



HOMEMISSION REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2020

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Elders of congregations of the Lord's Church are welcome to receive *EldersNet*, a quarterly newsletter written by elders, for elders. Please email <mailto:homemission444@gmail.com> to let us know your interest. You may leave your mailing address for a paper copy or your email address for a digital one. THE FINAL ISSUE FOR 2020 HAS BEEN SENT OUT, SO PLEASE LET US KNOW, IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, YOUR DESIRE TO CONTINUE RECEIVING ISSUES IN 2021.

NationsUniversity®, along with the *Christian Chronicle* and *Mission Alive*, will be conducting a webinar on October 13th at 7:00 p.m. (CDT) that offers church leaders insights into the successful actions and adaptations of several churches around the U.S. in dealing with the pandemic. If you would like to register for the webinar and/or participate in the survey, please go to

www.nationsu.edu/pandemic_response

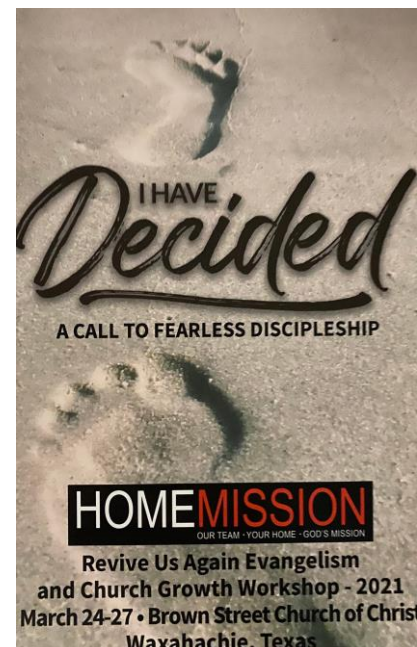
Save the Date!

Sunday, Dec 6, 2020 is set aside for congregations who wish to participate in a special collection for *HomeMission*. We are asking as many congregations and individuals as possible to partner with *HomeMission* in 2021 to continue working in the Lord's Kingdom with small congregations around the country! Opportunities include: this special collection, monthly, quarterly, or yearly support, OR sponsorship (various levels) of our *Revive Us Again Workshop* held in March 2021!



Check out *HomeMission's* [YouTube page](#) for evangelistic videos!

Make plans NOW (we are!) for *Revive Us Again 2021!* March 24-27 at Brown St church of Christ in Waxahachie TX!



Director's Report

Dear loved ones in the Lord,

First of all, we want to thank you for supporting us in this crazy year. Everyone is going through difficult times. Some churches have not opened yet and most all have not opened fully due to the virus. However, this has not stopped **HomeMission**. In January, we went to two churches in the Houston area, then the Westwood congregation in Paris Texas (and returned in August). We went from there to Florida and worked with seven congregations along with Steve and Pat Hunley. They will set our schedule again when we return in February 2021. Then in March, we went to advertise *Revive Us Again*, which we ultimately had to cancel. In April, we had an accident. Susie had two surgeries and I had one. This, and the virus, curtailed our activities greatly. We were able to visit some churches, eventually, but mostly on weekends, due to our physical therapy appointments. In September, we were able to visit five churches in Texas. In October, we will travel to Indianapolis, Indiana to work with a church of 30, and where we will also be training a new evangelist. Then, we will again go to the Houston area. We are booked up through the end of the year. Next year is already booked up through summer and October 10-16 of 2021, we will have an intensive evangelism training camp at Camp Pettijohn Springs in Madill, Oklahoma.

We have also moved to the Fort Worth area. The offices of **HomeMission** remain at Faith Village church of Christ in Wichita Falls, but we will be working with the elders at West Freeway church of Christ in Fort Worth as they will be starting the **HomeMission School of Evangelism** in August 2021. We will be working more in the Dallas-Fort Worth area with the school. *Revive us Again* will be held at Brown Street church of Christ in Waxahachie, Texas. They also hold a teacher's workshop, called *Equip*, in September each year. So, instead of working out of one congregation, we will be working out of three. Susie and I are currently under the West Freeway eldership. It sounds a little confusing, but we are still an association of evangelists, each under their own eldership.

