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# HomeMission Report

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## Spotlight Church: Noble church of Christ in Noble, Oklahoma



We at the Noble church of Christ are giving a shout-out to any congregation or group of individuals who want to grow both in spirituality and numbers through a successful evangelistic effort. **HomeMission** has, at the very heart of its mission, the desire to spread the Gospel message to the lost in every community through establishing new congregations or strengthening existing ones. We know every successful work begins with a vision and then follows through. **HomeMission** was started with a concern for the local congregation to remain open and active while reaching lost souls in their community.

Let me share with you why this is so dear to my heart. Even though I am now preaching for the church here in Noble, I was born and raised in Northern Minnesota, where we had never heard of

the church of Christ. In my later teen years, we moved to Oklahoma. Through the grace of God, I was introduced to the teaching of the church through my wife, whose father was a preacher of the gospel, and after a short period, I obeyed the gospel. While working in the Houston, Texas area, we attended the congregation where Brother John Orr preached. John was instrumental in encouraging me to enroll in preaching school, and then we lost contact with each other for about 20 years. One night we crossed paths again here in Oklahoma while he was presenting information pertaining to **HomeMission**. I wasn't at all surprised that John had noticed a huge need for evangelism and undertook an effort to fulfill our Lord's mission. I fell in love with this mission immediately, because of what it entailed: fulfilling the work of our Lord. John has always been a visionary and facilitator. Bringing this back full circle, while visiting with Brother John about some of his work, he mentioned to me that they actually began a congregation in Cloquet, MN. This is 13 miles from where I was raised! They planted the church in Cloquet several years ago, and it still exists. If there had been a congregation there while I was living in Minnesota, I may have become a Christian much sooner.

Now, back to our current participation with **HomeMission** as an established congregation. Many times, we take our eye off the ball and must fumble around to get it back in play. Evangelism can be compared to the same situation. We become focused inwardly and lose sight of the importance of reaching the lost. Here at the Noble congregation, we invited John to show us some strategies to get back to reaching outward. **HomeMission** has some tremendous insight through practical experience, field-tested and now even more exciting tools, written materials, and personal encouragement. I am confident we have congregations who need a push in the right direction and encouragement to follow through. That is what **HomeMission** is all about. We have just begun our new focus; stay tuned for future updates. To God be the glory. Please consider reaching out to **HomeMission**; I promise you will not be disappointed.

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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,

This year has been both exhilarating and exhausting, and our hearts are overflowing with gratitude. We thank God for every congregation we work with, every church and individual who supports us, and above all, the Lord Jesus Christ, who continues to open doors by His power and might.

The School of Evangelism is truly taking off. Elders, preachers, and church leaders attend, but the heartbeat of the school is the everyday Christian who wants to experience above-average success in saving souls. More congregations are calling for help, and we are actively rearranging our staff to meet these growing needs. We deeply

need your prayers. None of us are the most talented, the most qualified, or the most wealthy—but we are willing, and God is able. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 9:24–25 that we are running a race and must run to win the prize. That truth fuels us. Every congregation is an exciting growth story waiting to happen. Every member is a tool whom God is shaping into a soul-winner. Every heart is a place where Jesus can do the impossible.

Time and again, He proves: “With God all things are possible.”

Thank you for standing with us, praying for us, and believing in the mission of **HomeMission**. The race is long, but the victory is certain, because Jesus runs beside us.

Love, John and Susie Orr

## The Advancement Corner

Do you realize that the gift that you make to support **HomeMission** can be doubled or even tripled? Many companies match their employees' gifts made to 501(c)(3) organizations. Some companies even match gifts for retired employees.

How matching gift programs work:

**Employee Donation:** An employee donates to a qualified nonprofit (**HomeMission**)

**Request Submission:** The employee submits a matching gift request to their employer

**Corporate Match:** The company reviews eligibility and contributes a matching donation

Most companies match 1:1, but some offer higher ratios, such as 2:1 or 4:1, and annual maximums can range from \$1,000 to \$100,000 depending on the company.

