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HomeMission Report

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SPOTLIGHT CHURCH: Warwick Church of Christ, Warwick, Rhode Island



For **HomeMission**,

We would just like to extend our gratitude to **HomeMission** and all the materials they provide for congregations. We here at the Warwick Church of Christ, in Warwick, Rhode Island, have definitely been blessed by the materials. We are a growing congregation; we started with 10-15 in 2021 and have grown to 60-plus. I am Wilson Kamara, the current minister, and a graduate from Sunset in 2018, along with fellow graduate Joshua Hoitt. We've had 34 baptisms and counting, with 4 through April of this year. We have been blessed to use **HomeMission's** *Foundations for Disciples "After Care"* as part of our Sunday morning Bible class and for our beginners (a great reminder for our older members). We also have other material that will help us grow in the future. We are truly blessed and thankful to **HomeMission** for what they are doing and what they have planned for the future in the Northeast.

Your Fellow Servant in the Lord's Vineyard,
Bro. Wilson Kamara

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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

This past month, we had 8 missionary evangelists working with 7 churches in 4 states on the last Sunday in May. This picture is of Austin Woodfin and the church in Harrison, Pennsylvania. Austin has been a great asset to **HomeMission**, working in West Virginia, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Jim Lucas worked with several churches and flew to Niagara Falls, New York, at the end of the month. Randy Reagan worked with a church in Florida, and Danny Aragon, Rodney Carter, and Al



Heredia worked with congregations in Texas and Oklahoma. Dwayne Haggemeier and Bill Hawkins presented **HomeMission** to two churches in Texas. Mike and Kathleen King stopped at a couple of congregations on their way to their new home in Las Vegas, Nevada. They will be working with congregations in Northern Michigan this summer.

Susie and I have been to 5 churches in the Texas area and called and encouraged many others around the country. We also sent materials to over 20 churches in May.

All of this is to say we have been busy for the Lord, and the workload is only increasing. Thanks to all the churches and individuals who support **HomeMission** so that we can provide our services and materials free of charge. **MAY GOD GET ALL THE GLORY FOR THE INCREASE ACCOMPLISHED FOR HIM!**

The Advancement Corner

GIVE TILL IT HURTS

I've done many things in life that hurt. I have wrecked on a motorcycle. I have been hit in the head with a line drive while playing baseball, and yes, I have hit myself on the thumb with a hammer. However, I don't think I have ever given till it hurt.

Proverbs 11:28 tells us, "He that trusts in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf."

V.P. Black, in his book *Giving Our Way to Prosperity*, shares that someone has written the following words concerning stewardship:

1. God is the sovereign owner of all things.
2. Man is a steward and must give an account for all that is entrusted to him.
3. God's sovereign ownership and man's stewardship ought to be acknowledged.
4. This acknowledgement requires a setting apart of a proportion of my increase to give to support the cause of Christ.
5. This proportion ought to be systematically given for the advancement of the kingdom.

The greatest joy in living the Christian life is never experienced by many of our brethren because of their lack of knowledge concerning giving.

HomeMission exists to help struggling churches in our brotherhood. What you can do to support that effort can and will make a difference.

There is a great joy in giving.

In Him,
Don Lallathin
Director of Advancement



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

Fellow brethren in the faith,

As I travel this country in support of efforts to assist congregations that reach out to **HomeMission** for help in growing or reversing a downward fall, I am becoming more convinced there is an increasing gap between congregations of the Lord's church.



Jim and Lisa Lucas

It seems there are mainly two prominent groups: One group is the larger (a subjective word) congregations that have leadership and ministerial staff in place, pulpits staffed with trained and "connected" preachers, and visibility within the regional brotherhood. Other characteristics often include a location in an area where they benefit from a "swell" of members from shrinking surrounding congregations. The second group tends to be smaller (50 or fewer); currently no elders (although they have had elders in the past), or, if elders are in place, they are "one funeral away" from being without. Often, they lack a regular preacher, or the preacher is bi-vocational, or otherwise time-constrained. And often, these congregations are relatively unknown in the brotherhood. They are struggling, and no one knows or seems to care. God sees them, but they wonder if others do.

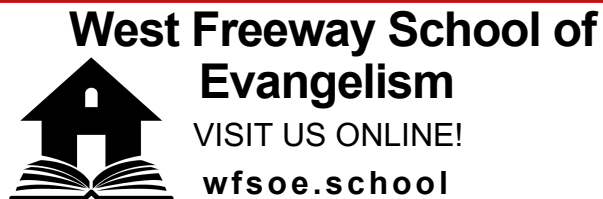
Yes, I am oversimplifying it a bit, but it illustrates what I often see. What concerns me most is the lack of dialogue and mutual support between the two groups... often existing in the same city or county. I am so thankful for the larger congregations that work with **HomeMission** and are willing to go and serve smaller congregations. They also engage in ongoing efforts to bolster the Kingdom in their cities and counties, not just in their congregations. If you are in the smaller group I described, know that **HomeMission** cares. Reach out to us.

