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HomeMission Report

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**2022 Baptisms reported
by HM churches: 276**

COMING UP

We are working on putting together the **First Responders Network**. This group of people are 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



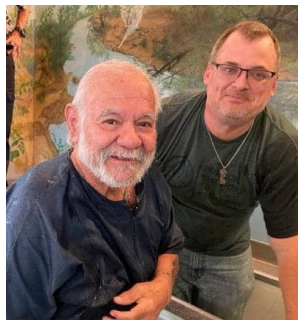
Belen
church of Christ
10 Golf Rd.
Belen, NM 75104
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Our church spotlight this month is the **Belen church of Christ in NM**.
Here is their report for **HomeMission**:

Great things are happening in **New Mexico**! **Gospel Sharing Ministries** has been holding a door knocking campaign at the **Church of Christ at Belen, New Mexico** the week of Sept. 18-24th. As of Wed., Sept 28th, there have been **12 souls added** to the body!

Mike and Kathleen King were there doing a **HomeMission** launch a few weeks ago, preparing Belen to receive new growth. Also attending was the first class of the **West Freeway Church of Christ School of Evangelism** and director, **Chris Graham**, and dean of students, **Ronnie Moore**. The students spent a week in class with Gospel Sharing before going to Belen.

Thanks to **Darla Ferguson** and **Bill Hardy** for keeping **HomeMission** updated and sending pictures. **Chuck Wyeth**, one of the ministers in Belen, has worked with **HomeMission** in two other churches prior to this one. Praise God for this effort!



From the Director

Dear loved ones in the Lord,
September has just flown by! We have been visiting many churches. Some for **HomeMission** work, some for support, and some to thank for funding our operation. We really appreciate the **Faith Village church of Christ** for hosting a **HomeMission Celebration** event. We had great food, good singing, and great presentations from different folks **HomeMission** has assisted. Faith Village in **Wichita Falls** is where it all begin with us. They still oversee our administration, printing, shipping and receiving and storage. If any congregation would like to host a **HomeMission Celebration**, please call and let me know, or call the office. We would like to have more of these next year. Thank you Faith Village, **Chris Swinford**, and all the cooks, youth and others involved. AND God blessed us with **\$5,925.00** raised for our year end contribution. May the Lord bless and keep you all.
Love, **John and Susie**

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



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September was a great month! Our instructors did a great job in teaching ways to evangelize our communities. We ended the month with a campaign to **Belen, New Mexico** where we teamed up with **Gospel Sharing Ministries**. There were **twelve that obeyed the gospel** and **two that were restored to the Lord!** May God have the glory!

Please pray that the Lord will continue to bring students and funding for this much needed ministry!

Chris Graham, Director

Glenda Graham, Secretary

Director of Operations Report

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Sept 6: I was in a **HomeMission ZOOM presentation to the leadership at **Waverly (TN) church of Christ**. They had a positive response and are planning the next steps.

*Sept 9-10: Attended **EQUIP Conference (Brown Street church of Christ)** multiple **HomeMission** staff attended and manned the multiple **HomeMission** vendor/exhibitor booths. **HomeMission's April Askew** is our coordinator & she scheduled the exhibitor/vendor participation and booths. **HomeMission** had positive interactions and interest. A number of new contacts were made.

*Sept 11(am): I filled in at **Saint Jo** class and worship; discussed **Habanero** activities and congregational encouragement.

Evangelist Report

-I am continuing to work with **Jonathan Orr** with **First Responder Network (FRN)** implementation. Expectation is to have the first monthly FRN Zoom Meeting in October.

*Sept 11(pm): I attended **John Orr's HomeMission** presentation to the **Lewisville church of Christ** (supporting congregation).

*Sept 15: I picked up "ouchie babies" from the **Waterview church of Christ** in **Richardson, TX**. The **Ladies ' Sewing Ministry** provided them to be used by **EMT/Fire/Police first responders**, among others. They routinely provide a number of these for **HomeMission**, who disperses to various **HomeMission** churches engaging in community outreach efforts with their local first responders. **HomeMission** is also blessed to have the "Team Sew" ladies at **Faith Village church of Christ in Wichita Falls, TX**, who generously provide an abundance of gift items used by **HomeMission** churches around the country in the **Habanero** ministries. **HomeMission** is truly blessed by these ladies (and perhaps men!) in these sister congregations who serve God by sewing for others, showing love for those they will never meet. May we all be inspired by their acts of service.

