# MBA of Texas November 2023 Mission Reports

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# <u>Lifeline Baptist Church, Texas Intercultural Ministries Report, Nov. 2023</u>

**3 Crosses to be Erected**: Chris, one of our newest members has built 3 crosses to be placed on our property. This will attract a lot of passersby as we have a busy highway in front of our church. Praise God! **Faith Promise in Webster Florida**: I was privileged to go preach a missions' conference in Florida where we raised over \$8000 for our missionary Robert Baidya's Eco-farm. This was a huge blessing for his ministry in Bangladesh. **Thanksgiving @ Lifeline**: We celebrated our first Thanksgiving in our new building and location. We had lots of good food and fellowship with around 40 people attending. There are several families that are attending our services that may be joining us in the near future. Pray! **Jason Enochs from TBI**: We are looking forward to Jason, a student at TBI, coming to help us in outreach and ministry in December. He will join Jase Fuller, our Youth and Adult minister and make a great outreach team in our area. **Introducing our first Great Grandson, Samuel A Smith**: While we were in Florida for the mission's conference, we were especially blessed to see our great grandson for the first time in person. What a precious little boy God has added our ever-growing family. We pray for his salvation when he becomes accountable and for His future service.

You can reach us at: 817-726-8781 We invite you to come and visit our church: 1951 N Main St.,

Mansfield, TX. <a href="www.lifelinechurchmansfield.org">www.lifelinechurchmansfield.org</a>. God Bless you all, David Smith Worship Avg: 33; Wed nite small group: 8; Gen Offerings: \$3381; Missions: \$350;

Lifeline paid pastor: \$450; Bangladesh Missions: \$9000; Saved=1

# Fellowship Baptist Church, Conroe, November 2023 Report

To the Churches of the Baptist Association, what a praiseworthy, and profitable time we had at our state meeting in San Antonio this month. We were able to showcase our work in Conroe in having a booth that many came by, and we made connections with my wife and I. We were able to share the vision of our work three times and I personally was able to help lead worship before each phase of the meeting. It was a great and glorifying time indeed. I was blest to get to share with the State Ladies' Conference as we petitioned to be the 2024 Missions project of the Ladies' Conference, of which we were accepted for with a pledge of 13,500 going towards improvements and equipment throughout or needed areas of ministry at our church which are in the areas of: safety, functionality, and esthetics. Thank you, ladies, for the honor and responsibility of being chosen by you at the meeting. I will keep the ladies of our state aware of the areas your generous pledge will bless our work in the coming months. For our areas of need, please check out our website and click on "Events" We believe that first impressions are often lasting ones. With that being said, we are nearly done with our entry way remodeling. We have painted and decorated and still have new entry doors to install and we will be done with this project ... for now! Our next project to tackle is our nursery as it has been a "catch-all" for our churches' storage. We will showcase those improvements as they come. Following the meeting in San Antonio, God had led two new couples to attend our church that have personally blest us. They bring with them great hope of other areas of growth in the areas of stability, wisdom, and direction for the future. We are praying they make decisions to become members. We could use their varied abilities for the Glory of God here at Fellowship. Amongst them their talents include teaching and music. This has been my prayer for our church since becoming Missionary/Pastor 9 months ago. Many have asked about our son Cameron's condition as it relates to his Cancer scare, we had recently. It is a point of praise to share that they completely removed the growth near his brain and after a litany of blood work, bone scans, and biopsies

that they do not believe that the growth of cancer cells are in other areas of his body. What a point of praise! They will treat it as cancer and he will be undergoing radiation treatment as a precaution. They are putting it under as (LCH) which is a rare form of highly curable cancer primarily found in small children. Please still keep him in prayer through his radiation treatments. Other health concerns ... Please pray for my father-in-law, Nate Coutinho as he lives with us as we deal with his declining state of dementia. Former Pastor Joe Bozarth as he deals with the same and a slow-moving cancer he faces. Also, our youngest attendee Uriah Morris as he and his parents face ongoing medical conditions. Our Lord is our great Physician, and we must put our trust in Him! Our upcoming events include a mixture of both outreach and in reach as it relates to the holidays. We will be having an Ornament Decoration Party, and we are inviting all those who attended and registered at our "Trunk or Treat" that live locally. It will be a time of decorating two ornaments ... one for our church tree and one to take home to theirs. Hot Coco & Cookies will be served. We are also having a "Christmas Basket of Blessings" drive where we are gathering food for 10 baskets to be given out to local families in need this Christmas. I am also thankful to have a "Christ Giving" Potluck during this Christmas season. That's a blend of Christmas & Thanksgiving all rolled up together. Lots of opportunities to join us is our goal to see how God is working in and through our work here in Conroe.