This year has given us more time to organize, communicate, and write more curriculum and create a more centralized goal—to get the Great Commission into every church and into the lives of every member. As to baptisms and restorations, we have not been able to keep up with the progress of all 250 churches, but we are working on it. We know one church has had 20 baptisms this year using our material—“the Rest of the Story.” Some churches have reported as many as 17 and some have had none. We have contacted most of them this year, and are working on communicating with them more often. This virus has shut down visitation and follow-up at most congregations. However, none of the churches we have worked with in some way in the last four years have had to close. Praise God!

A new complete 3-year growth plan has been developed called the **GREAT COMMISSION DNA PROJECT**. The entire project will be ready for any size congregation in January 2022. More details will follow as this project proceeds.

Our expenses this year will have been about \$250,000. God has provided for our needs greatly and we know He will continue to do so. Our projected needs are \$350,000 next year, as we will add more evangelists, and print more workbooks and materials. In 2019, we gave away over \$70,000 worth of material and Bibles; this year will be about half that. Currently, we have 15 evangelists, but many are new and will have to be trained.

If you have more questions, please call and we will set up a time to come and visit. We have much more to share with you that can benefit your congregation and the Lord's Church in America.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

Love, John and Susie Orr

Evangelist Reports

Please continue to remember all **HomeMission** evangelists and the work they are doing to further the Gospel in the US!

Jack Cummings - returned to the *Grayville* (IL) congregation for followup to an earlier visit. He reports a successful effort!

Steve Orduno - continues work with congregations along the Pacific Coast, as possible, with the wildfires raging in California. Please pray for this area of our country fervently to have some relief soon.

John & Susie Orr - are excited to be back "on the road" and have multiple trips already scheduled. Please read the *Director's Report* in this issue. We are grateful to God for their healing and recovery from their car accident earlier this year.

James Sanderson - works with the *Brown St* (Waxahachie TX) and is beginning a *Recovery* class there, dealing with addictions and life changes. He is also excited to begin work as the Chaplain at the Ellis County Detention Facility. He also has a *Youtube* channel with many video resources on various study topics (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHvKk3CS5IFgpKEe9F7EJEw>).

Two of our new evangelists who have decided to be a part of **HomeMission** are **Chris Graham** and **Jose Diaz**. We are so happy to have these workers with us!

Congregation Reports

Westside (Fort Dodge IA) – one baptism this month!

Faith Village (Wichita Falls TX) -



This is the *Blessing Box* outside their building (near the offices). Need an item? Take it. Have an item? Leave it. Have a prayer request? Fill out a prayer card and we will pray for you.

Other congregations are still having some success with online lessons as they open services.

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Picture Gallery

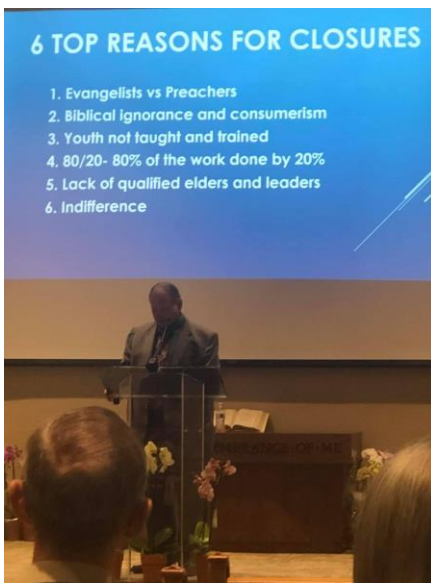


HomeMission update visits

Landmark (Kaufman TX)

Burkburnett (TX) – Tom Box, minister

Carter Lake (Bowie TX)



HomeMission presentation at
West Freeway (White Settlement TX)



Zoom meetings continue!



Visited North 5th and Grape (Abilene TX)