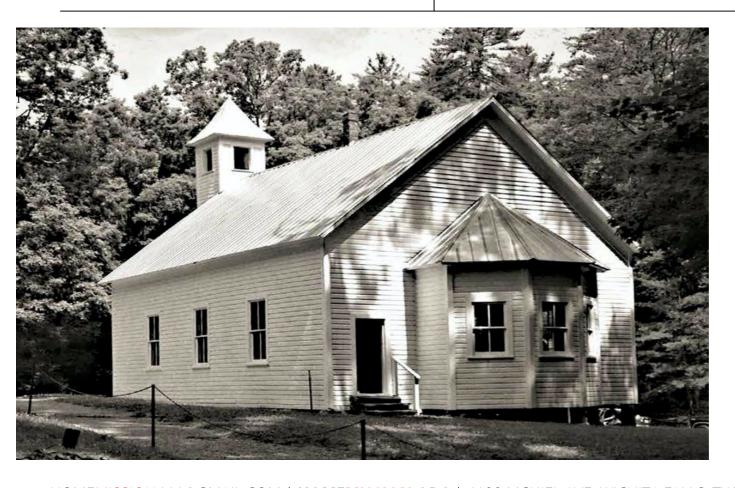
HomeMission Report

OUR TEAM, YOUR HOME, GOD'S MISSION.

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COMING UP

We are working on putting together the **First Responders Network.** This group of people is willing to periodically step into preaching, teaching, and song leading roles in congregations who need support in these areas. Whether it be one Sunday, or establishing a regular rotation, we want every congregation to have access to this resource with the goal of training and equipping the church to no longer need it.

Our Mission:

HomeMission sets out to train evangelists, rescue struggling congregations, provide onsite training, follow up disaster relief, provide leadership training, send out preachers and resources, and connect congregations and organizations.

Church Spotlight



4th & Jackson church of Christ

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Our church spotlight this month is the **4th & Jackson church of Christ in Hugo, Oklahoma.** Here is their report for **HomeMission**:

John & Susie Orr came to 4th & Jackson church of Christ in Hugo Jun 19-22, 2022 and lit our fires. Many people in our congregation were wanting to do something before our congregation withered up and died. Our numbers were only about a third of what it was in the glory days. We wanted to go out and reach the lost, but we had hang-ups and inhibitions, and were afraid to get started, and weren't sure how and where to start. John & Susie encouraged us, at times the elders, at times our minister, and at times different members.

We had one person ask this question: "I am concerned, if we don't do something, what will our church look like in 20 years? We as teachers are accustomed to structure, and steps to get started, and a system to help us continue. Having structure, a system, and encouragement was all it took! The **curriculum was great**, and having a 'lesson plan' **helped us get organized and started."**

Another member said, "An outside couple came to our congregation and reminded us of some things we already knew. They said they would help us get organized, then they helped us get started."

We have been averaging about 80 in attendance on Sunday morning. But we have 47 people who have agreed to be a part of this ministry. As a congregation, **we were blessed** to have John and Susie come help us.

Thank you, **HomeMission**, for your help!

From the Director

Dear Loved Ones in the Lord,

We were so blessed to be raised by Christian parents. Not everyone has that blessing. However, once they come into the family of God, it is our desire they remain faithful. However, that is not always the case. Part of the reason is the soil of their heart. Jesus taught the parable of the soils in Matthew chapter thirteen. Only 1 out of 4 will be faithful. However, in traveling around the country, we have noticed many congregations are unprepared to grow new Christians. In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus commands His followers to MAKE disciples. How? By teaching, baptizing, and teaching, teaching, teaching. This is not an easy thing to do. It is often time consuming. It takes love, patience, kindness, prayer, patience, and Bible study. One of the missions of **HomeMission** is to provide training, workbooks, weekly articles and other tools designed to assist congregations in growing Christians. We teach this before we teach a congregation to evangelize. **IT'S THAT IMPORTANT!** For years, it has been estimated we keep only 10% of those we baptize in America. God cannot be pleased with that. This must change. We have helped many congregations change their approach and their attitude toward these precious babes in Christ. We have only begun this great work, but we have seen the results, because God gives the increase when by faith we obey His will. Please keep us in your prayers that we may continue the important task of saving and KEEPING new souls in Christ. We love you all,

