately, both Danielle and I tested positive for Covid. For about 8 or 9 days it was pretty bad, trouble breathing and light-headed, no energy, not taste or smell, as well as flu-like symptoms. There were a few nights we considered calling an ambulance but God blessed and we both made it through.

**Tacos:** In spite of such a rough start, we still had a great January for the MBSF. We had a Taco Night Fellowship at our house where several of the students made the taco fixings and guacamole and after eating and talking about spring plans we played charades for almost 4 hours! We were missing 2 students and still had 8, including a new student, with 3 that had either labs or study groups to do which kept them from coming! For our first Bible Study, I did a short lesson on Self-Control and afterward had the students fill out an anonymous sheet with questions they have about God, the Bible, Christianity, etc. Due to several students all asking about it, we will be starting this coming Monday night on a study of the spiritual gifts and which have ended and which are left, so please pray for us as we start that study!

**Funding:** For our funds, we have remained steady at around \$3,500/month which is a huge blessing. We are hoping to get more churches on board by this summer because if we can reach a steady \$4,000/month then we can start looking for property for our MBSF house which would be huge for us and a helpful tool for our ministry, especially with all the on-campus Covid restrictions in place! Please be in prayer for that goal as well! Thank you for all your continued thoughts and prayers and all your support! We certainly wouldn't be able to still be here and seeing this work grow if not for God's people! If you have any questions or concerns please let me know at 903-722-1545.

### *Joe Bozarth- Conroe- Fellowship BC*

**Letter:** January was a great month for the mission. We had two more additions by letter. Our attendance has been up on Sunday worship and in the evenings. We are having visitors on a regular basis.

**Stats:** We had 2 to join by letter! We averaged 16 in SS; 18 in MW; 12 on EW; and 11 on WE. Our offering was \$3,264 with \$351.40 given to missions and \$3,002

paid on the loan.

**Valentine's Day:** We are looking forward to our Valentine's Day to be presented by our teen class in February.

### *David Smith- Mansfield- Lifeline BC*

**Canceled:** Due to Covid concerns and rising unemployment our sending church has agreed that we should wait on purchasing property. We believe God's will, will be done, sooner or later. No rush.

**Food:** For over a year we have been picking up food at the food bank in Grand Prairie. We have been giving food to at least 30 families and individuals. This has opened many opportunities for witnessing and outreach. Due to Covid, many people have either lost their jobs or are no longer able to sustain themselves financially for various reasons, including quarantining and catching Covid. As a result we are going to increase our efforts in distributing to more families in hopes of making more contacts. It is very difficult to do outreach and so we are going to use the food ministry to do so, Lord willing. Please pray for us as we try to find the way in which we can best meet people and do the work of planting the church most effectively.

**Stats:** We averaged 12 in MW and 9 in Small Groups. Our offering was \$2,077 with \$250 given to missions and \$725 paid on rent.

**Bread:** The food bank we use had an abundant supply of bread this week. We received the bread in large leaf bags and so needed help to package the bread in small bags. Our neighbors, Omar and Rashad helped greatly to bag them.

**Need:** We received a lot of food for several families. One family, the husband has been laid off and the wife was quarantined for Covid. This ministry helps us to meet their needs and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### *Victor Rice- San Antonio- Shiloh MBC*

**Thanks:** We give thanks to the Lord for health, support, and freedom to worship. With our nation divided in many things, fear of Covid continues, leadership from our new President, we see so much fear in people. We are to preach Jesus even more to give a hope.

**Homeless:** Our homeless shelter ministries is growing as we are picking up 2 new visitors that have been coming faithfully for a month. One of the visitors, after sitting in class and hearing the message, accepted the Lord as Savior and she said she had a great peace.

**Stats:** We had 1 saved! We averaged 14 in SS; 19 in MW; 14 on EW; and 12 on WE. Our offering was \$4,061.96 with \$125 given to missions and \$1,200 for rent.

**Closing:** in closing, Bro. Mike, who had open heart surgery two years ago, received news that he has major leaking on his heart valves. Being he lost his

lovely wife to the Lord last October and he is also suffering blindness, has decided to move in with his son in Houston for his remaining years. Keep him and us in prayer as we take care of his needs to move. He will be missed and we will get him into a church in Houston. We thank you for your prayers and support.

***Larry Watson- Rockdale- Landmark MBC***

**Rocky:** From illness to snow, 2021 started off kind of rocky! Unfortunately, the first Sunday of the month only my family was able to attend, because the majority of our church family were home sick. The second Sunday we cancelled our service out of an abundance of caution. The snow had already begun to fall by the time people would need to be on the roadways. Everyone stayed safe at home, and we had about 8 inches of snow fall.

**Better:** Week 3 and 4 almost everyone was feeling much better, and our attendance was back to normal.

**Restart:** We are preparing to restart Sunday School classes at the beginning of the next quarter. This is the first step at attempting to add back services while keeping everyone healthy.

**Stats:** Our attendance ran from 4 to 15. Our offering was \$500 with \$80 given to missions. We are praying for you.

**Prayers:** We have a few prayer requests, please remember Sis. Marilyn for her health. Also be in prayer for me, Larry, as I am praying about a position that has come open at work. This position would be better suited for our church schedule.

***Ronnie Kellam- Hooks- Soul Seekers MBC***

**Difficult:** January has been another very difficult month. We hosted the Northeast Texas mission council on January 15<sup>th</sup>, with a good number present.

**Contacts:** We had several contacts with individuals saying they are interested in the work in Hooks, but with no real response.

**Stats:** We had 2 present one Sunday and are streaming a message every Sunday morning with approximately 40 viewers on the average.

**Missionary:** We are in hopes of a full time Missionary to be on the field in April. Please pray for this work.