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May 2024

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# HomeMission Report

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**LOCKET HIGHWAY CHURCH OF CHRIST,**  
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The sweet brethren at the **Locket Highway church of Christ in Vernon Texas** were the first church **HomeMission** assisted 8 years ago. They are a small but solid church. **Faith Village in Wichita Falls** has helped, and now **New Road church of Christ in Waco, TX** is helping them conduct their first **Vacation Bible School**. Their current evangelist is **Chris Norcross**. He recently retired and is now full time with the church. Chris attended our **Revive Texas Conference in Waxahachie, TX**. He sent a thank you card to **HomeMission**. In it he says, "It reminded me of my duty to follow the great commission and gave me the tools for doing so, it was the best four days of my life!"

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# HomeMission Statistics

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Statistics for **HomeMission** through May 2024

1. We have worked with **86 congregations** (in some way) in **23 states** so far this year. We are following up with **9 churches in 5 states** that have had disasters and received assistance from disaster relief efforts.
2. We have given out thousands of **workbooks, materials, Bibles, tracts,** and other tools to churches around the country.
3. **HomeMission** is continuing to work with **4 start up congregations in 4 states.** We are now trying to assist a couple in **Wisconsin** in starting a new church.
4. We now have **13 evangelists,** with several that are being trained.
5. **HomeMission** conducted 2 four-day conferences. **REVIVE TEXAS** (April 24-27—532 in attendance from 68 congregations in 11 states) **REVIVE ALABAMA** will be **June 12-15**
6. Churches have reported **463 baptisms** so far this year through the end of May. While 721 were reported last year.
7. **Elder'sNet** (a quarterly publication **for elders by elders**) is being sent out to over **472 elders in 30 states** representing **146 congregations.**
8. The **West Freeway School of Evangelism** graduated its **first 3 students in August** and started year two with 3 students who finished their classes last year. They are now doing their field work. We already have **5 new students signed up for August of this year,** and many more have shown interest.
9. **Ten larger congregations are working with 10 smaller ones** through **HomeMission.**
10. Of the **600 plus churches HomeMission** has worked with over the past 8 years in some way, less than 2% have closed, while around 100 other churches in America are closing their doors each year.
11. **All praise and glory go to Jesus our Savior and King.**

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# From the Director

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## Director's report—May 2024

Since the **Revive Texas conference**, we have been getting increased requests for assistance from churches around the country. Many thanks to **Jim Lucas** and our evangelists for answering the call. We made it home through the storms thanks to our precious Lord and are now at home long enough to get ready for the **Revive Alabama conference** at **Heritage Christian University**. We had a stormy three weeks in **West Virginia, Ohio, and Michigan** as many of you have. Some areas are reporting great devastation in their town. **Avenue T church of Christ in Temple Texas** had wind damage and flooding in their building. **Winchester Indiana** completely lost their building as a tornado wreaked havoc. Many have lost power and income due to the storms. But in great tragedy comes great opportunity. **Disaster Relief Effort** and others are busy assisting with **food, furniture, and appliances** for those in need. We try to follow up a year later (developing their contacts) when things have settled down. It looks like a rough summer and fall, so **pray hard and hold on to the Lord's hand for strength.**

**John Orr**

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### In Memory of:

**Darren Miller**

from **Palmer & Elaine Jenkins**

**Greg Fowler**

**RaeAnn Glassburn**

**Billy Fonville**

From **Jane Fields**

Please keep Home**Mission** 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 Home**Mission** that will be increased by the generosity of your employer.

Visit [home\*\*mission\*\*.org/donate](http://home<b>mission</b>.org/donate) to learn more about how you can support this mission!

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## West Freeway School of Evangelism



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We are enjoying our **summer break** and are **gearing up for the fall session** to begin August 26th. We expect to have our largest enrollment yet. **Students from Illinois, Ohio, Iowa and Texas** have committed to be with us for the day program this year. Pray for them as they get ready to join us this fall. **Glenda and I** hope to see as many of you as possible at the **Connect Conference in Nashville, Tennessee**, where we will have a booth. **Pray for us as our teachers and students** get ready for another great year.

**Chris Graham**

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## Director of Operations Report - Jim Lucas

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The month of May is typically a busy time for many of us -- filled with **end-of-school-year activities, graduations, weddings,** and such. Children are excited because summer is just around the corner! For some of us it brings opportunities to see extended **family, grandchildren, and old friends.** If your plans involve traveling this summer, I encourage you to seek out **smaller congregations** to worship with as you have the opportunity. I am sure your presence will be a great **encouragement to them** --and can be an **uplifting and edifying time** for you as well as you meet new brothers and sisters in the faith.

