

## HomeMission 2019 Report

John and Susie Orr congregation visits and Workshop/Lecture attendance

(LAUNCH indicates the first official visit of 4 days)

1. **Alabama:** Childersburg – LAUNCH; preparation for campaign - 15% growth
2. **Florida:** Cape Coral – LAUNCH - 10% growth
3. **Florida:** Main Gate (Orlando) – new evangelist started
4. **Florida:** Deltona – Visit and presented HM
5. **Florida:** West Broward (near Fort Lauderdale) – visit set up 2020 workshop
6. **Virginia:** Piedmont – 2 visits - LAUNCH and Singing Workshop and song leader training
7. **Virginia:** Westchester - LAUNCH
8. **Pennsylvania:** Media – 2 visits - Evangelism workshop; preparation for campaign; left materials on second visit. Congregation sent workers to work with Spanish congregation in New Jersey
9. **Vermont:** Castleton – held seminar on *Sovereignty of God*; several congregations from Vermont and New York attended
10. **Ohio:** Highland County (Hillsboro) – LAUNCH; *New Life Behavior* training; results include baptisms, restoration, and growth; plan to start an evangelism-training school and Workshop in June 2020
11. **Minnesota:** Cloquet – group has been disjointed for 2 years; helped plant church that started meeting in October - 20 in attendance; community has never had a church
12. **Iowa:** Sioux City – LAUNCH (however, had been working with church and Faith Village members prior); returned for *New Life Behavior* training; more local members are involved; Raoul Ferris visited to help with establishing a youth group
13. **Iowa:** Fort Dodge – helped them get a preacher after 6 years without one; have grown from 20 to over 60; held Evangelism Workshop with 5 baptisms in one evening at the end of Workshop
14. **Nebraska:** Columbus – LAUNCH; worked on organization, visitation, and community outreach; have grown 10%
15. **Texas:** Channelview – evangelism training; congregation has doubled since HomeMission started working with them; twelve baptisms this year; great evangelists and 3 elders
16. **Texas:** Montgomery – LAUNCH; worked on financial crisis – only enough funds for another month; after setting goals and increasing contribution, they are in a better situation at present
17. **Texas:** Needville – LAUNCH; has had several baptisms
18. **Texas:** Deerbrook (Humble) – helped them find a preacher; initially doubled in attendance, but has dropped off recently due to some difficulties; LAUNCH and later connecting session
19. **Texas:** Darian Loop (Houston) – LAUNCH; received materials
20. **Texas:** Tarkington (Tarkington Prairie) – presented work of HomeMission
21. **Texas:** Mission Bend (Richmond) – held Evangelism Workshop; working toward campaign
22. **Texas:** Riverside (Kerrville) – CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE and HANGER sessions
23. **Texas:** Hewitt – started 2 years ago with 9 women and 1 man; now has a preacher and recently appointed 2 elders; close to 30 in attendance; LAUNCH
24. **Texas:** West – CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE; needs more assistance; has had some growth
25. **Texas:** College Hill (Hillsboro) – presented HomeMission; trained 2 new evangelists in LAUNCH; have had several conflicts, but working with Bill Clark to resolve; VBS with Jonathan Orr bringing youth
26. **Texas:** Landmark (Kaufman) – CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE; needs LAUNCH and evangelism training eventually

