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HomeMission Report

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Church Spotlight



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This month's spotlight is our overseeing congregation,
West Freeway Church of Christ, Fort Worth, Texas.

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**2023 Baptisms reported
by HM churches: 30**



Memorial for March:

In memory of Aline Kelly
Elders, Church of Christ on
Country Club Rd (Ennis TX)

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, continued...

The **West Freeway Church of Christ** does not only generously support **HomeMission**, but they are the largest source of funding for the **School of Evangelism**. **Chris Graham**, the preaching minister is also the **Director of the School**. **Glenda**, his wife, is the school **Secretary**, and **Ron Moore** (one of the West Freeway elders) is **Dean of Students**. They had three students to start the school year in August, and 12 students to take night courses.

In April, we will be having a large campaign involving the school, **Gospel Sharing Ministries**, and students from **Sunset International Bible Institute**. We are looking forward to these events. We thank God for this wonderful congregation whose members have backed the efforts of **HomeMission** in a big way.

Director of Operations Report

Tiplersville church of Christ elders and Habanero Operations Team



March is always a very busy and often hectic month due to **HomeMission**'s annual **"REVIVE US AGAIN " Evangelism and Church Growth Workshop**, affectionately referred to as "RUA". There are so many contributions made by all of the **HomeMission** staff before, during, and after RUA that allow for this event to happen. Once again, it was a joy and blessing to partner with the eldership and brethren at **Brown Street church of Christ**, whose enthusiastic support was essential to a successful workshop. **HomeMission** has been blessed by so many with so much, all praise and glory to God. We pray for His continued wisdom and guidance as we seek to do His will. I pray for a special measure of courage and boldness for each of the **75-plus congregations represented at RUA**, as they go back to their homes and seek to be a brighter light in their communities.

****For our brethren, friends and supporters in the middle TN/northern AL/MS area -- mark your calendars for June 14-17, for the first "RUA" outside of Texas!** It will be held on the campus of **Heritage Christian University in Florence AL**, under the oversight of the **Cox Blvd church of Christ (Sheffield AL)**. More information is coming!

Mar 5 -- Bible Class and preached at **Tiplersville COC (MS)** ; Habanero Ministry organizational meeting; planning session.

Mar 7 -- **HomeMission** Zoom Presentation with **Pleasant View COC (Pleasanton CA)** eldership

Mar 8 -- HM Zoom Presentation with **Bourbonnais COC (IL)** congregation.

Mar 11- Spoke at men's breakfast gathering at **New York Ave COC (Arlington TX)**

Mar 22-25 --Revive Us Again Workshop - **Brown Street church of Christ (Waxahachie TX)**

Mar 26- Preached at **Eastside COC (Ennis TX)**; followed by congregational introduction to HM.

Mar 28- HM Zoom Training with Evangelist candidate (**D Miller**)

Mar 28- HM Zoom Presentation/Discussion with **Needville COC (TX)** jointly with **Jonathan Orr**.

Mar 28- ****Welcomed Kaylee Anne Lucas into the family!! (second granddaughter!!)****

From the Director

Dear Loved Ones in the Lord,
WOW! What a great **Revive us Again Workshop**. We had almost 600 attendees from 78 congregations from 11 states. This was our 5th year to have this workshop. We thank the **Brown Street Church of Christ in Waxahachie, Texas** for hosting this event. We had excellent keynotes, great teachers, excellent women classes, and a great youth night hosted by **Heritage Christian University**. Thanks to all the sponsors and vendors who made this a possibility.

We are now working on **Revive us Again Shoals**. It will be held at **Heritage Christian University in Florence Alabama, June 14-17**. For more information, go to our website. In the meantime, we have evangelists going & working with congregations in **Texas, Oklahoma, Michigan, West Virginia, Florida, and California**. Please keep us in your prayers. May the Lord bless and keep you. Love,

John and Susie Orr

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West Freeway School of Evangelism



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We have had a very productive Spring. **Jim Mitchell** taught the **Open Bible Study (OBS)** in January and February. I taught **History of the Church of Jesus Christ** in March through April.