*Sept 20: Visited **HomeMission's** office in **Wichita Falls**; met with staff. Picked up Spanish materials from **Worldwide Spanish Literature Ministries** and delivered to **New York Avenue church of Christ** for evangelism outreach campaign in **MX**. Additionally, delivered 100 **Spanish Bibles** (purchased by a private donor, not **HomeMission** funds) for use in campaign.

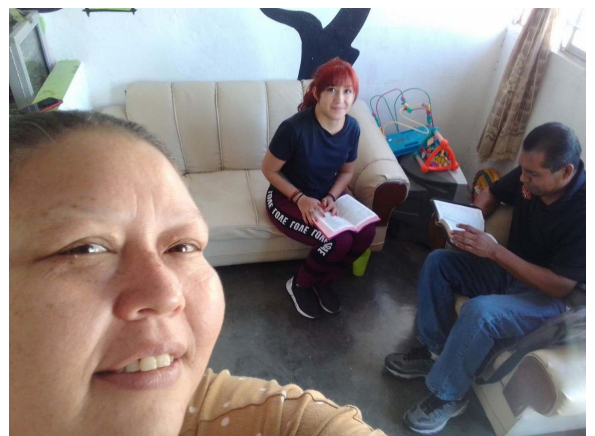
-We have ongoing bi-weekly steering committee meetings for **RUA-Shoals-HCU 2023** and they are progressing well.

-Held initial planning meeting for **Revive Us Again (Texas) 2023**.

-Church Management Software (**ServantKeeper**) Update: Still making modifications/customizations to support **HomeMission** functionality. The customization allowed within **ServantKeeper** was one of the several factors that influenced the decision to select **ServantKeeper** as the **HomeMission** software.

- **Jim Lucas, HomeMission Director of Operations**

*Picked up materials from **Worldwide Spanish Lit.** and delivered to **New York Ave** (Arlington TX) church of Christ for evangelism outreach campaign in Mexico



Evangelist Reports - Alan Stephens /Mike King/Jonathan Orr

-I scheduled Preaching/teaching at **Barlow-Vincent Church of Christ** in **Vincent, OH** for October 30 (Sunday morning and Sunday evening) (150 members). **Nathan Greene** is the preacher.

-I scheduled Preaching/teaching at **Hopewell Church of Christ** in **Washington, WV** for November 2 (100 members) **Marvin Greene** is the preacher.

-I scheduled a full launch at the **Camden Ave Church of Christ** in **Parkersburg, WV** for November 6-November 9 (250 members) **Doug Wells** is the minister.

-I talked with an **Arkansas church** about a launch with **Jonathan Orr**, then I called Jonathan and gave him background information about the church.

--Alan Stephens

On September 19th, I presented an overview of **Habanero Ministry** and an appeal for an **evangelism seminar** to the **San Diego area** wide fellowship monthly meeting in which **6 congregations** were in attendance. The **evangelism seminar** is something I've put together on the side. The purpose is to encourage congregations to consider the **importance of evangelism**. It lasts about an hour plus discussion time.

Mike King

This month has been another blessing to be a part of **HomeMission!** We got to meet so many great people at the **Equip workshop**, and got some potential **First Responders** signed up as well! I also wanted to give a spotlight to a **YouTube video** we just did on our channel talking about **using social media** for outreach opportunities. Go check it out! <https://youtu.be/kRnjQSp-orc>
Jonathan Orr

From the Field

in September, **John & Susie Orr** met with the **Cherokee Hills church of Christ (Oklahoma City)** and planned a launch session for February 2023. Then, they visited with the **Burleson church of Christ, Burleson, Texas.** John taught at the **Equip workshop** for teachers and ministries at the **Brown street church of Christ in Waxahachie Texas.**

They visited with the **Cold Springs church of Christ** and set a tentative Launch session with them after the first of the year. John preached at the **Lewisville church of Christ in Lewisville Texas** that evening.

On the 18th, they went back to the **Oklahoma City area** and met with the elders at the **Tecumseh church of Christ** that morning.

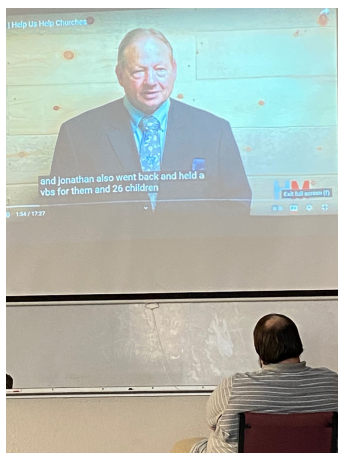
That evening, they met with the elders at the **Westside church of Christ in Norman, Oklahoma.** That church has supported **HomeMission** for the last four years.