John and Susie Orr

EldersNet

A quarterly publication by elders, for elders. Elders within the Lord's Church are invited to receive news and encouragement through *EldersNet*. Please email us at homemission444@gmail.com to sign up! Physical and digital copies are available.

Please keep HomeMission in mind when estate planning. Your donations will leave a legacy that will last many lifetimes.

We also encourage you to check with your employer about matching donations to 501c3 organizations. If they participate in matching funds, you can make a tax-deductable donation to HomeMission that will be increased by the generosity of your employer.

Visit homemission.org/donate to learn more about how you can support this mission!

West Freeway School of Evangelism



The West Freeway School of Evangelism is well underway and our students are very interested in learning to reach out to souls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The school kicked off August 15th, with a day long session from **Bro. Leon Estep** challenging our students.

In mid September, our students will be in a campaign with the church in **Belen, New Mexico.** Exciting times lie ahead, and we covet your prayers for the efforts we put forth.

In Him.

Ronnie Moore for Chris Graham, Director Glenda Graham, Secretary

Director of Operations Report

EVANGELIST ACTIVITY

- *Aug 7-10 HomeMission Launch at Barkers Mill COC/Clarksville TN.
- *Aug 13 **HomeMission** presentation to leadership at congregation in **Ennis TX (COC at Country Club Lane).**
- *Aug 17-25 Attended **Polishing The Pulpit.** HomeMission manned a vendor/exhibitor booth; had positive interactions and interest; a number of contacts made and follow up activity scheduled.
- *Scheduled upcoming **HomeMission** presentations with congregational leadership in **Waverly TN** & **Tiplersville MS**.

DIRECTOR - OPERATIONS

- *Continuing to work with **Jonathan Orr** with **First Responder Network** (FRN) implementation.
- *Ongoing efforts to streamline certain administrative functions.
- *Church Management Software (**ServantKeeper**) Update: Data integration completed; running pilot operations and making modifications/customizations as needed for optimal HM functionality.
- *As stated in my Evangelist Report, I was blessed to attend **Polishing The Pulpit** this year. I have long wanted to attend this pinnacle of brotherhood gatherings; This was my first opportunity due to scheduling constraints in my prior secular work. One of the recurring themes from the wideranging topics and speakers was something we in **HomeMission** also understand: The need to be INTENTIONAL in our daily Christian walk -- intentional in our daily study of His Word, intentional in our prayer life, intentional in connecting with others to share the Good News. **HomeMission** has a great tool that can help each of us be INTENTIONAL.... we call it the **"Stars Card"** or "My Ten" card. If you are not familiar with this tool, I invite you to reach out to me **(jimlucastenn@gmail.com)**. I'd love to share with you how it can help you be more intentional and focused in your daily walk! May God bless you richly in this coming month.
- Jim Lucas, HomeMission Director of Operations

From the Field

In August, we had a wonderful visit to **West Freeway Church of Christ** from **Bob Turner from Virginia**. Brother Turner encourages congregations to seek a **mission and vision** for their congregation. If your church family needs to refine your vision and mission, Bob can come and spend a weekend with your **Elders**, **Deacons** and **members**.

He is going to return at a later date to add more insight for us.