Attendance was strong with 10 students taking advantage of the classes. Our next class will be using the **Visualized Bible Study Series (Jule Miller)** to win souls. This class will be available remotely as well as in person. Contact us and we will be glad to provide the needed information. We will be working with **Gospel Sharing** and students from **Sunset International Bible Institute** in a campaign for Christ here at **West Freeway church of Christ** during the last week of April. Please pray for that effort.

Chris Graham, School Director

Glenda Graham, Secretary

Evangelist Reports - Mike King/John Orr/Jonathan Orr



HomeMission evangelist **Mike King** spoke on the topic of evangelism to the **Church of Christ Men's area wide Leadership meeting** on March 7th. Hosted by the **Port Charlotte Church of Christ**, 6 congregations were represented by some 25 men.

John Orr, with **Susie's** help, did a **LAUNCH** workshop with the **Adel Church of Christ in Adel, Georgia**. Then they went to the **Cherokee Hills Church of Christ in Oklahoma City**. Both workshops went very well and the congregations are excited about using the tools they gave them for church growth. He also spoke to the **Church of Christ in Forney, Texas** about a future **LAUNCH** workshop, as well as the **Church of Christ in Ballinger, Texas**.

This month was a great month for **HomeMission!** I just want to personally thank everyone who made **Revive Us Again** at **Brown Street Church of Christ in Waxahachie** possible. It is such a blessing to see everyone come together with passion to focus on the **Great Commission** and growing our churches!

We need each other more than ever!

In Him,

Jonathan Orr

From the Field



Karen Jones & Becky Swaim had prepared SO MANY boxes to take to **RUA** and **John Orr** amazingly (with help from **Zach Waugh**) got them ALL packed into his truck!!



Fort Dodge, Iowa welcomes **Justin Meyer**, who was baptized into Christ on Sunday, March 26th. Welcome to true Christian living, Justin!

From the Field



Revive Us Again/I Surrender All is done! All our speakers and teachers were wonderful. We had **almost 600 to attend Revive Us Again from 78 congregations and 11 states.** There were even reported to be viewings from 2 countries outside of the US: The **Netherlands** and **Ukraine.** However, most of all, we came away filled with faith and love!

There are so many to thank for in the planning of this event. Thanks for all who attended, **Chris Swinford, Levi Sizemore, HomeMission staff, Brown Street Church of Christ** for hosting and all **their volunteers, West Freeway Church of Christ** for providing tables and hauling materials, **Faith Village Church of Christ,** all the sponsors and vendors.

If you were unable to attend, the **Keynotes** and **Panel Discussions** are downloaded onto the **HomeMission RUA 23** page. **Class audio** files should hopefully follow!

Please check it out!

In the pictures above, **Louis Noey** taught a class on the Deaf Ministry, **Dwayne Tapscott** was our first keynote speaker and **Wes McAdams** was our last keynote speaker. **John Orr** gave the closing remarks. **We're looking forward to next year!**



John & Susie finished the **Launch** at **Cherokee Hills church of Christ** this evening. We had a great response and participation from the members. Around 20 people came this morning and filled out around 200 contact sheets for the **Habanero Visitation Ministry.** They set goals at our closing **"Take-Off" session.** God will bless this church!



John & Susie Orr visited a **HomeMission** congregation, **Cold Springs Church of Christ (Lancaster TX.)**

From the Field



Susie Orr took a quick pic of some of our **HomeMission** staff during RUA. L-R: **Jim Lucas, Becky Swaim, April Askew, Jonathan Orr, John Orr,** and **Karen Jones.**



This is **Cherokee Hills Church of Christ's** pantry setup. They give a week's worth of food for a family of four from this setup. The tags by each item are to let the church know what items are getting low. They are put near the donation box. Each tag represents around \$5 worth. Members take what they want to spend. This way almost everyone can donate. They also provide recipes for the food items they are given.



This is a sweet pic of a grandfather holding his adopted grandson and a blanket donated from **Team Sew** from **Faith Village Church of Christ.** **John & Susie** held a launch earlier in the month at the **Church of Christ in Adel, Georgia,** and the preacher chose this blanket to give to the grandfather. Team Sew has donated many boxes of handmade items to **HomeMission** to give to churches for visitation. **HomeMission** is so grateful!

From the Field



Jim Lucas at **Eastside Church of Christ** (Ennis TX),
pictured with minister **Donnie Miller** & wife **Carolyn**.