May God continue to bless us all as we strive to do His will.

Yours in Christ,
Jim Lucas

Evangelism activity: May 1-2: Visited Central COC (Savannah, GA): met with multiple groups on Saturday, presented **HomeMission** on Sunday during class, preached a lesson for worship, and had follow-up meetings on Sunday afternoon. May 5: Tiplersville COC (MS): Conducted my Mother-in-law's funeral. May 14: Teleconference meeting with WVBS. May 17-20: East Prairie St COC (Denton, TX): Supported Danny Aragon in LAUNCH Workshop. May 29-31: Niagara Falls COC: Meetings with multiple groups; reorg. with Habanero committee; planning session for Juneteenth event; Sunday morning: class and sermon; Areawide Singing event at Amherst COC (Amherst, NY).

WFSOE



Celebrating Four Years of God's Faithfulness!

We have officially completed our fourth year at the West Freeway School of Evangelism! What an incredible, joy-filled journey it has been. We are rejoicing with the saints today for the many souls added to the Lord's church through this ministry. Our Monday sessions wrapped up beautifully at the end of May, leaving us deeply grateful for God's blessings.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Faculty

We extend our deepest gratitude to our exceptional instructors who poured into our students this term:

- John Orr
- James Sanderson
- Chris Graham

We eagerly look forward to welcoming these three dynamic teachers—along with the rest of our dedicated faculty—back to campus this August as we launch year number five!

Step Into Your Purpose: Enroll for Year Five!

God is doing big things here, and you can be a part of it. Enrollment is officially open for the upcoming school year. We are boldly praying for 20 passionate students to join our ranks this fall.

If you feel called to grow your faith, master the scriptures, and learn how to share the Gospel effectively, this is your invitation.

Ready to take the next step? Visit the West Freeway School of Evangelism website today to secure your spot for the fall semester!

Keep Us in Your Prayers

As we head into the break, we wish everyone a safe, refreshing, and blessed summer. Please keep our faculty, returning students, and incoming applicants in your daily prayers.

To God Be the Glory!

HomeMission Statistics Through June 2026

1. Churches reported 372 baptisms through May 2026. 1228 were reported in 2025.
2. We worked with 118 churches in 35 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 \$58,800.61 worth of materials, tools, and Bibles at no cost to 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 throughout the United States this year that need specialized material or to re-order more material. 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. If you want a list of our materials and/or workshops, contact 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 finished its class work. All 13 students who have gone through the school have led at least 110 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 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 have had as many as 18 students. Currently, we have 9 students signed up for the fall session, which begins the last week of August and runs through May 2027. 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!

We've just completed a brand-new workbook entitled *A Cappella Music in Worship to God*. It offers a clear, well-researched, and spiritually grounded explanation of why the church sings with voices only in worship.

This workbook is designed to be:
Simple and teachable — perfect for classes, small groups, and personal study

Biblically rooted — showing how the New Testament consistently emphasizes heart-driven, vocal praise

Historically insightful — tracing how Christians for centuries worshiped without instrumental accompaniment

Practical and persuasive — helping today's believers understand the beauty and purpose of a cappella worship

It's a strong, polished resource that equips Christians to speak confidently and graciously about this distinctive practice—and to appreciate the spiritual depth behind it.

Upcoming Events: Come See Us!

June 21, Jasper, AL-**HomeMission** Presentation
Liberty Hill COC (John Orr)

June 21, Beaumont, TX-**HomeMission** Follow-up Visit
Westgate COC (Randy Reagan)

June 28, Knott, TX-**HomeMission** Update Presentation
Knott COC (John Orr)

July 9-11, Tacoma, WA-Faith Builders Conf.
(Jim Lucas-HM booth)

July 12, Johnsville, TX-**HomeMission** Intro. Presentation
Johnsville COC (John Orr)

July 15-20, Branson, MO-Polishing the Pulpit Conf.
(J. Lucas, D. Aragon-HM booth)

July 15, Richardson, TX-**HomeMission** Presentation
Greenville Ave. COC (John Orr)

July 15, Marianna, FL-**HomeMission** Follow-up Visit
Caverns Rd. COC (Randy Reagan)

Evangelist Activity Reports: June

RODNEY CARTER

Tanglewood Church of Christ/ Odessa, TX/ I, along with Jim Lucas, will be visiting with the brothers and sisters at Tanglewood on June 12-14 to assist with their monthly clothing giveaway, and also participate in follow-up visits with those on their contact list.

