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# HomeMission Report

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## SPOTLIGHT CHURCH: NORTH LAS VEGAS IGLESIA DE CRISTO, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Brother Al Heredia (minister at the Bedford church of Christ and graduate of the West Freeway School of Evangelism) worked with three Spanish-speaking congregations in Las Vegas, Nevada. He said, "We had a wonderful and productive evangelism workshop at North Las Vegas Iglesia de Cristo last week. We left the church excited and encouraged to commit ourselves to personal evangelism. One sister began using the "Rest of the Story" the same night with a friend in Venezuela. Two others are planning a trip to Mexico to present it to their family later this year. Praise God!"

The preacher there is Brother Renteria. Two other congregations attended the workshop. Brother Al Heredia has held several of these soul-winning workshops in Spanish since he graduated in 2023. All glory to our Lord Jesus Christ! -J.O.



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**HomeMission** is a Biblically-based church growth ministry that seeks to assist struggling congregations of the Lord's church through an evangelistic method of equipping with onsite training, guidance, tools, and resources - thus enabling them to revive and thrive as a spiritually healthy body of Christ in their community.

# Director's Report



If you are like me, you are getting 20 e-mails and texts every day asking for funds for politicians, dogs and cats, and victims of all kinds. It boggles my mind. There are some I really want to help, but then there are needs at home, taxes to pay, and children who need help. Besides that, the cost of everything has gone through the roof. Unfortunately, the work of **HomeMission** must have funding to go forward. While the need to help struggling churches is getting greater, the need to fund this activity is also rising. This year, we set a goal of \$250,000 for end-of-the-year contributions. So far, God has blessed us with just over \$137,923.

## John & Susie Orr

Would you consider helping us meet our goals so we can meet the demands of churches needing assistance? Remember, the United States is the third-largest mission field in the world. While 10 churches a month are closing, 97% of churches that **HomeMission** assists are still open, and many are growing. One church went from fewer than 20 to over 100 on most Sundays. Others are still working to grow spiritually and then numerically. Many have given generously this time of year in the past, because they believe in how important it is to do missions AT HOME! Foreign missions will continue to suffer if American churches continue to close. Thank you for your love and support for the Lord's church through the work of **HomeMission**. Remember, we do not charge for our materials or expenses. Because of your generosity, we can continue to assist congregations of 4, 8, 15, 30, and more. May you all have a wonderful Holiday season, and may 2026 be the best year ever for saving souls and saving churches. All glory and honor goes to Him who gives the increase!

Love, John and Susie Orr

## The Advancement Corner

We are writing this month's Advancement Corner article with a heart full of deep gratitude as we reflect on the incredible impact of the past year. Thanks to the generous partnership of many, **HomeMission** has been able to provide vital support, resources, and encouragement to over 201 struggling churches of Christ across the United States.

### A Look at the Impact Your Support Made

This year, your commitment has been a true lifeline. Here are just a few examples of what generous supporters helped us achieve:

- We were able to add two full-time evangelists in addition to several part-time evangelists who will be able to visit and follow up with congregations all across the United States.
- Financial support has helped us provide training and encouragement to congregations, equipping them with tools for sustainable growth.
- We were able to continue to supply churches with materials, tools, and Bibles at no cost to the congregations.

Every church we help stabilize becomes a stronger beacon of hope and service in its community. You are the fountain that makes this mission possible.

### Closing the Year Strong: An Encouragement to Partner

As the year rapidly draws to a close, we are in the final weeks of meeting our year-end Gift of Giving goal of \$250,000. Meeting this goal is critical to ensuring we can continue our planned support for the churches already scheduled for assistance in early 2026.

If you have already made a year-end contribution, please accept our renewed thanks. If you have been considering making a gift before December 31st, know that your timely gift will make a monumental difference.

Every dollar that is donated before the end of the year directly fuels our ability to keep these churches thriving into the new year.

### How You Can Help Today

Your continued generosity, whether through an individual gift or a gift from your congregation, will help us cross the finish line.