Examples of matching gift companies:

Adobe Inc., Apple Inc., Cisco Systems, Citrix Systems, Compaq Computer, Dell Technology, Google, Hewlett Packard, Intel, Microsoft, Motorola, Oracle, Salesforce Inc., Texas Instruments, Yahoo, ACE INA, Aegon, Aetna, Allstate Insurance, Ambac, American Express, AIG, Bank of America, Capital Group, Charles Schwab Corp., Cigna, Citigroup, Deutsche Bank, Equitable Holdings, Fannie Mae, FICO, FM Global, Mastercard, PNC Financial, Prudential, State Street, Soros Fund, Wells Fargo, M Company, Altria Group, AutoZone, Ben & Jerry's, Car Max, Clorox, Costco, Gap, General Mills, Home Depot, Kraft Heinz, Levi Strauss, Lowe's, Nike, Target, Walmart, Abbott Labs, Bristol-Myers, CVS Health, Eli Lilly, Merck, Johnson & Johnson, Black & Decker, Chevron, Caterpillar, DuPont, ExxonMobil, Goodyear, Boeing, Sherwin-Williams, Delta Airlines, FedEx, Ford, Starbucks, UPS, Verizon

This is just a small list of corporations that will match your gift. Please check the website **MatchingGifts.com** or ask your employer to see if they will match your gift. Every gift makes a difference in **HomeMission** reaching out to churches that need help. If I can help you find out if your company will match, please let me know.

Be blessed,

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.



Fellow Brethren In The Faith,

God has blessed me with the opportunity to visit, observe, and interact with dozens of congregations during my



Jim and Lisa Lucas

involvement with **HomeMission**. One of the things I enjoy most, and learn the most from, is asking and listening as fellow Christians share their salvation story. I also learn much when visiting with those struggling in their walk; we sometimes refer to them as drifting or weak brethren, and we can learn much about ourselves as the body of Christ... but more on that another time.

What I learned most from listening to how others came to Christ (excluding those who grew up in the church) is that usually there was one person or couple that either befriended, assisted, or otherwise reached out. Sometimes it was a casual conversation that turned into a spiritual discussion; other times it was an act of assistance meeting a specific need, followed by a conversation. I know that many of us frown on "witnessing," but what I have learned is that sharing our personal story and what Christ has done in our personal life can be a powerful motivation for others who do not have that relationship. God often puts opportunities in our path; we don't see them because we are not looking, or we feel our "little story" isn't impactful.

May I remind us all, when you allow God to work through you, HE can do great things! The next time you see an opportunity and that small voice tells you to say or do something, I pray you will step out in faith. May God bless us all as we seek to do His Will.

Yours in Christ,

Jim



**Harvesting Souls: A Season of Active Evangelism!**

**Wow! What an incredibly busy and blessed season** it is for the West Freeway School of Evangelism. Our Lord added 7 souls to His church in September. To God be the glory!

With about two months left in the semester, our students in the DFW area, Africa, Nigeria, India, and the Philippines are actively engaged in evangelizing the mission fields, and their outreach efforts are kicking into high gear!

On **Saturday, September 26th**, several of our dedicated students stepped up to assist the West Freeway congregation with the Hot Dog & Taco Outreach event. God truly blessed this effort; we welcomed over **100 visitors** from our community, and **53 precious people** took the time to sign up at the welcome table! We are so thankful for every connection made and every seed planted.

If you thought September was active, hold on, because October will be even busier!

- **Panama City, Florida Campaign:** Our students are gearing up to partner with Bill Hardy Gospel Sharing for a powerful door-knocking campaign from October 10th through 16th. Please pray for open doors and open hearts as they carry the soul-saving message of the Gospel to Florida.
- **Trunk or Treat Fall Festival:** Closer to home, we will be hosting another vital community outreach right here at West Freeway on Saturday, October 24th. This annual Fall festival is a wonderful opportunity to love our neighbors and invite families to worship with us.