Avenue T Church of Christ/ Temple, TX/ On May 23-24, 2026, I conducted a LAUNCH Workshop at Avenue T. It has been almost three years since their initial LAUNCH, and they have accomplished the four goals they decided on at that time! They have now established four new goals, most of which they have already begun working toward. I also conducted a bilingual "The Rest of the Story" Workshop with the assistance of Alfredo Heredia, the pulpit minister at the Bedford Church of Christ, on May 30-31. This workshop is designed to demonstrate how to use the workbook in conjunction with the Bible in personal Bible studies.

Southside Church of Christ/ Killeen, TX/ I will be giving a formal **HomeMission** Presentation on June 7 during evening worship.

Freestone Church of Christ/ Freestone, TX/ I taught Bible class and preached at this congregation on May 17. I will also be teaching and preaching there on June 7. This congregation is not currently a **HomeMission** church, but I have been preaching there on a rotating basis since 2017 in the absence of a local preacher.

BILL HAWKINS

5/13/2026: Jacksboro Church of Christ, Jacksboro, TX: I met with the eldership and gave a short introduction to the **HomeMission** program. They are looking for a preacher. I gave them John Orr's information.

MIKE KING

I just moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, and am getting settled in. I am looking forward to visiting the various congregations in the Las Vegas area and introducing them to **HomeMission**.

I spoke to the Main Street Church of Christ in Walnut Ridge, AR, during their Wednesday night assembly; the topic was "Church of Christ growth/decline over the past 75 years," and an introduction to **HomeMission**.

I may coordinate a LAUNCH Workshop with the Casa Grande church, where Chuck Wyeth recently arrived (he was at the Belen, NM church). The time frame will be late summer.

JONATHAN ORR

In May, I visited the Graham Street Church of Christ on the 31st. I preached at the worship service and briefly discussed ongoing outreach efforts. They are focused on bringing people in and teaching them the gospel.

RANDY REAGAN

May 30-31, 2026, Caverns Road church of Christ, Mariana, Florida: I met with the elders, deacons, and Habanero Coordinator for dinner on May 30; I taught the Sunday morning Bible class; I met with the whole congregation at a fellowship luncheon to discuss the Habanero program and re-establish purpose and process in the groups; I met with the Coordinator of the Habanero program and discussed some suggestions on moving forward; the elders have designated regular group meetings every month to review and share information with each group. This is a major step forward as facilitators/leaders for each group will be chosen to help coordinate the flow of information. It was a great visit with an enthusiastic response. I then spoke on Sunday afternoon.

May 2026, Marshfield church of Christ, Marshfield, Wisconsin: Bro. Stehle reported that the brethren were finally allowed to participate in an annual community parade where they gave out seed packets with information about the congregation attached. A GREAT idea, and now we let God do what He will with the "planted seeds."

Evangelist Activity Reports: June (Cont.)

JACK SKINNER

Eagleville church of Christ, Eagleville, TN: The Eagleville congregation has been slowly adding families who have chosen to worship with them. A young man attending the Tri-City School of Preaching (Elizabethtown, TN) has come twice to preach for them, once in April and again for their Friends and Family Day on May 31. They had a high attendance of 40 in April and have been reaching Christians who have not been committed to steadily attending any other congregations. In May, Eagleville advertised via Facebook their Friends and Family Day. The TriCity student preached that day, and 15 people came to hear him. The results? Attendance jumped from 22 the previous week to 58. The church held a potluck lunch after the service and singing, which 39 stayed for. They are following up with Habanero ministry workers.

Newark church of Christ, Newark, TX: The brethren at the Newark church of Christ have chosen to proceed with church growth efforts on their own. Our prayers are with them as they decide on their future activities, with our offers of help available as they choose.

AUSTIN WOODFIN

5.3.26 / North End Church of Christ / Parkersburg, WV / I held a "The Rest of the Story" workshop with the North End Church of Christ. I believe that all went very well throughout the workshop, as more of the congregation is now aware of this useful tool to study with non-Christians, teaching them about sin, Jesus, and salvation. I believe this workshop was well-attended by the members, and I will follow up with the elders in the coming weeks to see how this presentation was received.

5.5.26 / 36th Street Church of Christ / Vienna, WV / I met with the Habanero Coordinators, elders, and some other team leaders alongside the Habanero Coordinator and ministers from the Camden Ave. Church of Christ (Parkersburg, WV). Camden Avenue's ministers helped 36th Street set up a few different tools to make their Habanero ministry efforts more visible to the whole congregation, as well as encourage more congregational involvement in these efforts. This meeting went very well, and I want to thank Camden Ave. for their willingness to help area congregations in their outreach efforts.