By Mail: Send a check to **HomeMission** at 4100 McNiel Ave. Wichita Falls, TX 76308

Online: [www.homemission.org](http://www.homemission.org) or through PayPal at [homemission444@gmail.com](mailto:homemission444@gmail.com)

Recurring Gift: Text GIVE to 940 202-8010

Thank you once again for believing in the power of these struggling churches. We pray for a blessed holiday season for you and your ministry.

With profound gratitude,  
Don Lallathin

**\*See page 4 for a visual of our Gift of Giving donations thus far.**



Don and Phylis Lallathin

### 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 tax-deductible donations to **HomeMission** that will be increased through the generosity of your employer. Contact me to learn more about how to support **HomeMission** in this way!

## Memorials

Will be reported in next month's issue.

# Operations Director Report

Fellow brethren in the faith,  
By the time this report hits  
your “mailbox” – either  
electronic or postal – the  
holidays will be upon us. I  
hope that the Thanksgiving  
holiday allowed you the  
opportunity to pause and



Jim and Lisa Lucas

reflect on what our wonderful Heavenly Father has done for all of us in ways both small and big. We at **HomeMission** have been abundantly blessed by God as He has worked through you to provide encouragement, prayers, financial support, and referrals by telling others about us. For all these blessings, we are thankful. We daily seek His guidance and wisdom as we seek to be good stewards and help as many as possible while doing no harm at all.

As the end of the year draws near, I pray that you will be able to draw near to loved ones and be surrounded by family and friends. May the memories of those who have gone on bring a comforting warmth. I pray we all will be mindful of those who are in the midst of struggles and be intentional in looking for our brothers and sisters who need encouragement and more: perhaps a shoulder to lean on, or a hand to help them up. May we do good to all, and especially to those of the household of faith (Gal 6:10). We are the hands, the arms, the feet of Christ. May God richly bless you as you seek to do His Will.

Evangelist Activity: Nov 7-8: Lewisville COC (TX) – manned booth @ Diakonos; Nov 9 – New York Ave COC (Arlington TX) Bible class & sermon; Nov 10-13 – West Freeway School of Evangelism (WFSOE) Taught class on **HomeMission** Habanero Ministry; Nov 16: Newark COC (TX) visit & meeting; Nov 18: Podcast guest – Our Journey to Hope, episode 138; Nov 21-22: Cyril COC (OK) assisted with community coat giveaway & meal; worshiped with congregation and assessment meeting Sunday. Special note of thanks to Flower Mound church of Christ for coat donations. -J.L.

# WFSOE

## West Freeway School of Evangelism



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As we look at the calendar, it is hard to believe how time has gone by. As we enter the final month of the year, there are only two weeks of the school year left. The final weeks will be filled by Jeff Jenkins and John Orr. The highlights of November included the community campaign around the West Freeway congregation. Our students worked with the brethren at Gospel Sharing; the Lord blessed us with seven baptisms during that time. Please pray for these precious souls and for the ongoing follow-up. As always, please be in prayer for the school, the students, and the faculty.

To God be the glory,

Ronnie Moore



# HomeMission Statistics through November 2025

1. Churches have reported 1182 baptisms so far in 2025. 1174 were reported in 2024.
2. We have worked with (in some way) 201 churches in 42 states so far this year. We have helped over 700 churches in all 50 states in the past 10 years.
3. Since January, we have supplied \$182,560.16 worth of materials, tools, and Bibles at no cost to the congregations. This is only possible because of churches of Christ and individuals around the country who support this effort.
4. Fifteen larger congregations have worked with sixteen smaller ones through **HomeMission**. Most of these have helped with Vacation Bible School, door-knocking, or supplies. Two are helping with building construction.
5. Of the 700-plus churches **HomeMission** has worked with over the past 9 years in some way, 97% are still up and running and trying hard to grow.
6. **HomeMission** is adding two regional full-time evangelists; one to work in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Colorado, and the other will live in Ohio and work primarily with West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, and Western Pennsylvania. We have been praying for this to happen. The call for assistance is increasing. They will be trained to train others and build a team that works with them. We plan to add one more evangelist in eastern Pennsylvania next year to work in the Northeast, God willing.
7. Elder'sNet (a quarterly publication for elders by elders) is being sent to 738 elders in 31 states representing 224 congregations around the country. Ask your elders if they are receiving this quarterly newsletter.
8. The fourth year of the West Freeway School of Evangelism has now started. 3 students are currently studying. If you know of anyone who would like to attend the school next year, there is no charge for the school. They can come on-site or via Zoom. Please contact Chris Graham if interested (817-797-6325).

