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HomeMission Report

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SPOTLIGHT CHURCH:

Janesville church of Christ, Janesville, WI



What fantastic news! God is so great. This precious congregation wrote a message to brother Randy Reagan, our missionary evangelist, who has been working with them for the past few years.

They wrote: "Since you were here, we have been blessed with 5 baptisms, and additionally, we had a young Christian family move into the area that worships with us as well (a husband, wife, young son, and one on the way)."

Randy responded: "I can't wait to share your good news with others. So grateful and thankful to God for His Hands, but to you brethren for YOUR hard work in service to Him."

Randy works with 3 churches in Wisconsin. Janesville is starting to take off. It just takes time, and God gives the increase. Praise God for His wonderful work and rewards to those who love Him with all their heart and soul.

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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



John & Susie Orr

Dear Loved Ones in the Lord,

April has been a month of steady momentum and strategic clarity for **HomeMission**. Our focus has centered on strengthening churches trying to grow, supporting congregations after workshops, and providing key materials that will serve current and future churches in the months ahead.

As many of you know, I work during the week with churches that need material at no cost. I also assist churches with problem-solving strategies, biblical advice, encouragement, and prayer.

On the weekends, my wife and I go to mid-size and larger churches to present **HomeMission**. We are also going back to support congregations that don't fully understand the structure, the need, the operation, and the personnel of **HomeMission**. This allows us to expand our efforts, acquire students for the West Freeway School of Evangelism, offer assistance, and pursue funding from churches and individuals. If you attend a congregation that would like to know more about **HomeMission**, please contact me at 940-631-5530 or e-mail me at johnorr444@yahoo.com. We are so grateful for all our brethren around the country who support **HomeMission**. You are helping not one, but dozens of churches each year in the United States to survive and thrive.

May the Lord bless and keep you all,
Love, John and Susie Orr

The Advancement Corner

When we put money in the collection plate at church, or we send a check to a charitable organization, we are actually putting a bit of ourselves there. We personally may not be able to travel to the ends of the earth to preach the gospel. However, we are sending ourselves in the form of money. As a matter of fact, we are sending ourselves wherever we send our support. When we spend our money for any purpose, we are lending ourselves to that purpose. When we send money to support the work of **HomeMission**, it means we are hiring someone else to do the work that we would do if we could go to these congregations all over the United States.

V.P. Black, in his book *Giving Our Way to Prosperity*, says, "If Christ means anything to us, it means that we have accepted a partnership with God in the program of extending the Kingdom of God on earth." We must remember that our money makes it possible for those churches that are struggling to have a support team come to the rescue to encourage, equip, and help evangelize. To treat this subject of giving lightly is to be guilty of putting Christ to shame. To apologize for teaching the truth on giving is like apologizing for wearing the name of Christ. We should not be so timid in talking about what Jesus has said so much.

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But since you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you – see that you also excel in this grace of giving. II Corinthians 8: 1-7 NIV

In Him,
Don Lallathin



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

None reported at time of printing.



Operations Director Report

Dear Brethren in the Faith,

Sometimes we struggle to do what we should... for various reasons. A dear friend wrote a poem and I think it shares what many of us may feel from time to time. I share this in the hope it will give you pause and you will reflect on your perspective. — Jim Lucas



Jim and Lisa Lucas

Someone Else

The sermon Sunday morning
Was as strong as it should be,
But it was meant for someone else
And surely not for me.

We were told to take God's word
To a world so full of sin.
So I gave of my abundance
To hire some full time men.

Though commanded, we're to visit
The sick and elderly.
That applies to someone else.
I'm too busy, don't you see.

The Elders asked for volunteers
There's much work to be done
So can't they find someone else?
That doesn't sound like fun.

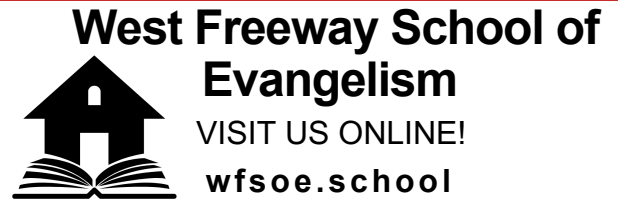
A neighbor asks for my help
A child needs a guiding hand
I can't be bothered with such things.
I'm too tired, don't you understand

"Christian" means Christ like
A good example I need to be
Easy to ask of someone else
But "I'm good" don't you see.