5.9-10.26 / Strasburg Church of Christ / Strasburg, VA / One of Strasburg's "First Four" goals following their LAUNCH workshop last fall was to host a booth at a community event. On Saturday, May 9th, I assisted them with setting up a booth at the Mayfest event in the town of Strasburg. We had some gift bags to share with all visitors, which contained gifts and more information about the church. We also gave away 2 Apologetics Press books and an Apologetics Press study Bible. 30 new contacts were made in the community, with 4 requests for Bible studies. The church is tasked with following up with each of these contacts. I also presented lessons for class and morning worship on Sunday. All went well for this weekend.

5.17-20.26 / Harrisburg Church of Christ / Harrisburg, PA / I held a LAUNCH workshop with the congregation throughout this week. This church has been growing over the course of the last few years, and some of our materials and resources will help them be more organized in their outreach efforts, ensuring no one falls through the cracks, and helping equip more of their members with tools for non-Christians. All in attendance were ready to jump in and get involved, and they all seemed very excited to be busy in their work for the Lord. I have scheduled a follow-up visit with them for Sunday, October 4th, and I will remain in contact with them over the coming months.

5.22.26 / Ligonier Church of Christ / Ligonier, PA / I was able to visit with the minister here during my time in the area, and he and I worked together to set up a display board for the Habanero Ministry to encourage more congregational involvement and make their efforts more visible to the whole congregation (this was very similar to my meeting with 36th Street). All went well, and I believe this will be a very useful display and tool for congregations to use.

5.23-24.26 / Lads 2 Leaders / Mid-East - Altoona, PA / I set up a booth for **HomeMission** at this event. I engaged in a lot of deep and meaningful conversations with churches that may be interested in letting us help them in the future, and with some larger churches that may be able to assist some of the smaller churches I currently work with. This was my first time attending Lads 2 Leaders, and I believe it was a very fruitful weekend. I look forward to attending in years to come.

On May 31st, I started a LAUNCH workshop with the Latrobe Street Church of Christ in Parkersburg, WV. This workshop will run through June 3rd. I will give an update in next month's newsletter. Throughout May, I made direct contact with 13 churches across 5 states; 10 of these are working with **HomeMission** or utilizing some of our materials at this time. Of the 13 I contacted, 11 are involved in an in-person visit with their ministers, members, or the whole congregation. May has been a very busy month with a lot of travel throughout my area, but I believe it has been a very fruitful month as well. I look forward to many more upcoming opportunities throughout the rest of this year. To God be the glory in all that we do!

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

From the Field



Austin Woodfin with the Strasburg COC (Strasburg, VA). They had a booth at their local Mayfest.



Austin Woodfin during the LAUNCH Workshop at Harrisburg COC (Harrisburg, PA).



Jim Lucas at Central COC (Savannah, GA) weekend event.



Danny Aragon, Calvin (preacher), and Jim Lucas at East Prairie St COC (Denton, TX).



Danny with members of East Prairie St COC during their LAUNCH Workshop.

From the Field (Cont.)



John Orr explaining **HomeMission** to the Pearsall COC (Pearsall, TX).



Day one of the LAUNCH Refresh at Avenue T COC (Temple, TX).



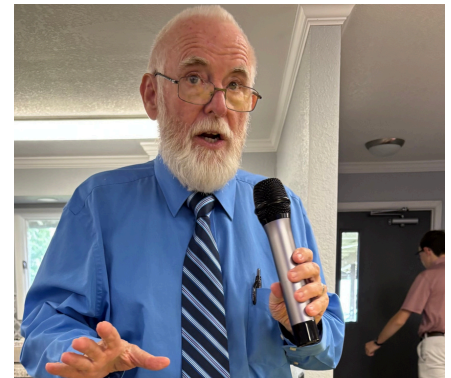
Avenue T Hispanic Congregation with Joe Burns, Alfredo Heredia, Robert Hendricks, Don Marshall, and Rodney Carter.



Alfredo Heredia and Rodney Carter at Avenue T.



Attendance significantly increased at the Eagleville COC (Eagleville, TN) Friends and Family Day. Jack Skinner works with this congregation.



Randy Reagan presenting the Habanero program at Caverns Road COC (Mariana, FL).



Youth leading singing Sunday afternoon at Caverns Road - 6 years old - "Jesus Loves Me."



Randy Reagan and Deb Norman were wed February 26, 2026 at the Orange Ave. COC in Eustis, Florida.

You're Invited!

NIAGARA FALLS, NY
CAMPAIGN FOR CHRIST
August 1-8, 2026
"In Search of Love on the Jericho Road"
Luke 10:27 - 30

Guest Speaker:
Olu Shabazz
Senior Minister, Harlem Church of Christ

Dr. James Lawrence, Elder | Evangelist Herschel Walker, Elder

Join us for uplifting worship services!

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The Niagara Falls COC (Niagara Falls, NY) is planning a major campaign in August. Please pray for their success.