

## *MBA of Texas February 2021 Mission Reports*

**February beginning balance: \$78, 934.03** / Offerings: \$16,333.69 / Missionary Support: \$13,950 / Adm. Salary: \$2,600 / Expenses: (designated-\$10) (Minute Fund-\$6,175.55) (Office expense-\$63.65) = \$6,249.20 /  
February Ending Balance: \$72,468.52 (Minute Fund= \$6,647.96)

Since November 1<sup>st</sup>, **1 was saved**, **2 were baptized**, **4 joined by letter**, and **1 joined by statement**.

State missions was shared with Neville's Chapel MBC Faith Promise Conference in Mt. Pleasant, and with Greggton MBC in Longview.

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

**Snow?** When the Valentine's Day snowstorm hit (yes, we even had a snowstorm in El Paso), we weren't expecting what we received. In our area, we had 6 inches of snow! This caused road conditions that most El Pasoans were not accustomed to and we even saw signs that said travel was discouraged. We made it safely to our services (after taking an hour for a 20 minute drive), and enjoyed a great day!

**Stats:** We averaged 9 in SW; 7 on WE, with 2 visitors.

**Birthday:** My wife's birthday was this month, and she was blessed to have her best friend from high school with her. She flew out to surprise Amy and they had a great time. I ask that you pray for her (Amy's friend) as she is considering moving to El Paso (with her daughter and family). This would be a great boost to our congregation since it could potentially add 7 (including 4 children).

**Juarez:** We were blessed to learn that we will be able to return to Mexico (on Sunday afternoons) by the first of March. It has been nearly a year since we were able to go, and the church there has only this month began having services again. Please pray for them as they go about the process of calling someone to be their pastor.

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

**Media:** We have been doing live-streaming well in advance of Covid-19, and now Zoom as well. Our live-streaming has reached as many as 2,000 views when we boosted it. We continue to have a good following viewing or at least visiting our video services.

**Necessity:** Out of necessity we have used Zoom to accommodate our small group meetings. We have had as many as 9 to be online with us and we are thankful. We recently used Zoom for our morning worship because we were unable to attend worship at our meeting place during the Winter Storm that hit in Texas. During Zoom we probably had as many as 19 watching with us. Praise God!

**Stats:** We averaged 11 in MW and 8 in small groups. Our offering was \$3,441, with \$250 given to missions and \$725 paid on rent.

**Food Ministry:** Our food ministry is slowly functioning with hopes of increased activity. Our major food supplier was also affected by the Winter Storm and did not receive the normal transport truck deliveries. Although, I was able to get some food supplies delivered to some folks that had been impacted locally. We are continuing the food distribution and gearing up for that this weekend.

**Mobile Home Park:** They are allowing us to use their community center, free of charge for Bible Studies and also food distribution. The center is very nice and spacious. Thank God for the faithfulness of those who continue to support us and for the MBA of Texas.

**Easter:** We are so hopeful that we can reach folks during our Easter Outreach. Please pray for success in souls saved. Make plans to come and spend a Saturday with us going door-to-door!

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

**Freezing?** February has been a short month, and the recent weather certainly didn't help. We did have to cancel our Sunday service the morning the freeze hit. Thankfully our church family made it through the freezing weather, and we were excited to be able to meet again this past Sunday.

**Stats:** This month we averaged 11 on the Sundays we were able to meet, and our offering was \$501, with \$100 given to missions.

**Sunday School:** We are currently preparing to start Sunday School back next month. I know the kids are looking forward to that! Praying for you all.

### ***Ronald Kellam- Soul Seekers MBC- Hooks***

**Slow?** The work in Hooks is very slow, this past month and 16 inches of snow did not help. We have had 4 contacts of those that seem to be interested in coming to visit the mission work. Those which have had the covid have not been back. In March we are planning on scoping the neighborhood with invitations. We visited our neighbor which lives in front of the church and he and his family attend the Cowboy church but did say they would be interested in helping with the work around our church.

**Weather:** We did not have services on Feb 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> due to the weather conditions and no water. We are looking forward to a better March.

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

**Snow!!** February has been a good month for us both numerically and spiritually. The snowpocalypse of Texas put a halt on a week of MBSF plans but we have gotten back into the routine and had a good month. We had another new student

start this month which was encouraging, got to see the new student that started in January become regular in her attendance, and have had good discussion and involvement in our weekly lessons. We have been averaging **8** which I am super excited to see. Our Student Officers are stepping up and will be running some booths on their own on-campus since I am more restricted due to Covid requirements. It is good seeing more discussions in our lessons as well.

**Amazing!** This past Monday Bible study I did a devotional and then had asked all the students to bring a verse or section that God has been using in their life recently to share and it was awesome getting to hear how God is using His Word to work in their lives.

**Retreat.** We are planning an MBSF Spring Retreat within the next month to allow us some time to really get away from things for a couple of days and focus on God's Word without so many distractions and the students seem excited for that.

**Support!** Our support is staying steady at about \$3,500 per month and we are trying to get more churches on board to reach that \$4,000-\$4,200/month mark at least to start looking for property for our MBSF house close to campus. Please continue to pray for us and this ministry as we continue to move forward. Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, and support! God bless you all!!

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

**Thanks:** We thank the Lord for taking care of Shiloh for the month, He is faithful. Attendance is dropping due to the cold along with Covid cases in the city. We are receiving an increase of visitors from Haven of Hope homeless shelter and they are like sponges absorbing the Word being taught and preached at the church. The big snow started late Sunday night then by Monday AM was solid ice and some of the membership had power outages. I watched God put the brakes on the city where hardly anyone was out. Our power at home was only on for a couple hours on Monday, Tuesday afternoon for 4 hours and not coming back on until Wednesday evening at 7:30pm and our home was in the low 40s.

**Stats:** We averaged 14in SS; 17 in MW; 12 on SE; and 12 on WE. Our offering was \$3,540 with \$263 given to missions and \$1,200 paid on rent.

**Services:** We had services on Sunday am before the storm and on Wednesday evening we canceled services being there was no power on at the church house. We took care of the elderly by calling, shoveling snow and seeing if they needed water and food. Because of watching many elderly were suffering in the cold, it has placed a burden to get a building with a soup kitchen to keep the community warm and to feed all in spiritual and those in physical need. Thank you for the prayers and support.

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

**Good;** February was a good month, in spite of the weather. However, many of our members experienced property damage.

**Stats:** We averaged 14 in SS; 18 in MW; 12 on SE and 11 on WE. Our offering was \$6,704 with \$695.40 given to missions and \$3,002 paid on the loan.

**Teens:** The teenagers had to post-poner the Valentine's Day dinner due to freezing weather; so we will have the dinner on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Praises:** I thank God for the privilege to continue preaching and teaching His Word. We continue to study God's Word and share it with winter Texans and other people in Mission, San Juan, Alamo, Alton, and many other neighboring cities.

**Missionaries:** We continue to pray for and assist missionaries in Cancun, Saltillo, and Hidalgo. There is a new work that one Pastor started in another location that we are praying for and sending offerings to.

**Ministry:** We have been sharing the Gospel with many people, both in person and via social media. We continue to have Bible Studies on Saturday's and Thursday's, 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:** The month we averaged 13 people.

**Thanks:** We thank our heavenly Father, our Sponsoring Church, Unity MBC of Longview, and those who support the MBA, TMD, and TMB.