Says the Father on judgment day
"I have a place prepared for thee."
Is He speaking to someone else?
Or is He speaking to me?

Written by
J. L. (Sam) Harding
May 2002

WFSOE



Carrying Forward a Legacy of Faith

This month, we are thrilled to share a powerful story that beautifully illustrates the mission of the **West Freeway School of Evangelism**. Under the leadership of Director **Chris Graham**, our students have been learning to share the Gospel using the "Back to the Bible" and "Does it Matter" methods developed by the late **Bobby Bates**. Chris, whom Bobby personally trained, recently invited his students to share how these lessons are impacting their lives.

June Gray, one of our dedicated students joining us via Zoom from Hector, Arkansas, shared this moving testimony:

"Our daughter was baptized on September 19, 2000, and she will be turning 34 this month. During her homeschool years, her very first classes with World Video Bible School were Personal Evangelism 1 and 2 with Bobby Bates. Even though they never met in person, his words of encouragement became a treasure to her. Those homeschooling days in 2000 were shaped by Bobby's teaching. Today, we are so proud of her continued love for lost souls."

June's story is a testament to the enduring legacy of Bobby Bates and the vital work being done here at West Freeway. We aren't just teaching a curriculum; we are equipping a new generation with the tools and the heart to fulfill God's mission.

We invite you to join us. By enrolling in the School of Evangelism, you become part of this living legacy—answering the call to share the Gospel with a world in need, and all you need to invest is your time. Our doors are open to help you grow in confidence and biblical knowledge.

Enroll today:

www.westfreewayschoolofevangelism.org/enrollment/

Please review the 2026 class schedule:

<https://www.westfreewayschoolofevangelism.org/class-schedule/>

To God be The Glory!

HomeMission Statistics Through May 2026

1. Churches reported 272 baptisms through April 2026. 1228 were reported in 2025.
2. We worked with 110 churches in 34 states in some way. We have worked with churches in all 50 states in some way in the past 10 years.
3. Since January, we have supplied \$48,206.99 worth of materials, tools, and Bibles at no cost to the congregations. This is only possible because of the churches of Christ and individuals around the country who support this effort. In this way, we have helped dozens of churches this year throughout the United States that need specialized material or to reorder material they have run out of. Some have had workshops, some aren't ready for one, and some already have active programs in place and want our materials to fill their needs. In April, we gave material to 20 churches in 11 states. For a list of our materials and/or workshops, please contact us at info@homemission.org
4. Ten larger congregations have committed to working with ten smaller ones through **HomeMission**. Most of these help with Vacation Bible School, door knocking, or supplies. Two are helping with building construction. Several more have an interest in assisting next year.
5. Elders' Net (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.
6. The fourth year of the West Freeway School of Evangelism has now finished its class work. All 13 students who have gone through the school have led at least 106 souls to Christ and are still going. One of our students, brother Tom Kane, finished the classroom part before he passed away recently from cancer. He had led 2 souls to Christ before he went to be with his Lord. If you know of anyone who would like to attend the school next August, there is no charge. We have also had great success with our Monday night classes (in person and online); we had 18 students last week. Please contact Chris Graham if interested at 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 gathers ideas from around the country to share with the brethren. Here are some of the successful endeavors we have found.

1. Setting up meeting places besides the church building for a weeknight Bible study group. Places such as hotel convention rooms, apartment complex activity centers, senior citizens centers, nursing home centers (often children of those in the home will attend), restaurants with an extra room, recreation rooms, park pavilions, and even in your own home. This allows visitors to be in a neutral environment.
2. Pray for one person or one family every day (all month) to get them in a Bible study or come to worship with you.
3. Have name tags (magnetic or a lanyard). One congregation has magnetic name tags on a board in their foyer. As you leave, put the nametag back on the board. Why is this important? Many people, especially visitors, feel more comfortable if they know your name.
4. Make sure you have friendly and helpful greeters up front and by all entrances. Also, have a different group go back before services end.

These are just a few ideas. What is your church doing to grow (spiritually and numerically)? Send us your ideas at info@homemission.org.