In God's Everlasting Love, Aaron Bryan-Pastor.

## Hwy. 288 Church Planting November 2023 Report

Have you ever looked forward to a meeting? Even with the agendas, discussions, voting, and financial considerations, have you ever woken up in the morning with gladness that today is the day of the big meeting? Better yet, have you ever left a meeting feeling refreshed and encouraged? That all may sound crazy, but after the 2023 messengers' meeting of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas, I can answer "yes" to all of these questions. On November 13-15, we attended the MBA of Texas messengers' meeting in San Antonio. I cannot say enough about how good it was to fellowship with so many from across the state and to participate in the worship band. Thank you all for another year of support to serve our Lord on the Texas State Highway 288 corridor. · I'm always encouraged to be in a gathering of the Lord's workers such as this meeting. Those who represented ministry work in Texas as well as those from outside of Texas had so much praise to share from what God is doing in so many places. The apostle Paul was always encouraged by the work that was being done in many different places, and that same encouragement is just as uplifting for us today. I hope that all of you are actively engaged with associational work, and with following a variety of mission works and ministries. · Alan and I took part in the worship band at the meeting on drums and bass guitar. It was a privilege to be a part of this group, and to hear so many voices raised in song to our Lord. Even though my calling is not to music ministry, God never fails to give me so many great opportunities to participate in music. Having Alan join me for these experiences is truly memorable. · On Friday the 10th, I spent the day with Russell Knight of Barnabas Advocacy Ministry. I have known Russell since his days of church planting in Tumwater Washington, and I really appreciate the ministry that he has for myself as well as other church planters across the country. We had a great day touring the Highway 288 corridor. Touring this area to share the progress and vision in person with someone who understands church planting was a great blessing for me. · November is also the season of Thanksgiving. I am thankful for all of you who follow, support, pray, and encourage us is so many different ways. Everything good that I share with you is to God's credit, and I am so thankful for how He works through His people to bring about all of these blessings.

In Christ, Pastor Greg Devine.

Work: the month of November was very busy and with lots of blessings. On the second Sunday we were blessed by having Brother and sister Denny from the Navajo nation work in New Mexico Brother Rusty shared the work there and after the message we had 4 people rededicated their lives to Jesus and requested baptism. The second blessing was working together with the churches of the Mission Valley Association to host the State Meeting. It was an honor to serve and to work together the Lord blessed having all the rooms booked and the Mission Valley churches contributed the funds for the meeting rooms and equipment as the Lord provided. Third we were blessed by the Lord with another year of support for the work as we continue making disciples and continue preaching the Word so souls will be saved and baptized. We are very thankful for the churches that voted and showed their support. The Lord also blessed Shiloh MBC with the Ladies Aux. raising \$12508.00 for the Church /soup kitchen. The last Sunday I was blessed to bring two messages at Memory Lane in Palestine, Texas and had very blessed fellowship. Building Fund: The building fund has been a true blessing for us this year as we were blessed by the TMD funds of over \$34,000.00, the State Ladies Aux blessed us at the State Meeting in San Antonio with a check for \$12,508.00 and what we raised along with many churches contributing to the fund we have \$81,066.60. Prayer Requests: 1. Prayers as we disciple the new converts to be strongly grounded as they step up to replace those that have moved away, along with supporting tithe by getting employment. 2. Prayers for the Haven of Hope van ministry, and any that are seeking Jesus Christ that will make their church home at Shiloh MBC. 3. The turbo in my truck went out, and as our household and church funds are low, the truck is used for my secular job.