Ronnie Moore

Evangelist Reports - Alan Stephens / Jonathan Orr / Mike King

- -Visit with Elder at Concord Rd COC, Brentwood, TN
- -Visit with Minister at Sycamore COC, Cookeville, TN
- -Visit with Minister at West End COC, Knoxville, TN
 - -Visit with Minister at Karns COC, Knoxville, TN
- -Visit/met with staff at **Sycamore COC**, Cookeville
- -Visit/met with staff at Jenks Ave COC, Panama City, FL
 - -Visit/met with Minister at Jenks Ave COC
 - -Visit with various other ministers, elders
 - -Lunch with Mt Juliet COC (elders/staff)
 - -Visit/met with various donors
 - -(Planned Visits) Parkersburg WV area churches

Alan Stephens

I have continued to find candidates for the **First Responder Evangelism Network**. I visited the **Olney Church of Christ** & the **Petrolia Church of Christ** to give updates on our progress.

We appreciate our supporting churches so much!

Jonathan Orr

I presented the *Habanero Ministry* concept to the **Bostonia Church of Christ** Men's monthly business meeting.

Mike King

From the Field







On Aug. 23rd, **Josh and Trisha Lynch** stopped by the **HomeMission** booth at **Polishing the Pulpit.** Josh is the minister at the **Piedmont church of Christ in Virginia**. Josh spoke with **Don Lallathin** and **Jim Lucas**. Thanks to Jim and Don for manning the **HomeMission** booth at PTP!

The last picture is the HomeMission gang, with Don & Phyllis Jean Lallathin, Jim Lucas, and David & Karen Jones.





John and Susie Orr had a great visit with the Westside Church of Christ in Round Rock, TX last Sunday. We heard their new preacher, met with the elders and enjoyed the fellowship. They have great evangelism and outreach!





John and Susie Orr made a quick trip to Keller, TX, Tom Bean, TX and The Colony, TX the last couple of days. First we met with Chris Carrillo and his wife, Alyssa, from Keller church of Christ for lunch and talked about HomeMission. Chris is the Education and Outreach minister at Keller. Last night we presented HM to the church in Tom Bean. This morning we met with Joe and Darla Ferguson who work with Gospel Sharing Ministries and explained what HomeMission does and how they might do some follow up for us in the future.

From the Field



John and Susie Orr just returned from a quick trip to Mission Bend Church of Christ near Houston on Aug. 18th. We met for over an hour with several members to look at where they are now and how to get where they want to be in the future. They've lost several members to Illnesses in the past two years. A Chinese congregation shares the building. We've been working with this group for 4 years. They just got a new handicap ramp recently on the building



John & Susie Orr visited South Main Church of Christ, Weatherford, TX on August 21, 2022. We were excited to see Mark Wells, a former member at Faith Village Church of Christ! He and his wife moved there to be close to their daughter and the grandkids. John left materials from HomeMission with the elders. This time of year we and other team member plan to visit supporting churches and contact new churches.



John & Susie Orr visited two supporting churches August 28th to give updates and thank them for their support and encouragement. In San Angelo we visited the Southgate Church of Christ, who has supported HomeMission for over 6 years. That evening we attended services at Fairmont Park Church of Christ in Midland where John preached. When we headed home on Monday the 29th, we stopped by the HomeMission office at the Faith Village Church of Christ in Wichita Falls and picked up materials for our HomeMission office at West Freeway Church of Christ.

From the Field







In August we visited with the **North Texas Church of Christ near Justin, TX.** They were preparing for their **food distribution day**. They also had **toys and books** that have been donated for the families to choose for their children. The church is looking forward to reaching out to a huge subdivision being planned across the highway from the church.



Everyone is invited to attend a **HomeMission** "Celebration" and **information dinner** at the **Faith Village Church of Christ 4100 McNiel Ave** in **Wichita Falls TX** on **September 24, 2022** at **5:00 pm** in their **Family Center**. We will be serving the "BEST" TexMex in Texas! The dinner is **FREE**, but PLEASE **RSVP** by emailing **April at aaskew1955@yahoo.com**.

Bring your checkbook to donate to this great work and enjoy the fellowship!