God continues to bless **HomeMission** with opportunities to assist churches seeking to be a **brighter light** in their community. With increased opportunities come increased responsibilities. We are prayerfully planning for **Revive Alabama,** in collaboration with **Heritage Christian University** and the spiritual oversight of the **Killen church of Christ.** We continue ongoing supportive efforts with numerous churches in multiple states and begin efforts with new churches. **May God continually guide our steps as we seek to do His Will. To God be the Glory and Honor forever. (1 Timothy 1:17)**

**Jim Lucas**

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# Evangelist Reports - Randy Reagan

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Since some of my travels started the end of April and continued into the first of May, **this report will actually cover both months.**

On **April 21**, I visited with the brethren at the **Westgate church of Christ in Beaumont** as a follow-up to the **Launch** in January. The Elders had requested that, schedule permitting, I come and speak to the congregation once a month for encouragement and help as they set up the **Habanero program** and other activities geared towards community evangelism. I saw first-hand how active everyone had become, and they were already seeing some fruit from these efforts.

On **April 26**, I left to do a launch at the **Marshfield church of Christ in Marshfield Wisconsin**. What a fantastic group of Christians hungry to grow individually and numerically. Their warm and enthusiastic response to the messages and suggestions was so encouraging. I know they are off to a great start and ready to become the impact in the community for lost souls. The attendance and support were outstanding every evening. They even invited area preachers to come and witness first-hand the commitment they were making to evangelism.

On **May 5th**, I re-visited with the **Fond du Lac congregation in Fond du Lac Wisconsin**. We did a launch together in July 2022 and to see the growth and enthusiasm of the brethren was amazing. They have implemented so many different aspects of **HomeMission** outreach, improved and modified certain areas to fit their community, had great success in implementing and reaching their first-year goals, and are seeing the results of their hard work. They have **grown spiritually** as they are **studying through the Foundation material**, numerically as they have had witnessed God adding to the church from people **obeying the Gospel**, have visitors searching for the truth, and visitors/friends/associates of members who targeted those loved ones on their **STAR cards**. It was simply overwhelming. My time with them was, frankly, too short. They uplifted me so much in so many ways. Their hospitality and love extended to me was so humbling and more than I deserved.

Unfortunately, due to family issues, my planned trip to **Bourbonnais Illinois** had to be postponed. It was very disappointing, but the brethren were very gracious and understanding. I look forward to visiting with them very soon.

On **May 19**, I made my monthly visit to the **Westgate church in Beaumont**. They had a VBS scheduled for early June. They had a **Saturday community kids day** where they had hot dogs and games for children for free. They ended up signing up over **20 children from the community for VBS**. What a GREAT idea and surely seeds will be planted and watered. These brethren are so encouraging. If anyone reading this is ever in the **Beaumont Texas** area, you would be so encouraged to visit with these brethren.

**Randy Reagan**

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# Evangelist Reports - John Orr / Jim Lucas / Rodney Carter

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Started the month going to **Ohio** working with the **Barlow Vincent church of Christ**. This congregation is busting out at the seams. But they were anxious to learn more about saving souls. We presented **the Rest of the Story** to them. We also met with the **North End Elders in Parkersburg, WV**. They have allowed us to use one of their classrooms to store **HomeMission** materials for the 8 churches we are currently assisting. After that, we went to **Harbor Springs, Michigan** and met with a group of 17 for Sunday afternoon worship. We spent time with one of the leading members in planning strategy for church growth. They hope to hire a preacher in a year from now if they can raise the funds. **Almost 40,000 residents** are in their county during the winter and **3 times that in the summer**.

We came back to **West Virginia** and did a launch with the **Sunrise church of Christ in Parkersburg, WV**. They showed great interest and promise. They have several young adults that attended every session. We ended our trip in **Mount Pleasant Texas** before coming home.

**John Orr**

May 2: **HomeMission** Introduction Presentation - **Richmond CA**

May 5: **HomeMission** Introduction Presentation - **Waxahachie TX**

May 15: **HomeMission** Introduction Presentation - **Shawnee OK**

May 24: **HomeMission** Introduction Presentation - **Mart TX**

May 28: **HomeMission** Introduction Presentation - **Hopewell VA**

May 29: **Foundations for Disciples** Training - **Lebanon Junction KY**

**Jim Lucas**

The **month of May** seemed to be a slow month here in **Central Texas**; or perhaps it was due to not having college assignments along with **HomeMission** work. Whatever the reason, I hand-delivered **Sample Packets** to **Central Union church of Christ in Nolanville** and another to **Itasca church of Christ**. The brethren at Central Union were excited to learn of **HomeMission** and were very receptive to the information I gave them. I was asked to preach on **Mother's Day** in **Itasca**. Please pray for this congregation as they work to **rebuild numerically**. I also revisited the congregation at **Ave T in Temple, TX** to check on how they are doing. The building was recently affected by a **tornado that hit Temple** and **flooded their hallway**.