All praise and glory go to Jesus our Savior and King.

## HomeMission- Did You Know...?

Each month in this column we explain some of the terms and tools used by **HomeMission**. The intent is to give you, our readers, a better understanding of how we assist congregations. Reach out to us if you have questions or would like to know more!

**HomeMission** has workbooks for ladies' Bible classes. One is entitled "Wonder Women of the Old Testament," and the other is "Wonder Women of the New Testament." These 12-lesson workbooks seek to highlight the faith of great women of the Bible.

These can be a powerful outreach tool because they blend discipleship, empowerment, and practical application. Here are several strategic settings where you could use them for women's ministry outreach:

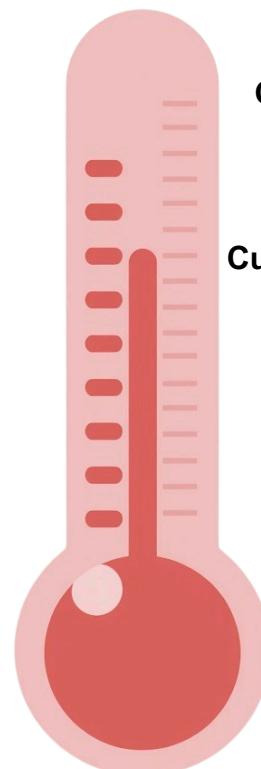
- Perfect for ladies' Bible classes, fostering discussion and accountability.
- Neighborhood Bible studies: Host in homes, coffee shops, or libraries to reach women outside church walls.
- Prison or recovery ministries: Stories of resilience and faith resonate deeply with women overcoming hardship.
- Retreats & conferences: A 12-lesson structure adapts into breakout sessions or weekend studies.
- Encourage participants to invite a friend, multiplying outreach. If you would like to know more about these or other workbooks available at no cost, reach out to us at [homemission444@gmail.com](mailto:homemission444@gmail.com).

May God bless your ministry for HIM. – J.O.

### Gift of Giving Goal

Goal: \$250,000

Current Collection:  
\$137,923



# Evangelist Activity Reports: November

## DANNY ARAGON

First, this past month has been a great month for me as I continue to work with **HomeMission**. I traveled to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to spend Thanksgiving with my daughter and her family. Before I left, I made appointments to meet with the 4th St. congregation there and with the Sand Point church in **Sand Point, ID**. I also had the opportunity to visit with the preacher at La Feria church of Christ (TX). We visited about the work they are doing with the Habanero Ministry, and how they have incorporated the Hispanic (Spanish-speaking) brethren to further their work. They have also been successful in setting up Bible studies with visitors as they contact them through the Habanero Ministry. Additionally, I was also able to hold two Bible studies here in **Flower Mound, TX**, with people I made contact with during prayer walks in the park. God has been really good in allowing me to contact many people in this community. Second, as I visited the 4th St. church in **Coeur d'Alene, ID**, I was able to present the **HomeMission** program to the leadership first, then to the church on November 30th. The church there has faced many trials this past year; however, there are those continuing to meet and encourage one another in love and good deeds. They seemed very excited about **HomeMission** and will discuss amongst themselves regarding more information and next steps. They have an eldership and minister in place and ready to work. Thirdly, in Sand Point, ID, I was able to visit one Sunday with the leadership of the church and leave the **HomeMission** introduction book with them. The next day, they asked if I could come up that Wednesday and present **HomeMission** to the church. Afterward, I met with the leadership, and they were currently finishing up a program called "Making Disciples," but they were interested in knowing more about **HomeMission**.