**God is so good!** The doors at the School of Evangelism remain wide open for everyone who wants to share in the mission the Lord has given us. Please continue to lift our students and these outreach efforts in your prayers. Please also keep our weekly courses and Monday night classes in your prayers as we continue striving to give saints the tools they need to reach the lost.

To God be the Glory!

**Ronnie Moore**

West Freeway School of Evangelism Team

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# HomeMission Statistics Through October 2026

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1. Churches reported 820 baptisms through September 2026. 114 baptisms have been reported by past classes at the West Freeway School of Evangelism, while 9 have been reported by our current class. 1228 were reported in 2025.
2. We worked with 182 churches in 42 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 \$133,040.01 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. In this way, we have helped dozens of churches this year throughout the United States that need specialized material or to re-order 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 just want our materials to fill needs. If you want to look at a list of our materials and/or workshops, please contact us at [info@homemission.org](mailto: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 interest in assisting next year.
5. 7 congregations are either expanding their buildings or building new ones due to growth. These are all churches HM has assisted in some way.
6. 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.
7. The fifth year of the West Freeway School of Evangelism has now begun. Currently, we have 23 students attending the Fall session, which began the last week in August and runs through May 2027. There are also 30-40 students who attend the Monday night class (7-9 PM CST). The first 6 weeks were on "How to study the Bible" and "Circle of Influence." A new class will begin next week. Please contact Jim Tyler if interested at **817-797-6325** or go to [wfsoe.school](http://wfsoe.school).

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

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## 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!**

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Across America, countless congregations are struggling. They need help from the Lord, from His word, from strong leadership, and from outside resources that can guide them toward growth. **HomeMission** provides workshops, materials, a training school, and ongoing support at no cost—yet many congregations never reach out.

Some don't believe anything will help. Others think it will take too much time. Many are simply waiting for "that one family" to move in and fix everything. And some are content even when attendance has dropped to 20, 10, 5, or fewer.

When a congregation finally asks for help, it often takes time to determine when we can come, and time to schedule a missionary evangelist to work with them. We frequently hear, "Such-and-such church needs help," but if they don't know us personally, they're less likely to reach out.

### That's where you come in.

If you know leaders or elders in a congregation that needs help, you can open the door. Tell them about **HomeMission**. Encourage them to contact us, or send us their names at [info@homemission.org](mailto:info@homemission.org) so we can reach out. Your recommendation matters. When you let them know that over 95% of the churches we work with are still going, and many are growing, it makes a difference. Even after we connect, it can take time to set up a workshop, so your help with making that first connection is invaluable.

Together, we can strengthen congregations that are struggling and give them hope again. Remember, "All things are possible with God" (Matthew 19:26).

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# Evangelist Activity Reports: October

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## RODNEY CARTER

Southside Church of Christ/ Killeen, TX/ On November 8, 2026, Jim Lucas and I will be conducting a Pre-LAUNCH Meeting with the elders and ministers at Southside Church of Christ. Then, on November 15-18, 2026, I will be conducting a LAUNCH with the congregation to assist them in establishing evangelistic goals as they grow spiritually, individually, and collectively.

Ave T Church of Christ/ Temple, TX/ I delivered 22 hymnals donated by Ave T to Freestone Church of Christ in Freestone, TX.

## MIKE KING

Mike King and his wife conducted the Sharing Our Faith seminar at the Ventura Church of Christ, Ventura, California, on 12 September. 12 members of the Lord's Church representing three congregations participated. The attendees were challenged and encouraged to recognize their covenantal stewardship to mature their faith in everyday life.