Evangelist Activity Reports: May

RODNEY CARTER

Johnson City coC/ Johnson City, TX/ I spoke with Will Armagost; I will have a follow-up discussion to plan activities for a tentative July visit.

Tanglewood coC/ Odessa, TX/ After speaking with Kevin Adkinson and Don Belk (elders), along with Jim Lucas and Danny Aragon, we have scheduled a visit to Tanglewood for 12-14 June. Jim, Danny, and I will be assisting with their clothing giveaway on the 13th and then visiting those on their contact list.

Ave T coC/ Temple, TX/ After several discussions with the leadership, it has been decided to have a LAUNCH Workshop "Reset" with Ave T for the 23rd and 24th of May. I have also scheduled "The Rest of the Story of Jesus" Workshop with the congregation for 30-31 May with the assistance of Al Heredia, the minister at Bedford church of Christ. This workshop will be conducted bilingually for both the Spanish and English-speaking congregations. Brother Heredia will conduct the Spanish training, and I will conduct the English training.

Southside coC/ Killeen, TX/ I have been working with the elders at Southside church of Christ (my home congregation) since January to determine the congregation's interest in any of the **HomeMission** tools, including workshops. The elders have posted interest sign-up sheets, and I will coordinate meetings and workshops based on areas of interest among the congregation.

I preached this past weekend at the congregation in Freestone, TX. I have been filling in as pulpit preacher frequently at the Freestone church of Christ since 2016, as they have not had a local preacher since 2015. I am glad to do so when scheduling permits.

BILL HAWKINS

04/12/2026, Mabank Church of Christ, Mabank, TX: I supported John Orr in meeting with the eldership.

04/19/2026, Mabank Church of Christ, Mabank, TX: I supported Dwayne Hagemeyer in Bible study and **HomeMission** presentation.

04/27/2026, Fairfield Church of Christ, Fairfield, TX: I communicated with Joey Worley (elder) about using **HomeMission** with the congregation. He said they may want to do a VBS in the summer of 2027. We will call them about a possible LAUNCH this fall.

JONATHAN ORR

Due to serious health issues, I was very limited in my activities and travel in April. I'm thankfully better, and I was able to visit the Chillicothe Church of Christ on April 26th. They had multiple visitors and greeted them all warmly. They are gearing up for VBS on June 20th in partnership with the Hamilton Street Church of Christ in Olney.

RANDY REAGAN

April 2026/Westgate church of Christ/Beaumont, TX/ I taught the Sunday morning Bible class, then spoke at the morning worship assembly as part of my **HomeMission** visit there.

April 2026/Cavern Rd. church of Christ/Mariana, FL/ I arranged a visit in May 2026 and met with all the Habanero groups and group leaders. I will meet with the elders and discuss future opportunities for growth and how **HomeMission** can support them.

April 2026/Janesville church of Christ/Janesville, WI/ I arranged for an August 2026 visit to provide additional support and help where needed; I evaluated effective evangelistic efforts that have shown positive results and will possibly share with other congregations that are looking for ways to evangelize.

April 2026/Bourbonnais church of Christ/Bourbonnais, IL/ I arranged a visit for July 26 to support and work with the congregation for their VBS. I will meet with the elders to review any possible support they may need from **HomeMission** to continue spiritual growth in the congregation.

Evangelist Activity Reports: May (Cont.)

April 2026/The church in Fond du Lac - a church of Christ/Fond du Lac, WI/ I arranged a July 2026 visit. We will conduct specific studies focused on the purpose of giving and how the contribution can be best utilized in the kingdom. We will also consider the effectiveness of current community evangelistic efforts and establish revised goals.

April 2026/Marshfield church of Christ/Marshfield, WI/ I arranged an August 2026 visit; the focus of the visit will be assessing ongoing community evangelistic outreach, considering the results and effectiveness of things being done, and considering a new updated set of goals for the Habanero program

AUSTIN WOODFIN

4.8.26 / South Main Church of Christ / New Lexington, OH / I presented **HomeMission** to the elders on March 16th, then to the congregation on April 8th. They are on board with our program, and we have scheduled a LAUNCH workshop for July 19-22, 2026. They have started using our Foundations for Disciples material in their adult class as they strive to begin to take action before the LAUNCH itself.