Then John & Susie spent the last weekend at the Faith Village church of Christ, preparing for **HomeMission Celebration.** Then, John preached at the **Seymour church of Christ** Sunday morning and they met with the **Burkburnett church of Christ** that evening. Both are churches that we have worked with and they support **HomeMission.**

HomeMission also received 5 requests in the last 10 days for assistance. All 5 are in different states:

Oregon, Texas, Arkansas, Georgia, and Vermont. Busy year ahead!!!

From the Field



On **Sept. 24, 2022**, we had a **HomeMission Celebration Tex-Mex Meal** at the **Faith Village church of Christ** in Wichita Falls, TX. It was a great success, with the Orr family singers (& friends), John's video, and a **Childersburg church of Christ** video. **Lockett Hwy. church of Christ's** minister, **Chris Norcross**, spoke about what **HomeMission** had done for them. **Chris Swinford** was the MC and did a wonderful job! With about 100 or so people in attendance, **HomeMission** raised almost \$6,000! Praise be to our God for this financial blessing and for the generous Christians who contributed and helped to make this such a success!



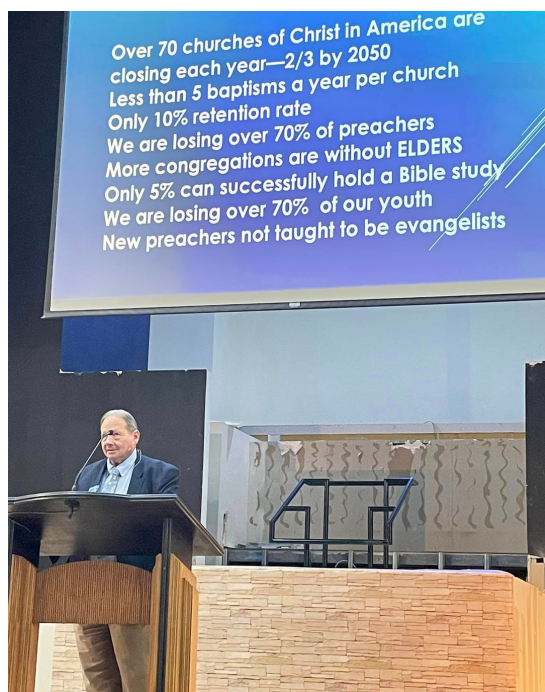
John Orr studied with and baptized **Malea** on **Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022** at the **Faith Village church of Christ**.

Brock was baptized tonight. He was a visitor at worship last Sunday and I asked him if we could meet and talk about his relationship with God. Some great friends of ours (Joe and Darla Ferguson) were traveling through town and joined us for worship as well and I asked them to sit in on my Bible study with Brock (middle left in pic). So we all met and focused on the gospel and Brock discovered he had not obeyed the gospel yet. When we got to the end, he said, "Let's go!". To God be the glory!



Sept 14, 2020 - Our newest **HomeMission** evangelists, **Joe & Darla Ferguson**, shared this event of **Brock's baptism**

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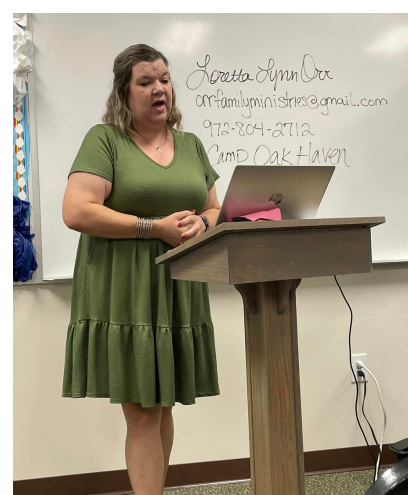


Sept 11, 2022 - John & Susie went to **Lewisville church of Christ** & talked to them about **HomeMission**.



Sept 04, 2022 - **John & Susie** visited **Cherokee Hills church of Christ** in **Oklahoma City**.

What a friendly congregation! The ladies make jars with messages inside for sick members. They use **Hobby Lobby** stickers for the jar lids.



Sept. 10, 2022 - Equip Classes & Workshop was held at the **Brown Street church of Christ**. Pictured is **Jonathan Orr** talking with **Ron Moore**.

John Orr talked about a healthy church, a growing church, & how to serve in retirement.

Loretta Orr's classes were **Growing Spiritually**, **Building a Women's Ministry**, and **Ladies Days and Retreats**.