## JIM LUCAS

During September, I had the privilege of discussing **HomeMission** on Jack Wilkie's (Apologetics Press) Podcast; later in the month, I attended the ENGAGE Conference conducted by the Apologetics Press team at the Brown St COC (Waxahachie, TX); Also in September, I attended the White Rock Fund Annual Dinner at Lewisville COC. In September, I had a wonderful call with Barry McPherson (Grand Bay COC in AL), who had just concluded a successful VBS in July and was planning for a Family & Friends Day in October, followed later by a Gospel Meeting. This congregation has built on the "First Four" goals from their LAUNCH Workshop in February 2025; they truly have a "mind to work" and a preacher passionate for the lost. Since then, over 18 souls have been saved, and the church is growing spiritually. Note the intentionality of having a Family & Friends Day PRIOR to a gospel meeting, so that there are specific people to invite to the Gospel Meeting! This month I also had wonderful news from the Tanglewood COC (Odessa, TX). Two new members were wed, they had a baptism, and they finished the roof repairs. They are small in number but faithful in doing what they can, and HE is blessing them. Also, there were multiple calls from congregations wanting to learn more about **HomeMission**, and introductory presentations were made, and follow-up meetings scheduled. At the end of the month, I departed for a 3-week trip through TN, KY, SC, GA, and AL.

## JOHN ORR

I taught for the School of Evangelism, worked with the Walker County, Alabama Campaign for Christ (22 churches), sent materials to Kimberling, MO, Bushland Road, Amarillo, Deerbrook in Humble, TX, Waldo, Arkansas, Cherokee Hills, OKC, Whitney church of Christ, Faith Village, Media, PA, and Lebanon Junction, Kentucky. I presented **HomeMission** at West Freeway, Noble, Oklahoma, Western Hills, and went to a seminar at Brown Street COC (and brought materials).

## JONATHAN ORR

During September, I continued strengthening relationships with congregations and following up on their evangelism efforts and material needs.

Chillicothe Church of Christ — September 6: I visited the Chillicothe Church of Christ to receive an update on the congregation's progress and evangelistic efforts. They reported having multiple visitors, which was encouraging to hear. I will be sending additional **HomeMission** materials to help support their continued outreach efforts.

Petrolia Church of Christ — September 13: I visited the Petrolia Church of Christ and provided the congregation with an update on the work of **HomeMission**. Petrolia has been a longtime supporting congregation, and I appreciated the opportunity to maintain that relationship and keep them informed about our ongoing work.

Collinsville Church of Christ — September 27: I visited the Collinsville Church of Christ, provided additional materials, and followed up on the congregation's progress toward its evangelism goals. They reported having multiple visitors and continue to make good progress toward the goals they have established. I was also encouraged to see an active youth group and strong involvement within the congregation.

Congregational Outreach: Throughout the month, I reached out to 11 congregations to follow up on their evangelism efforts and determine their current material and ministry needs. Increasing this type of direct communication and follow-up with congregations will be emphasized moving forward.

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# Evangelist Activity Reports: October (Cont.)

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## RANDY REAGAN

September 20, 2026/ Westgate church of Christ/ Beaumont, Texas/ I preached September 20 at the Sunday morning worship and also taught the Bible class. The congregation had prepared a wonderful potluck dinner for after services. They instituted a free hot dog meal once a month on Saturdays as one of their goals to evangelize and reach out to those in the community. Those seeds have produced a new Christian who is bringing other members of his family to hear the gospel plan of salvation. The Lord has provided the increase from their planting and watering. They are being recognized by the community for their various outreach efforts and have received funds to help in these efforts.

I continued filling in for the Van church of Christ in Van, Texas, by teaching a Sunday morning Bible class and preaching on Sunday mornings. I am preparing to go to Bourbonnais, Illinois, on October 25 to teach and preach.

## AUSTIN WOODFIN

9.2.26 / Lewisburg Church of Christ / Lewisburg, WV / I met with the minister and elders to discuss how we help churches, then I presented **HomeMission** to the entire congregation during the Bible study hour. All went well, and they have decided to proceed with a LAUNCH workshop. We are still working on possible dates for a LAUNCH, likely in January of 2027. They will start working through the Foundations for Disciples material in their adult class leading up to the LAUNCH.

9.8.26 / 36th Street Church of Christ / Vienna, WV / I attended a "Bridge Builders" (Habanero) meeting with the coordinators, team leaders, elders, and ministers. They are actively working to involve more members in their outreach efforts, and working to ensure this is a "multi-generational" ministry, not something that is forgotten in a few months. They have been very organized and have taken hold of this program, and it is proving to be effective for them. They had two baptisms this month.

