

HomeMission Report

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Church Spotlight

**Cape Coral church of Christ,
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This church has really gone through a lot. They are in a town of over **200,000 people**. They are the only mainline church of Christ in the city. **Brother Stephen Eddy**, their preacher, has stayed with this church through thick, thin, up, and down. And now they are on the verge of going and growing. Their core is good, their financial situation has improved, and **Gospel Sharing** will be working with them next. **HomeMission** has worked with them in some way since 2018. **John Orr** and **Mike King** have been blessed to be a part of their lives. **Brother Cody Michaels** and the **Project Unify**, as well as **Disaster Relief Effort**, have been a great blessing to them as well. Please keep them in your prayers as they go forward spreading the Gospel of Christ in such a large city that needs Jesus!

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2023 tax information

All donations given to **HomeMission** which are to be counted on **2023 tax returns** must be received in the office and/or postmarked **on or before December 31, 2023**. The law does not allow us to issue tax letters for 2023 for anything received after this date, even though it may be dated before. **Tax letters will be sent out by January 31, 2024.**

Statistics / Fund-Raising Drive

1. Home**Mission** has worked in some way with 115 congregations in 30 states so far, this year.
2. Home**Mission** is following up with 11 churches in four states that have had disasters and received assistance from disaster relief efforts.
3. Home**Mission** has given over tens of thousands of dollars worth of material (retail value) to churches around the country.
4. Home**Mission** is currently working with five start up congregations in 4 states.
5. We now have 11 evangelists and three more are interested.
6. Home**Mission** conducted two four-day conferences in Texas and Alabama (Heritage Christian University campus)
7. Churches have reported 641 baptisms so far this year. (Over 1000 the past 22 months)
8. Home**Mission** evangelists have travelled over tens of thousands of miles so far this year.
9. Elder'sNet (a quarterly publication for elders by elders) is being sent out to over 472 elders in 30 states representing 146 congregations.
10. The West Freeway School of Evangelism graduated its first 3 students in August and started year two with 3 students during the day and 13 students once a week on Monday evenings.
11. Six larger congregations have worked with seven smaller ones through Home**Mission**. Three more have committed to help next year.
12. Of the 600 plus churches Home**Mission** has worked with over the past 7 years in some way, less than 2% have closed, while 125 other churches in America are closing their door each year.
13. All praise and glory go to Jesus our Savior and King.

It's time for end-of-year giving! With the Lord's help, **HomeMission** assists churches of Christ in the US and **YOU can play a part in this work!** For more information or to make a donation -

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From the Director

I can't believe another year is almost gone. We were gone all of November working with **7 churches, a preaching school, and a Christian College**. While we were gone, we celebrated our **51st wedding anniversary** by traveling to another congregation. God has blessed us so much to be able work for Him helping His churches to survive and thrive. He is an amazing and awesome God. This year has been a blessing, and **HomeMission** has expanded our work. God has blessed us with **more evangelists**. God has caused many churches that were on the **verge of closing to grow in faith, leadership, and numbers**. Thank you all for supporting us, backing us, praying for us, and loving us.

As you know, this is our **year-end plea for financial help** so we can continue the work. Hope you will consider **helping us help churches**. Special thanks to all of you that have helped to bring us to this point. Most of all, **we thank our God** who has been so sweet and kind to all of us working for Him. May the Lord bless and keep you all,

Love, **John, and Susie Orr**

Memorials for

Doug Brown

From

Jack York Family

Geneva Gregory

from

Palmer & Elaine Jenkins

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.

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West Freeway School of Evangelism



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The **School of Evangelism** enjoyed a two-week break for Thanksgiving as we prepared for the final two weeks with our full-time students.

In the final two weeks, we had **Spencer Ross** from the **Northwest (Ft Worth TX) church of Christ** and then the final week, **Phil Sanders** from **"In Search of the Lord's Way"** and **Edmond (OK)** will be

Zooming with our students as he teaches in **Lubbock**. Please continue to keep the School in your prayers as we look forward to close out the year. **Ronnie Moore**

The month of November brings the beginning of "the holiday season," starting with Thanksgiving. It is a bittersweet time of year for many of us....we are mindful of the rich blessings our Creator has given us, yet also many of us are **grieving over the absence of loved ones** during this time of year. We at **HomeMission** offer our sympathy and **prayers for comfort** during this time to all who are missing loved ones.

As we enter into this holiday season, we pray for God's hand to **protect those who will be traveling**. We pray for those who are **battling physical or spiritual struggles**, that God will provide in abundant measure whatever is needed so that you may overcome. May God continue to bless us all, as we seek to do His will.

Jim Lucas

Evangelist Reports - Jim Lucas

Nov 1: Conducted pre-workshop zoom meeting with **Socorro (NM) church of Christ**

Nov 6-7: Conducted **HomeMission** Introductory Training with new/potential **HomeMission** Evangelists **Danny & Bonnie Winningham**, and **Sonny & Jackie Owens** in **Florence AL**

Nov 7: Planning session for **REVIVE-Alabama** at **Heritage Christian University (Florence AL)**

Nov 11-15: Met with **John & Jill Schadeegg**, evangelists with **The Barnabas Journey**; discussed **HomeMission** ministry and possibilities for collaboration with their ministry.