4.8.26 / Latrobe Street Church of Christ / Parkersburg, WV / I presented **HomeMission** to the congregation on March 15th, and they have agreed to proceed with a LAUNCH workshop. We have this scheduled May 31 - June 3, 2026. The congregation seems excited and ready to get to work. They had a baptism on April 30th, and I am sharing our Foundations for Disciples material with their minister to encourage follow-up with this new convert.

4.9.26 / Harrisburg Church of Christ / Harrisburg, PA / I have a LAUNCH scheduled with this congregation for May 17-20, 2026. I have held a few calls with the elders here as we prepare in the coming weeks. I also believe that this congregation will help open more doors for **HomeMission** to be involved with small, struggling congregations in the Pennsylvania area.

4.12.26 / 5th & Beechwood Church of Christ / Pittsburgh, PA / I visited with the congregation on Sunday, April 12th, for a "follow-up" visit. I presented the AM sermon and had lunch with one of their members. I believe this was a very fruitful visit. They are hard at work, but have also been facing some challenges with their building in recent months. They are hard at work and are not letting Satan slow them down!

4.19-22.26 / 36th Street Church of Christ / Vienna, WV / I held a LAUNCH workshop with them this week, and I believe all went very well. They are primarily an older congregation, but they also have a mind to work, and many want to be involved. They selected four attainable goals and a large list of contacts to utilize as they get the Habanero ministry up and running. I will be following up with their coordinators in the near future.

4.20.26 / Ligonier Church of Christ / Ligonier, PA / I held a follow-up call with their minister and have scheduled a follow-up visit with those who can attend for Friday, May 22. We will be working to make the Habanero ministry "more visible" in the congregation with a new way of assigning tasks to the different teams.

4.28.26 / North End Church of Christ / Parkersburg, WV / I have spent this week preparing lessons and material for my upcoming "The Rest of the Story" workshop scheduled for Sunday, May 3rd.

Throughout April, I have been in contact with 15 congregations throughout 6 states. 12 of these congregations are actively working with **HomeMission**, have scheduled LAUNCH workshops, or are utilizing some of our material. It has been a very busy month, but I have primarily been working "close to home" in April. There is a great need for assistance in the Lord's church in the Ohio Valley region!

Upcoming in May, I have multiple visits scheduled, including:

- The Rest of the Story workshop - North End Church of Christ, Parkersburg, WV - May 3
- Community Event, booth opportunity - Strasburg Church of Christ, Strasburg, VA - May 7-11
- LAUNCH workshop - Harrisburg Church of Christ, Harrisburg, PA - May 17-20
- Follow-up visit - Ligonier Church of Christ, Ligonier, PA - May 22
- Lads to Leaders - Altoona, PA - May 23-24
- LAUNCH workshop - Latrobe Street Church of Christ, Parkersburg, WV - May 31 - June 3.

I am very thankful to be able to do this as my full-time position. Thank you to all who continually support me in this work. To God be the glory!

Elders' Net Information



Elders' Net: Connecting Elders with Elders

Elders' Net is a **quarterly newsletter, for elders, by elders**, created to share insights, experiences, and encouragement from across our broader brotherhood. Each issue highlights the voices, wisdom, and perspectives of Elders who continue to serve and inspire. Hm is blessed to have David Fittz serve as Editor of Elders' Net.

We warmly invite any Elder who is interested in **submitting an article** for inclusion in Elders' Net to do so—your reflections and stories are welcome.

Looking ahead, we also hope to include a **Q&A section** in future editions. If you have a question you'd like to put forward, please send it along.