27. **Texas:** Texas and Clements (Odessa) – *LAUNCH* received with enthusiasm; preacher limited on holding studies due to lack of transportation; *HomeMission* was able to assist with this need, due to a generous donor, which was delivered by one of our Faith Village brothers in November
28. **Tennessee:** Mill Creek (Nolansville) – visited them earlier in the year and were invited to come work with them; returned for *LAUNCH*; also wanted information on bringing in young families; well-received and eager to get started
29. **Illinois:** Grayville – congregation has worked hard to turn things around; down to twenty in attendance and without a full-time preacher since 1961 and no elders since the 40's. Through workshops and prayers, over the last 2½ years, they have tripled their giving and hired a full-time preacher. Tragically, when we came this year, they had just, the day before, suffered the drowning loss of a 2-year-old child of one of the members. Instead of conducting our Workshop, we worked on comforting the families and congregation. They have more than doubled in attendance, had a few baptisms, and are reaching out to the community.
30. **Oklahoma:** Grandfield – *HomeMission* has helped by conducting workshops; continued encouragement to, and from, the brethren, despite difficult circumstances; used the *New Life Behavior* program last year with two begin baptized and one, restored; holding steady with 15-20 in attendance in a farming community of 900; preacher works two extra jobs to supplement income; a door-knocking campaign has been suggested but not much interest shown
31. **Texas:** Burkburnett – encouraged congregation to have a campaign, planning one for 2020; congregation is now over 100 in attendance with several baptisms and influx of new young families and children; preacher's wife recently passed away
32. **Texas:** Lockett Hwy (Vernon) – *HomeMission's* inaugural congregation; recently spent time with congregation revisiting the *HABANERO VISITATION* program; congregation having success with efforts and planning a campaign in 2022
33. **Texas:** Seymour – *LAUNCH*; membership numbers about 80; need to begin community outreach with training tools already acquired; very receptive
34. **Oklahoma:** Waurika – presented a one-day (Sunday) workshop
35. **Alabama:** Mayfair (Huntsville) – presented work of *HomeMission*; deacon over Missions commented, "This is the most important work of the Church in America today. It has far-reaching effects, even to foreign mission work, as it builds congregations back up to the point they can support themselves and foreign missions."
36. **Alabama:** Madisonville – presented work of *HomeMission* to outreach Minister; planning on attending *Revive Us Again 2020* and want to conduct a *LAUNCH* session in July 2020

Congregations visited to present work of *HomeMission*, encourage, thank them for their support, or to advertise for *Revive Us Again*

37. **Texas:** Westside (Round Rock)
38. **Texas:** Cameron Rd (Austin)
39. **Texas:** Eastside (Austin)
40. **Texas:** Lewisville
41. **Texas:** McDermott Rd (Plano)
42. **Oklahoma:** Edmond
43. **Texas:** Brown St (Waxahachie)
44. **Texas:** West Freeway (Fort Worth)
45. **Texas:** Petrolia

46. Texas: Olney
47. Texas: Iowa Park
48. Texas: Palestine
49. Louisiana: Riverside (La Fayette)
50. Oklahoma: Westside (Norman)
51. Texas: Southside (Fort Worth)
52. Texas: Airport Freeway (Eules)
53. Tennessee: Concord Rd (Nashville)
54. Tennessee: Brentwood Hills (Brentwood)
55. Oklahoma: North McArthur (OKC)
56. Texas: Buckingham Rd (Garland) (workshop, and second visit)
57. Florida: Concord St (Orlando)
58. Texas: Spring Creek (Tomball)
59. Texas: North Fort Bend (South Katy)
60. Texas: Grape Street (Abilene)
61. Texas: Lake Dallas
62. Texas: Granbury
63. Texas: Laguna Park (Clifton)
64. Texas: League City
65. Iowa: Ames
66. Texas: Westhill (Cleburne)
67. Texas: Throckmorton

#### Workshop Attendance / Participation

68. Texas: SIBI (Sunset International Bible Institute) (Lubbock) – taught two classes, another in 2020
69. Tennessee: PtP (Polishing the Pulpit) (Sevierville) – set up a vendor booth; made many contacts
70. Texas: GMC (Global Mission Conference) (Austin) – set up a vendor booth; taught two classes

#### More information/activities

*Revive Us Again* Evangelism and Church Growth Workshop was a great success again this year. This is the premier event of *HomeMission* to help churches in America become better equipped to evangelize and grow the Lord's church. This past March, over 700 attendees from 19 different states came to Wichita Falls at the Faith Village Church of Christ facilities. God blessed us with a great 3 days, and we are looking forward to an even larger workshop March 25-28, 2020.