Nov 12-15: **Socorro (NM) church of Christ** - Launch Workshop / **HomeMission** Introductory Training for Schadeeggs

Nov 16: Lunch meeting in with **Chuck Wyeth, Belen (NM) church of Christ**, a **HomeMission** church; **Bill Gregory, Bosque Farms (NM) church of Christ** and **John Schadeegg**

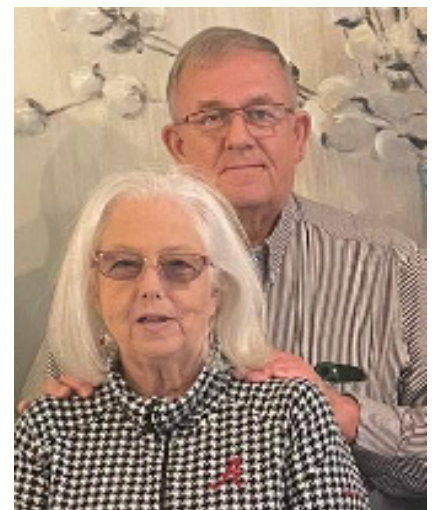
Nov 26: Sunday pm sermon - **Flower Mound (TX) church of Christ**



Jim with John & Jill Schadeegg



Danny & Bonnie
Winningham



Sonny & Jackie Owens

Evangelist Reports – John Orr / Jonathan Orr / Mike King

John and Susie Orr attended services at the **Killen (AL) church of Christ** and the **Cox Blvd (Sheffield AL) church of Christ** (both churches are generous supporters of **HomeMission**) in We met with **Kirk Brothers** later that week, planning out the **EQUIP-ALABAMA CHURCH GROWTH WORKSHOP**. It is planned for June 12-15, 2024, at the **Heritage Christian University (Florence AL)**. We then went to meet with the **Concord Street (Orlando FL) church of Christ**. They have supported **HomeMission** for four years, and we had a great meeting with them after services. We then went to visit Brother **Brian Kenyon**, Director of the **Florida School of Preaching**. They are doing a great work in providing preachers for the Florida area and beyond. Next, we attended the **Sorrento Hills (Sorrento FL) church of Christ**. **Steve and Pat Hunley**, fellow-workers with **HomeMission**, have been attending there. The church has grown from a small number to 60-plus. They now have a young preacher and his wife working with them. He is a graduate of the **Florida School of Preaching** and is doing a great job. Finally, we ended our trip in **Cape Coral FL** and worked on several projects **HomeMission** will help with, along with **Gospel Sharing** coming in December to do a pre-campaign meeting. They will come later and follow-up with over 400 contacts from the hurricane last year. **Mike and Kathleen King** will be assisting them in the process.

John Orr

This month, I had the pleasure of visiting two of our supporting congregations: **The Downtown (Morrilton, AR) church of Christ** and the **Seymour (TX) church of Christ**. We always like to visit these churches and give updates towards the end of the year, and thank them for their partnership! We couldn't do what we do without them. I also had the pleasure of having a booth at the **Diakanos Conference** at the **Lewisville (TX) church of Christ**. It's a conference for elders, deacons, and ministers that provides great value. I was able to make connections there that will prayerfully help grow the kingdom! May God bless you all and thank you for supporting us!

Jonathan Orr

Conducted two **Evangelism and Outreach training sessions** for the **Bostonia (El Cajon CA) church of Christ**, located in the **San Diego CA** area.

Mike King

From the Field



We're visiting the Florida School of Preaching (Lakeland FL) with students, telling them about HomeMission and the West Freeway (Ft Worth TX) church of Christ School of Evangelism.



John & Susie Orr visited **Sorrento Hills (Sorrento FL) church of Christ** Nov. 19th Our friends, **Steve and Pat Hunley**, attend there. We first met them at **Main Gate (Kissimmee FL) church of Christ** several years ago. The church was super friendly! We were given little cakes and greeted warmly. We had lunch with several members afterwards. Nov. 23-24th, we visited **Cape Coral (FL) church of Christ** near **Fort Meyers**.



Today At **Sorrento Hills (Sorrento FL) church of Christ**, **Terry Whitefield** made the decision to put on Christ in baptism for the remission of her sins, after studying through the **Back to the Bible series** ♥ We are so happy for our new sister-in Christ! Angels are rejoicing!



The last two days were spent visiting with and training two couples in Alabama to work with **HomeMission**. Thanks to **Heritage Christian University** for providing a meeting place. **Jim Lucas** and **John Orr** did a great job teaching the **Owens** and **Winninghams** about **HomeMission!**.

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Sunday

December 10, 2023

Goal: **\$500,000**

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