In Him,

**Rodney O. Carter Sr.**

**Evangelist**

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# Evangelist Reports - Danny Winningham

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**5/12/2024** Visited **Stewartsville church of Christ**, spoke to elders and attended Bible class and worshiped with them Sunday morning. This is my home congregation, and I gave them a personal invite to **Revive Al. Hearts on Fire** and gave them a brochure.

**5/12/2024** Visited **New Hope church of Christ** Sunday night. Spoke to one of the elders and former elder **Hal Gargis** found out they had not received any brochures. I told them I would be back Wednesday night to bring some brochures and gave them a personal invite.

**5/15/2024** I went back to New Hope and gave them a personal invite and left them 8 brochures and gave the elders a copy of Home Missions News Letter.

**5/19/2024**

Visited with **Pinehill church of Christ** for Sunday morning Bible class and worship. Gave them a personal invite to **Revive Alabama**. Gave them a copy of **HomeMission** new letter and 8 brochures for revive Alabama.

**5/19/2024** I visited with **Woodlawn church of Christ** for Sunday evening worship. Met with **Sonny Owens** while I was there and talked to him about Revive Alabama and how many brochures he had. I got 20 from him and had **Heritage** print me off 50 more.

**5/22/2024**

Visited with **Cloverdale church of Christ** for Wednesday night. Gave them a personal invite to Revive Alabama and attended the Bible class. Met a young man there who attended **Heritage University** and went on to preach for a congregation that left him with discouragement. He taught class Wednesday night and did an excellent job. Going to meet with him again and **try to give him some encouragement**. Hopefully I can find a church that will take him in as an intern.

**5/24/2024** Called and spoke with **Dennis Willingham**, one of the leader at **Colbert Heights church of Christ**. I have mailed him some of the brochures for **Revive Alabama**. Will be **speaking there June 16th** for the evening worship. I will be talking to them about **HomeMission** and **Gospel Sharing Ministries**.

**5/28/2024** Called and spoke with **Keith Willingham**, one of the elders at **Tuscumbia church of Christ**. I have mailed him some of the brochures for Revive Alabama. Will be meeting him today to report on **Gospel Sharing Ministries** and **HomeMission**.

**5/28/2024** Called and spoke with secretary and **Mission minister at Highland Park church of Christ**. Gave them a personal invite to Revive Alabama and talked with **Mission Minister Mike Brooks** about **HomeMission** and **Gospel Sharing Ministries**.

**5/28/2024**

Called and spoke with **Michael Roberts**, preacher **High Street church of Christ** and gave him a personal invite to **Revive Alabama**. Talked with him about coming over and presenting the **HomeMission** work to them. He is going to talk with the men about doing that.

**Danny Winningham**

# From the Field



**John & Susie** finished the **HomeMission** launch Wednesday evening, May 22, 2024, at **Sunrise Church of Christ** near **Parkersburg, West Virginia**. They were able to plan and set goals for growth. The church were **very welcoming** and **participated** during each session. Thanks to all who **fed them** and **wrote notes of thanks!**

John started a **Rest of the Story** workshop Sunday morning, May 5, 2024, at **Barlow Vincent Church of Christ** near **Vincent, Ohio**. This is a very active church full of children and young families. They visited **North End Church of Christ** in **Parkersburg, WV** that evening and brought materials.



**North End Church of Christ** in **Parkersburg, WV** is a sponsoring church for **HomeMission**. They've provided a **room to store materials** for future church visits in the area. **John & Susie** visited and/or worked with **over 8 churches** in the **Mid-Ohio Valley**. Thanks to the elders for the encouragement! John & Susie visit there **twice a year** and this helps on shipping costs.



Please rejoice with the family at the **church of Christ at Belen** and our new brother and sister in Christ: **Nicholas and Mary Trujillo**. The angels in heaven are truly rejoicing. Wow what a way to close out an amazing campaign with **Gospel Sharing Ministries!** We have two more souls who obeyed the gospel. Thanks to **Gospel Sharing Ministries** cadre and **William Hardy, Charles Shelton** and the whole team that traveled many miles and spent a wonderful week training and showing us and this community Christ. In total **11 souls obeyed the Gospel** and **put on Christ in Baptism**. **We love y'all**