Elders'Net is associated with and offered as a resource through **HomeMission**. To sign up to receive Elders' Net, submit an article, or send a question, contact David Fittz at eldersnet@homemission.org

TEN THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT HOMEMISSION****

1. We are traveling missionary-evangelists who work with churches of Christ across the United States. We are under the eldership of the West Freeway church of Christ in Fort Worth, Texas.
2. With a large number of churches of Christ closing their doors in the United States each year, we work to assist congregations struggling to grow, with special emphasis on smaller churches. We work with them, not for them, facilitating a growth plan. God has worked through us to help in some way over 700 congregations in all 50 states, and to our knowledge, over 95% are still open.
3. We work with at-risk congregations, at their request, for a period of three years or more, and with other congregations as deemed helpful. None of our missionary-evangelists is involved in the direct decision-making process of the church.
4. As part of Home**Mission**, the West Freeway School of Evangelism offers 5 months of courses that increase evangelism skills, then provide coaching for 5 months of hands-on evangelism in the field.
5. We seek to connect larger churches with smaller churches to be of mutual encouragement and partner of resources.
6. We offer a free monthly "Home**Mission** Report" newsletter and a free quarterly "Elders' Net" newsletter written by elders for elders.
7. Most Home**Mission** missionary-evangelists are former preachers, teachers, or church leaders now volunteering to help churches.
8. Home**Mission** offers the missionary-evangelist's assistance, travel, training, and core materials at no cost to the congregation.
9. Home**Mission** provides materials, tools, and training proven to be effective for spiritual church growth and community evangelism.
10. We are supported by churches of Christ and individuals who want to see the Lord's church in America survive and thrive.

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From the Field



Austin Woodfin conducting a LAUNCH workshop at the 36th Street COC (WV).



Austin with some of the members from 36th Street COC (WV).



Danny Aragon at a workshop at La Feria COC (TX).



Danny Aragon & Tina Schettler were wed in a private ceremony March 20 at Flower Mound COC, officiated by Mike Lewis. Congratulations Danny & Tina!

THE REST of the Story WORKSHOP
SHARE THE TRUTH. CHANGE ETERNITY.

SATURDAY MAY 30, 2026
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Registration at 8:30 AM

SUNDAY MAY 31, 2026
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

SPONSORED BY **HOME MISSION**

PRESENTED BY **ALFREDO HEREDIA**

CLASSES WILL BE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH.

OBJECTIVE
To equip and train the congregation to help each lost person they encounter understand and accept the incredible love God has shown through His Son, Jesus the Christ.

OUTCOME
That every seeker of God's truth will have the opportunity to:
• Understand the gospel
• Have their sins forgiven
• Be added to the Lord's one body of believers

KEY QUESTIONS
WE MUST BE BOLD ENOUGH TO ASK
1 Where do you stand with God right now?
2 What is truth? (John 17:17)

SIX DEADLY WORDS THAT CAN COST A SOUL
I feel... I want... I think...
Truth must always be grounded in God's Word—not personal preference.

QUESTIONS YOU MAY BE ASKED
1 Who is this Jesus?
2 What does Jesus have to do with my salvation?

EVERY CONVERSATION IS AN OPPORTUNITY. **EVERY SOUL MATTERS.**
LET'S SHARE THE REST OF THE STORY—THE SAVING MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST.

KINGDOM LAUNCH EVENT

For a congregation to grow both *spiritually* and *numerically*, it must have a clear vision, and every member must understand their role in that growth.

The **Kingdom Launch Event** is designed to help our congregation:

- IDENTIFY AND CLARIFY A SHARED VISION.
- ENCOURAGE EACH MEMBER TO RECOGNIZE THEIR SPIRITUAL GIFTS.
- UNDERSTAND HOW EVERY GIFT MATTERS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD.
- ESTABLISH CONGREGATIONAL GOALS THAT BRING THE VISION TO LIFE.
- UNITE IN CARRYING OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.

DATES: MAY 23-24, 2026

SATURDAY: 1:00-5:00 PM

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM-1:30 PM

This workshop is for those who sincerely desire to see this congregation grow stronger in faith and help expand God's Kingdom.

Our prayer is that each participant will be encouraged to become actively involved in the Kingdom work they committed to when they became a disciple of Christ, and to remain faithful in that work until He calls them home or returns.

PERSONAL CALL TO ACTION:
Do not sit on the sidelines. If you care about the spiritual strength and future growth of this congregation, **MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND.** Your presence, your gifts, and your voice matter. Come ready to pray, learn, share, and serve as we seek God's vision together.

CONDUCTED BY **Rodney Carter**

SPONSORED BY: **HOME MISSION**

Flyers for upcoming **HomeMission** workshops conducted by Alfredo Heredia and Rodney Carter.