

HomeMission Report

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David Miller and Joshua McNulty (preacher)



"Take Off" Session from the Launch workshop



Kenton church of Christ bldg



preparing to **GO!**

ENCOURAGE. EQUIP. EVANGELIZE.

The **Kenton church of Christ in Kenton, OH** invited **David Miller** (HomeMission evangelist and long-time soul winner in Ohio) to give a presentation about **HomeMission** to the church in July. After this presentation and prayerful consideration, the congregation decided to move forward with **HomeMission** and a date was set for the **LAUNCH workshop**. **Jim Lucas** and **David Miller** conducted the workshop in September 2023. This congregation **of less than 20** does not have elders but is blessed with a young capable minister **Joshua McNulty** and a handful of dedicated members who have a love for the lost and a willingness to work. David Miller returned in October and further trained several key members and the minister in the **Habanero Ministry** and **personal evangelism**, visiting with 11 former members and conducting 57 community visits. God blessed these efforts; Sunday attendance prior to Launch in September **was around 17; attendance** in November **averaged over 25; 32 were present** on November 19.

The church in Kenton is moving forward, with momentum gained from the Launch workshop. In the words of the congregation: "We started with a **brainstorming session** which resulted in starting a **worship service at our local nursing home**. We also started a **door knocking campaign** in the community which resulted in **13 new Bible correspondence courses being handed out**. We are working on our **card ministry**. We also had a **luncheon for former members** in the area and had **three families return that Sunday**. With many in the community on government assistance we are starting a monthly community luncheon on the last Sunday of each month in hopes to reach more people."

The brethren at Kenton, working alongside David Miller, serve as an encouragement to us all, reminding us that—**even when few in number—God can and will work through us when we have a mind to work**. To God be the glory.

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Coming Soon!
Revive Texas!
Mark your calendars!
April 24-27, 2024
Brown St. church of Christ
in Waxahachie, TX

End - of - Year Statistics 2023

1. We have worked in some way with **118 congregations in 31 states**.
2. We are following up with 12 churches in **4 states** that have had **disasters and received assistance** from disaster relief efforts.
3. We have given over tens of thousands of dollars worth of **workbooks, materials, Bibles, tracts** and other tools to churches around the country.
4. **HomeMission** is currently working with 5 start up congregations in 4 states.
5. For most of 2023, we had 7 active evangelists.
6. **HomeMission** conducted **2 four-day conferences in Texas and Alabama (Heritage Christian)**
7. Churches have reported **723 baptisms** for the year.
8. Our evangelists have travelled over tens of thousands of miles.
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 who have finished their classes and now must do their field work.
11. **Six larger congregations** have worked with **seven smaller** ones through **HomeMission**. 3 more have committed to help next year.
12. Of the 600-plus churches **HomeMission** has worked with over the past 8 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.**

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

December

Travelled back from **Cape Coral church of Christ in Florida**. Good work going on there. **Gospel Sharing** has an appointment with them soon. Went next Sunday to thank the brethren at **Faith Village in Wichita Falls** for their support, cooperation, volunteer help and offices for **HomeMission**. We went that evening to **Locket Highway church of Christ in Vernon, TX**. Talked to them about working toward a **V. B. S.** in the summer and a **fall festival in the fall**, with help from larger congregations. Their preacher has retired from his employment and is full time now. God has great things in store for them. We also helped them to get **their first ever web site**. It looks great! Thanks to **Ichthus Digital** for their work with **HomeMission** churches. The next week we went to **Chillicothe** and met with the brethren there. Big plans after the first of the year. Finally got some time at home before visiting the brethren at the **North Ridge church of Christ in Mount Pleasant**. My son, **Michael**, has moved there and is enjoying working with the good brethren there. Already many plans for next year. **Please keep us and the Lord's churches around the country in your prayers!**

John Orr

**Memorial for
Bob Burrus**
from Wanda Howell

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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As we wind down the year, we presented **certificates of completion** to our three students on December 17th..They will now begin their **5-month internship at their home congregations**. We will turn our focus to the **teacher line-up** and **student recruiting** for the August-December 2024 classes. We had a successful **Sunday of Giving**, where we were blessed with **just over \$8,000.00**. **We covet your prayers and donations as we continue to train others to spread the gospel.**

May the Lord bless you all in the upcoming New Year!!!

