



### **To whom it may concern**

My name is Dwayne Haggemeier. I am an elder at the Church of Christ in Palestine, Texas. In March, 2016, we spoke with John Orr about HomeMission helping our congregation. We separated from the Court Drive church of Christ when they decided to bring in instrumental music into their worship. There are about 50 or 60 that are now attending in the conference room of the Express Inn motel in Palestine. We have been meeting there since 2013. We were losing ground due to the hesitation on a building to meet our needs. We were on the verge of throwing in the towel. However, through the providence of God, John and Susie Orr begin working with us. His work has generated great excitement here. We have stopped worrying about a building and focused our attention on doing evangelism. We have finally decided to begin construction on a building. In the motel meeting room, there is little space for a classroom and our young families have not been coming. But recently, some are coming back and high hopes abound. We are planning a Friends Day in November and all eyes are focused on that and raising enough to at least meet in an unfinished building.

Recently, John Orr presented a seminar for the church entitled "Circle of Influence". I've been to a lot of meetings, seminars, and workshops. I've heard thousands of sermons. ***But in my opinion, the "Circle of Influence" study is the most useful material that I have participated in.*** It was very well presented. This is what congregations all over the United States need. This realm of thinking has been lost in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and it needs to be taught from primary age on up.

John will be coming back and helping us through 2017. He also brought with him Michael Green who helped with the "Circle of Influence" and also taught one of our members how to lead singing. The beauty of HomeMission is the spark that is given when they come and re-spark when they come again. I would recommend HomeMission to any size congregation, especially to those who are struggling. Call me if you want more information—903-724-0728.

In His name, Dwayne Haggemeier...August, 2016

### **Update; July 2017**

We just had our grand opening on our brand new building! 98 souls were present for this event. The excitement level is off the charts. Because of the Lord Jesus and with the help of HomeMission, the Faith Village church of Christ, and many other contributions from congregations around the country, we opened the doors **DEBT FREE!** That's right, debt free! Now, HomeMission is helping us work toward a full-time evangelist and eventually a door-knocking campaign. Thank you, **HomeMission!**