#### Stats:

Salvations (Rededication) 4; Joined by Lettered 0: Baptisms; Church Offerings \$1374.44; Paid out to Missions \$100.00 Attendance Sunday Morning Bible Studies 23; Sunday Morning Worship 30; Sunday Evening 22; Wednesday Evening 25 With a thankful heart Brother Victor Rice

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### Landmark MBC, Rockdale, TX: Bro. Larry Watson November 2023 Report

November 2023 Rockdale News Average 12 in Sunday Morning, and 7 in Wednesday Evening Services. August Offerings \$1973; August Missions \$440; <u>Landmarkbaptistrockdale@gmail.com</u>

#### **ROCKDALE NEWS:**

Looking back on the past month, it wasn't without challenges, including lower attendance due to sickness and travel. However, amidst these obstacles, we find ourselves counting our blessings and cherishing the moments that made it special. One of the highlights was the visit of our great niece and nephew to church. Their laughter, songs, and vibrant energy created an atmosphere of pure joy. Every minute spent in their company was a reminder of the beauty that children bring to our lives. Please keep them in prayer as we would love to have them regularly attend! We had a wonderful time at the State Meeting! It was such a blessing to be with all of you that were able to attend. We especially enjoyed being able to worship our Lord and I pray that our voices were heard throughout the halls of that hotel! We are incredibly grateful for the continued support from the MBA, which has been instrumental in sustaining our small church. On a personal note, we had the opportunity to celebrate our 19-year wedding anniversary while visiting San Antonio for the State Meeting. What a beautiful location to be able to celebrate! Thanksgiving brought us together with both our church family and our blood family, creating cherished moments and of fulltummies! Closing the month on a high note, we were honored to welcome Bro. Justin Gatlin and his family as they were passing through on the way home. Their visit brought encouragement, suggestions, and a shared spirit of ministry. We had the opportunity to visit after the service, and he was full of ideas that left us inspired for potential future ministry endeavors. We

cannot express enough our gratitude for those who stand alongside us, offering prayers, encouragement, and practical support.

In Christ, Pastor Larry Watson.

# Borderland B.C. November 2023 Report Deandre

Every now and then, I come across something that I have never heard of before, and my meeting Deandre was one of those times. We had stopped by our local Sonic for lunch, and as we are deciding what we are going to order, a man in his mid-20s approached us. He said that he was homeless and asked if I could buy him something to eat. I went over and ordered him some food, and while we were waiting, I sat and talked with him. He told me that he was in El Paso because he had been in the military and said his rights were being violated. He said that he was from North Carolina, so I began with that (thinking he was from the south), but he was originally from New York. I asked him about his thoughts about God and he said that he was a member of the Ifa religion. I explained to him our beliefs (the Truth) and said the one condition that I had was for him to read a tract that I gave him, "How to get to Heaven from Texas." While we were there, we saw him reading the tract intently. Pray that I am able to see Deandre again to share with him once more the Truth of salvation in Jesus Christ!

## **Yamylet**

After leaving Yamylet with a tract last month, we followed up with her a couple of weeks later. Amy asked her what she thought of the tract, and she responded that it had beautiful words (she had shared the tract with her family as well). She told us that her family attends church, but she believes that you can't really know for sure if you are going to Heaven until right before you die. Amy explained to her that it is possible to know for sure. Unfortunately, she wasn't ready yet to truly know Christ as her Savior, so please keep her in your prayers as we continue to "water the seed" that was planted.

Thank you

Thank you to Ridgecrest MBC (Levelland, TX) for their offering of \$200 this month towards our winter outreach. We pray that God will use this as we reach out to our community this year, and that we will see souls saved as a result!

In His Service, Glenn McCarver

The Secretary / Treasurer of Missions for the MBA of Texas is Bro. Daniel (Danny) Mendoza. His cell phone number is: (281)-948-5915.

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November. Deposits: \$52,014.78. Nov. Expenditures: \$27,441.54. Current Acct. Balance: \$46,914.50

\*\* Please note that Bro. Steven Haney, MBSF Director at Texas Tech University, has accepted a position as Pastor in Henderson, Texas. I am sharing with you all that Quaker Avenue MBC and her Pastor, Monty Hilliard are continuing a search for God's man to step into this vital ministry, the Red Raider MBSF for the university campus. If God has stirred your heart about this, please reach out to Bro. Hilliard at (806) 799-6159.