Chris & Glenda Graham

2023 comes to a close with a **flurry of activity**. Numerous activities associated with the ongoing "onboarding" of **new evangelists**, follow up with prior contacts, review of material revisions, and ongoing follow up conversations with brethren in multiple states. Additionally, **several new congregations** reached out to learn more about how **HomeMission** could assist them in the coming year. There also was the cherished time spent reconnecting with family and friends during the traditional holiday time. As I reflect on 2023, I am humbled by the blessings God has bestowed on **HomeMission** this year. We are so blessed with **dedicated and passionate staff, evangelists, and volunteers**. God has blessed us abundantly through **supporting churches and individuals that share our passion for the Lord's church in America**. As we look forward to 2024, I pray for God's Spirit to continue to guide **HomeMission** in what we do, what we say, and where we go....that **we may be aligned with His Will**. I pray that in 2024 God will bestow an abundant measure of **wisdom, boldness, and guidance** for each congregation that **HomeMission** is assisting in some way. Above all, in all things, **may God be glorified!**

Jim Lucas

Evangelist Reports - Jim Lucas, Mike King, & Jonathan Orr

Dec 5: **Introductory Presentation/Zoom - Danville (IL)COC**

Dec 6: **Introductory Presentation/Zoom - Marshfield (WI)COC**

Dec 15-17 Vacation/**San Antonio**

Dec 18: **HomeMission Presentation/Zoom - Areawide Monthly Leadership Meeting - Medina (OH)COC**

Jim Lucas

Mike and Kathleen King attended **Bible study and worshipped** with the **Cape Coral (Florida) church of Christ**. Afterwards, we met with **Steve Eddy**, the preacher, to discuss reviving the **Habanero Ministry** beginning in January.

Mike King

Happy New Year! What a wonderful year it was for **HomeMission**. God has blessed us so much as we serve Him, and I'm grateful for all those who support and show interest in us. I was sick for two different stretches of December but was able to visit the fine folks in **Olney, TX** to thank them for their support and catch up with what they are doing. It's great to hear about the churches we work with, but it's a greater blessing to see them in person! January and the new year hold many wonderful opportunities, so just **pray God keeps us well and refreshed to do the work of our Lord!**

Jonathan Orr

From the Field



Today was a special day at **West Freeway Church of Christ**. Our second class in our **West Freeway Church of Christ School of Evangelism** received their certificates for the first half of their school year, in class coursework.

Next they have a 6 month field work which includes **Soul-Saving Tools**, a curriculum with various **assignments and activities**. The three students are on the left. Next to them is the school's administrator, Chris Graham. Next is Ronnie Moore, dean of students next to the elders at West Freeway. Glenda Graham is the school secretary.

Thanks to all our teachers, staff, and donors that made this possible.



The Orrs were busy! Jonathan visited the **church of Christ at Chillicothe (TX)** one Sunday, and John and Susie visited them the following Sunday!

From the Field



The Orrs visited two special churches! We worshipped with **Faith Village Church of Christ** in Wichita Falls TX. We spent 13 years at Faith Village. John was their outreach minister for 8 years. They are our first supporting congregation, and we still have our administrative offices, printing, shipping, and storage there. They also visited **Lockett Hwy. Church of Christ**, in Vernon TX, the first church we worked with when we started HomeMission. They also support HM monthly. We talked about future goals. Chris Norcross is their preacher



Welcome a new sister in Christ, Kathryn, baptized at **Westside church of Christ** in **Fort Dodge IA**.

A HOME MISSION EVENT OVERSEEN BY THE ELDERS OF BROWN ST CHURCH OF CHRIST

REVIVE TEXAS 2024 CHURCH GROWTH WORKSHOP

GOOD NEWS

APRIL 24-27, 2024
BROWN ST CHURCH OF CHRIST
WAXAHACHIE TX

SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

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