

The Mansfield Family

Missionaries to Texas

“...they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints” 1 Cor. 16:15



Merry Christmas!

December 2016

The holiday time of year is such a special and busy time to be in the ministry. People everywhere are a bit more open to things of God. We have special Christmas and New Years services planned. Plus we will be giving out Christmas themed Church tracts at the annual Christmas festival and light parade in our town. As a family this Saturday we will be ringing the Salvation Army bell in front of Walmart and singing Christmas songs.



The grand opening was very well attended. 49 people were there! At the invitation time a man walked the aisle crying. When he reached the front he said, “I need to be saved!” As he was being shown from the Bible how to receive Christ, his 14 year old son also came forward as well as another man! Thankfully our BIMI director (Bob and Jennifer Larson) had driven in to help... we needed soul winners! A week later we had our first baptism as father and son followed the Lord together. We bought a cattle trough and sump pump and were able to have our own baptismal!



We started with just one Sunday morning service and Wednesday night. We soon added Sunday nights as the people wanted it and some work Sunday mornings. We are waiting to start Sunday School till we get a portable building to accommodate the children. The church building is quite small and since we are a large family we have attracted families with children. We are using a small room off of the auditorium, but we are full to capacity! We took the kids outside to sing Sunday mornings so we wouldn't interrupt the adult services, but now it's too cold. The church has saved \$3,000 of the \$8,500 needed for the shell of a building to be built and moved on the property (the city has certain requirements). We'll endeavor to do the electrics and plumbing ourselves as the money comes in. Any financial help given toward this project would be most appreciated.



We've had numerous visitors as we are the “new thing in town.” A few families have joined us as attendance has ebbed and flowed. With the change in weather everyone is out sick at one time or another! We have had the opportunity to entertain each family in our home for dinner. We've met neighbors and befriended sales clerks and bank personnel. We've hosted homeschool events in our home and participated in a few home school groups nearby. Here are some prayer requests.

- Money for portable Sunday School/fellowship hall building
- Health (the cold season has hit us as well, however Stephen's lungs are still doing well)
- Wisdom in ministering to hurting hearts
- People to desire spiritual growth
- Acceptance among the people here
- Repair of our personal home's foundation (Texas is notorious for cracking foundations)
- Fruit for our labor (more laborers in the church)

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The Lord provided a Christian man who designed our new website very inexpensively! Check us out! Your faithful support and love for our family during this difficult transition and planting period means more to us than we could ever put into words! Thank you!

Serving the Saviour, The James Mansfield Family

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