We have also been working toward starting the *HomeMission School of Evangelism*. West Freeway Church of Christ in Fort Worth has agreed to oversee this much needed effort. It will be the only school in the United States dedicated to training graduates from schools to evangelize. It will be a one-year school with 5½ months in the classroom and 6 months as an outreach minister for one of our area churches. This is set to begin in 2021. It will also serve as a tool to train those in the Metroplex to evangelize. Classes will be offered in the evening or Saturday morning. Eventually, satellite schools will be started around the country. This is one of the great needs in the brotherhood today as preachers are not being trained to be evangelists. Thus, the church overall is declining in America.

Our other evangelists for *HomeMission* have been working hard in other areas across the country. Below are their names and the churches they have worked with. \* denotes newest evangelists

Danny Aragon Las Vegas Church of Christ in New Mexico, Pittsburg Church of Christ in Kansas, Media Church of Christ in PA, Paso Robles Church of Christ in California, Pritchard Church of Christ in Colorado, and minister at Kim, Colorado.

Tom Bedechek Denton Church of Christ, Guyton, GA, Liberal, KS, Cold Springs Church of Christ in Lancaster, TX, and Guthrie, OK.

Tom Box- Preaches for the Burkburnett Church of Christ in Texas. He and his wife have helped with several area HM churches before being at Burk. He recently lost his wife, Jeanette.

\*Bill Clark (Bill and his wife own a construction business and do HM work on weekends) West, TX, College Hill Church of Christ in Hillsboro, TX, Freetown Rd. in Grand Prairie.

\*Jack Cummings West Freeway Church of Christ, Willow Creek Church of Christ, Lone Camp Church of Christ. Director of future *HomeMission* School of Evangelism. Jack recently lost his wife, Sandra.

Michael Green SIBI in Lubbock, Red River Family Encampment, Round Up Montana, Texas and Clements in Odessa, Payson, Arizona, La Hunta, Colorado, Pagosa Springs, CO., Eunice, NM, and Amarillo, TX.

Bill Hardy- Elder at Palestine Church of Christ, is also president of Gospel Sharing and has been on several campaigns around the country.

\*Steve Hunley- Works with the Main Gate Church of Christ in Orlando. Has set up launch session for our next visit to Florida at Floral City Church of Christ in February.

\*Tommy Key- Texas and Clements Church of Christ in Odessa. Works also with Gospel Sharing and has been on several campaigns around the country.

\*Jim Lucas (Jim has a full time job, is taking online Bible courses, and He and his wife do HM work on weekends.) Freetown Road Church of Christ in Grand Prairie, Lake Dallas Church of Christ, College Hill Church of Christ in Hillsboro, TX.

\*Steve Orduno- (Steve preaches at Paso Robles and has a full time job also) Minden, Nevada, Polson, Montana, Wasco, California, Mara Posa, California, Sacramento, CA, Chester, California, Paso Robles, CA.

\*Joe Thomas- Works with churches in Nebraska by holding Door of Opportunities workshops.

\*Roger Shepherd Worked with Highland County Church of Christ and others near Montgomery Alabama

Jerry Tallman Jerry is one of the most effective evangelists in America. He started HM with me in 2016. He has held evangelism workshops all over the country and in Canada. His primary work has been in Michigan and Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, Jerry has stage 4 cancer and can no longer preach, teach, or travel. Our hearts and prayers are with him and his wife, Connie at this difficult time as this great warrior for the Lord prepares to receive his reward.

We have four other evangelists that are in training. We meet every year before the *RUA* workshop for training and communication. We're adding a second training at Brown Street Church of Christ Sept. 9-10.

### Other information

We have provided over \$100,000.00 worth of materials, Bibles, tracts, visitors' cards, pew pencils, and books to congregations in need around the United States.

This year we had great sponsors and co-workers. We fell short about \$10,000 for support this year. We provide some support and expenses for our evangelists, a part-time secretary, on-site administrator, director of communications, and of course, Susie and me. We are extremely grateful to all our supporters, individuals and churches and others who have contributed in many ways. May the Lord bless you and keep you through the coming year as we work together underneath our Lord to rescue and build up His churches in America.