## RODNEY CARTER

**Ave T church of Christ/Temple, TX/** I spoke with Joe Burns (former elder) and Jevon Westmoreland (Habanero Coordinator). Jevon told me that the card ministry is going well, and every visitor is being mailed a "Thank You for Visiting" card. I also spoke with Pedro Evans (Hispanic minister), and he informed me that he was looking to retire within the next few months; a search for a new minister is already in progress, but anyone interested can contact me, and I will put him in contact with Pedro. The Hispanic congregation averages 10-15 each Sunday but desires to grow. Temple has a Hispanic population of approximately 21,000 (26.2% of the total population) as of the 2020 census. **Tanglewood church of Christ/Odessa, TX/** I spoke with Kevin Adkinson and suggested that the congregation put up a booth at local holiday events in the Odessa community so that residents and visitors are aware of the congregation. He was excited about the idea and the potential to bring others to worship God in spirit and in truth. Saturday for the Savior (visitation) is still going strong. **Johnson City church of Christ/ Johnson City, TX/** I spoke with Will Armagost, and community awareness is the focus for December. He will be keeping their Facebook page updated with future events.

## DWAYNE HAGEMEIER

November 16, 2025/ **North Side Church of Christ, Athens, TX/** I conducted a LAUNCH for this small congregation. Much enthusiasm was demonstrated each day of the launch. There were several goals set by this congregation that are designed to increase attendance and bring in missing and former members. A friends and family day was planned for the last Sunday in November that resulted in a large attendance from former members as well as friends and family from the immediate area. This congregation has a usual Sunday attendance of 9 to 12. The friends and family meeting generated an estimated 40 in attendance. In attendance at this LAUNCH were Bill and Linda Hawkins, who are in training to be evangelists for **HomeMission**. November 15, 2025/ USAF Airman Jacob McClain, **Goldsboro, NC/** Approximately 250 printed materials were delivered to Airman McClain for use in his evangelistic efforts at the Veterans' Retirement and Nursing Home in Goldsboro, North Carolina. Jacob is stationed there and has adopted this nursing home as an evangelistic effort. He attends the Oak Forest Church of Christ in Goldsboro. May God bless this young man as he serves God while in the U.S Air Force. Related: Efforts continue to be made to help with repairs to the building at the **North Side church of Christ in Athens, TX**. The building needs a new roof very badly. The congregation has obtained enough money to purchase the materials needed for roof and structure repairs. We are in the process of trying to obtain labor for the repairs, as the congregation is all elderly folks, unable to do the work themselves. I will also begin the *search for new songbooks and lesson materials for both teen and primary age groups*.

# Evangelist Activity Reports: November (Cont.)

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## MARK MCLEAN

Conducted follow-up coaching with Sturgis, SD.

## JONATHAN ORR

I visited the Chillicothe Church of Christ this month to check how they were doing and see what they needed. I was encouraged to see a larger attendance than they have had in a while, with new faces the members have invited, and some who have been consistent in coming. I preached for the Callisburg Church of Christ on December 2nd. They have had some recent baptisms and are now working on a new building to fit the growth they have had over the past few years, since we had a LAUNCH session with them.

## RANDY REAGAN

November 16, 2025/**Westgate church of Christ/Beaumont, Texas/** I spoke at the Sunday morning worship assembly and taught the adult Bible class. Continued filling in for the Van church of Christ in **Van, Texas**, by teaching a Sunday morning Bible class and preaching on Sunday mornings.

