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Home**Mission** Report

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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 seeks to rescue struggling congregations by providing onsite training and resources, leadership training, evangelist training, following up disaster relief, and connecting congregations with beneficial organizations.

Church Spotlight



Bostonia church of Christ

Located in El Cajon California, part of the greater San Diego area, is the **Bostonia Church of Christ** that assembles about one hundred Saints every Lord's Day. Last month on December 14, 2022, this congregation rejoiced greatly as they installed two elders after having gone many years without. Although they had been blessed with a long-time preacher and an active membership still recovering from the COVID pandemic, the congregation was led by a committee of the men of the congregation in the absence of elders.

HomeMission evangelist **Mike King** and his wife **Kathleen** visited some of the San Diego area churches in the Fall of 2021. The Bostonia congregation was receptive to the **HomeMission** introduction given by Mike, which resulted in an abbreviated *LAUNCH* session for its Men's Business Committee. As a result of the *LAUNCH* session, the men identified several goals for the congregation of which pursuing an eldership was one. Additionally, the committee set another goal of a youth minister. Upon returning to the Bostonia congregation in 2022 for a follow up- visit, the Kings were excited to see the presence of a youth minister, who actively fills in for the pulpit minister as necessary, and the congregation moving forward in the eldership process, which was accomplished several months later.

May God bless the newly installed elders, **David McKinsey** and **Garry Kitchell**, and **Michael Turner**, the youth minister.

From the Director

Dear lived ones in the Lord,

January begins our 8th year of operations for HomeMission for Susie and me. It has been seven hard fought long years of encouraging, equipping, and training in evangelism. Many lives have been touched, many souls have come to Christ, many churches have turned around, and many have struggled with the pandemic. Yet, in all this, and in many ways, we have only begun our work. Some churches that have had success, made poor decisions, which reversed the growth. Others have not gone forward. Many have died, moved and fell away in the last three years. BUT, overall, God has given a great increase that is just now beginning.

The West Freeway School of evangelism is underway. The school has been successful so far. They are now conducting their field work assignments. Chris Graham, the director and his crew are doing a great work. Also, we are encouraging more preachers already in the field with outreach tools.

HomeMission is now working with churches willing to do follow-up from disasters. Several dozen have obeyed the gospel already. Gospel sharing has become a great partner with evangelism follow-up as well as other larger churches.

HomeMission evangelists are continually contacting more churches and starting more training than ever before.

New materials are coming out for congregations to use for church growth and evangelism.

Revive us again, church growth workshop, will be in Waxahachie Texas (March) and for the first time, in Florence Alabama (June).

Elder'sNet is now going to over 400 elders in 25 states once a quarter.

We are starting the process of assisting church planting in areas where the church has died or has never existed in our nation.

All of this is accomplished through and by the Will and Power of God. AND, supported and assisted by all of you who follow HomeMission. But this work is difficult, time consuming and expensive. If you know of anyone who would like to be one of our evangelists or assist with Gospel sharing, please let us know. Ask your elders or church leaders if one of us can speak to your congregation about HomeMission. And pray, pray, pray. Only God can provide what we need to succeed at this mission... the mission at home. Special thanks to all the churches and individuals who make this possible to work with churches at no charge.

May the Lord bless and keep you always, Love, John and Susie

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-deductible 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



VISIT US ONLINE!

wfsoe.school

The school is finishing up its class work of **18 classes**. The students will begin **field work** and **night classes** in January.

Chris Graham, Director
Glenda Graham, Secretary

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.

Director of Operations Report

*Planning for **RUA-Shoals** 2023 (venue is HCU) continues.

*"Save the Date" --Mar 22-25, 2023 for **RUA-Texas 2023. Planning** is in full mode.

Dec 8: Meeting at **Wichita Falls** with HM staff (FVCOC), multiple topics.

Dec 9: RUA Texas planning meeting at **Brown St COC** with **Paul O'Rear, April Askew, Jim Lucas.**

Dec 16: **HomeMission** Director and Ops Director meeting - **West Freeway church of Christ**-2023 Planning.

Dec 18: EOY Report presented to **West Freeway church of Christ** (HM oversight eldership)

2022 was a blessed year for **HomeMission**, and we are looking forward to the things God will do through us in 2023.

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

Accomplishments God has accomplished through **HomeMission** in 2022

--Churches have reported **385 baptisms** this past year

--We worked with **128 congregations in 28 states** in some way

--We **contacted 101 more churches** with information

--We are beginning work on our **6th church plant**

--we have given away **materials, books, and Bibles valued at over \$250,000** retail.

--We currently have **8 trained evangelists.** (We need 5 more to meet the current and projected needs)

--Several churches are continually being assisted by the **First Responder ministry.**

REVIVE US AGAIN // A HOME MISSION EVANGELISM & CHURCH GROWTH WORKSHOP

I SURRENDER

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MARCH 22-25, 2023

BROWN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
2471 Brown St. | Waxahachie, TX 75165

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

WES McADAMS | TRUITT ADAIR

DR. KIRK BROTHERS | JEFF JENKINS | TREY MORGAN

PHIL SANDERS | WILLIE B. WILLIAMS

Remember **Revive Us Again** will be here in **3 months!**
Make plans to attend this workshop! And may the good
Lord bless this workshop!

From the Field



John & Susie Orr had a lunch meeting in Wichita Falls with the **HomeMission** staff and friends from **Faith Village Church of Christ**. **Wayne and Ladonna Fowler** have been big help in **HomeMission** activities. **Becky Swaim** and **Karen Jones** are our hardworking office staff. **Jonathan Orr** is one of our evangelists. We couldn't do **HomeMission** without these wonderful Christians!

John & Susie Orr had a great morning on December 18, 2022, at the **West Freeway Church of Christ**. **Jim Lucas**, director of operations at **HomeMission**, updated the congregation on **HomeMission**, and they got to spend time with him and his wife, **Lisa Lucas**.

Chris Graham honored the students from **West Freeway Church of Christ School of Evangelism**, part of **HomeMission**, who are one week away from completing the classroom part of their year-long program. The second half will be field work in an internship using the 18 classes they've completed.



Chris Norcross from **Lockett Hwy. Church of Christ** near **Vernon, TX** had this baptism on December 11, 2022. Lockett Hwy is the first **HomeMission** church we started working with in early 2016.

Evangelist Reports

	Jonathan Orr, Mike King & Jim Lucas	
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I had the privilege to speak to the **Highway 58 Church of Christ** in **Williford, Arkansas** on December 11th about a potential launch session. They have very nice people who have great hearts for the Lord!

Jonathan Orr

I began a weekly Bible Study in our RV (motor home) community. I also coordinated with the **Port Charlotte church of Christ elders** to begin an **Evangelism and Outreach Team** and conducted two lessons of a three-part series leading up to establishing the Evangelism and Outreach Team: **Mature Christian faith** (lesson one), and **Evangelism Seminar** (lesson two).

Mike King

I had no workshops or formal congregational visits scheduled in the month of December. There were a number of **inquiries** and a few informal **zoom presentations** met with favorable interest. My expectation is that formal presentation requests will be forthcoming after the holidays. We will have continued planning for upcoming **Evangelist workshops** and **presentations** in Jan-Feb of 2023.

Jim Lucas