9.16.26 / Plattsburgh Church of Christ / Plattsburgh, NY / I held a call with the Habanero coordinators on September 2nd to help get things working smoothly again. Then, on the 16th, I held a Zoom meeting with some of the members for a "Habanero refresh" to help remind them of their team responsibilities and to help them be more organized and effective in their work. They will host a community picnic on October 17th to engage more with their community.

9.19.26 / 5th & Beechwood Church of Christ / Pittsburgh, PA / They held a ministry fair and free giveaway at their building during a community-wide yard sale. Their church building was open to the public for restrooms, and members donated a variety of items to give away to the community while also advertising some of their different ministries. There was a great turnout of members to help, and many who stopped in from the community. I believe we were engaged in many good conversations with some community members. I will continue to follow up with them and help where I am able.

9.19.26 / Latrobe Street Church of Christ / Parkersburg, WV / They held a gospel singing at their building with the intention of encouraging both the community and members. All went well, and a few area churches supported them in this effort. They are diligently working to increase visibility and action in their community.

Throughout September, I contacted and/or visited 19 churches in 5 states. 12 of these churches currently work with **HomeMission** or are assisting with smaller churches in their area. My travel throughout the month has been more focused on churches closer to home, but some great opportunities are coming up in the next few weeks at other churches throughout the Northeast. To God be the glory!

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# Year-End Message

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We are at an exciting moment for the Lord's church in America.

The United States is now the world's third-largest mission field, and the need has never been greater.

God is working. Young people and families are seeking the truth of Jesus Christ. Through His grace and the partnership of faithful Christians, **HomeMission** is making measurable progress. Congregations are stabilizing. Evangelism is growing. Hope is returning. Leaders are being trained and strengthened. Many churches are growing again. Evangelism cultures are being rebuilt. Last year, 1222 baptisms were reported by churches we work with in some way. Our School of Evangelism now has 23 students during the day and up to 36 students on Monday night. Many want to know how to evangelize their community. And it's working. From our former classes and the ones just beginning, 144 souls have been saved.

Some of you have supported **HomeMission** for many years. Your fellowship in the Gospel has sustained struggling congregations, equipped evangelists, and strengthened leaders nationwide. We are deeply grateful. Because of you, we meet these needs without charging any church. To continue this work and expand our reach in 2027, our year-end giving goal is \$200,000. \$60,000 has already been pledged. We invite you to join us in securing a brighter future for the Lord's church in America. If you have any questions, contact me at 940-631-5530.

-John Orr, Director of **HomeMission**

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# From the Field



9/19 ministry fair with 5th & Beechwood COC (Pittsburgh, PA).



An HM presentation at the Southgate COC (San Angelo, TX).



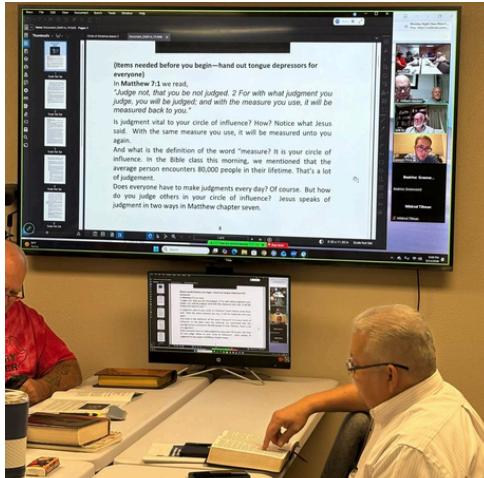
Sharing Our Faith Seminar - Ventura COC (CA).



John giving an overview of HM and the WFSOE at Western Hills COC (Ft. Worth, TX).



John Orr's Monday night live/Zoom class for the West Freeway School of Evangelism.



John presented HM in class and preached at Noble COC in Noble, OK.