## JACK SKINNER

**Eagleville church of Christ; Eagleville, TN:** The Eagleville church had its first one-day VBS they called "Shop and Drop," for families to leave their children at the church building for the day so their parents could do Christmas shopping without the attendant "herding" of children. The building was decorated for the season in preparation for this activity (one of their goals). They report 15 children were dropped off, 5 of members and 10 of non-members. Three children told their parents they wanted their parents to come to their new church! Red visits are planned this week to the parents whose children attended. Preaching is being handled by a rotation schedule with Eagleville men and visiting speakers from area congregations. **Newark church of Christ, Newark, TX:** Illness has hit this congregation hard this year. The long-time church secretary, whom the ladies in the church were taking care of along with hospice nurses, recently passed away. A men's leadership class was canceled because of her prognosis, so we will reschedule it after the first of the year. Meanwhile, I am staying in touch by phone call weekly (or more often as needed) to encourage the church.

## AUSTIN WOODFIN

11.3.25 / **Strasburg Church of Christ / Strasburg, VA** / Throughout November, I have had a couple of follow-up calls/messages with various members at Strasburg. I have scheduled a follow-up visit for Sunday, December 7th. I will be presenting both morning lessons, then holding a Habanero meeting with their members following the services. 11.5.25 / **36th Street Church of Christ / Vienna, WV** / I presented **HomeMission** to the men's leadership team on September 8th. They met and decided to work with us. I have scheduled a LAUNCH workshop with them for April 19-22, 2026. 11.9.25 / **Plattsburgh Church of Christ / Plattsburgh, NY** / I held a Habanero meeting via Zoom with the congregation, and we discussed how their work has been progressing. They have made several "Red Team" visits this month and are working towards identifying new contacts. One member stated, "We at the church are building momentum!" We are continuing to pray for God to open more doors for them. 11.11.25 / **5th & Beechwood Church of Christ / Pittsburgh, PA** / I have compiled all results from a recent survey the congregation has completed. Jim Lucas and I met with two members via Zoom to discuss the results. Many positive things came from this survey, and I believe it was beneficial to the congregation. I have scheduled a follow-up visit and evangelism meeting with them for January 10, 2026. We will meet with the Habanero teams and also identify four new goals for 2026! In November, I met with a minister at a larger congregation in Tennessee. We discussed how Habanero works and how it can help them with organization and assembling teams of people to help follow up with their growing list of contacts. There will be more to come in the future with this opportunity. I have also made contact with a few smaller congregations in the Ohio Valley. Some are not interested at this time, but seeds have been planted!

# From the Field



Jim Lucas - New York Ave COC (TX) (Sunday morning class & worship)



John Orr baptizing a couple he studied with at West Freeway COC (TX)



John Orr presenting **HomeMission** to the Sulphur Springs COC (TX)



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Cyril COC (OK) coat giveaway



Sturgis COC (SD) having a church fellowship - intentionally growing closer together.



Sturgis COC (SD) church fellowship gathering



Jim Lucas was recently a guest on the podcast *Our Journey to Hope* (ep. 138).

# From the Field



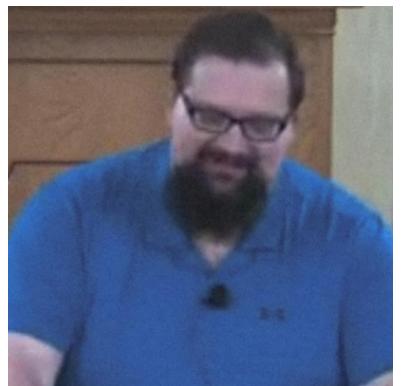
Dwayne Hagemeier conducted a LAUNCH workshop at the Athens church of Christ (TX).



Kathy and Dwayne Hagemeier, Linda Hawkins, Johnny Johnigan, Johnny and Rita Kimbrough, and other members of the Athens COC (TX).



John speaking at the Memphis COC (TX). Memphis supported the Orrs back in 1979-1980 when John was at Preston Road School of Preaching. Ed Orr, John's dad, preached here in 1970-1971. John graduated from Memphis High School in '71.



Jonathan preaching during a **HomeMission** follow-up visit at Callisburg COC.

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