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Arlington † Metroplex

Taking church to the people

ANNUAL REPORT: AN OVERVIEW OF 2015



IN OUR 30TH YEAR: 2015 IN REVIEW

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THE CHRISTMAS SEASON ACTIVE, HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS



CHRISTMAS STORE 2015

7,351 families, equaling 30,514 children



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AT A BIBLE STUDY

We host 349 Bible studies and congregations

HONORED BY AISD

Superintendent Marcelo Cavazos and Board President Jamie Sullins with Tillie Burgin



ARLINGTON ISD HONORED MISSION ARLINGTON® AS AN APPRECIATED "ENGAGED COMMUNITY PARTNER," ON DECEMBER 15TH

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



MISSION ARLINGTON'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET

600 volunteers, staff, and Mission Arlington® Bible Study members attended. Music of the season, Scripture reading, and a Special poem read by Tillie Burgin

Volunteers ready to deliver meals on Thanksgiving Day



THANKSGIVING DAY: 6,000 VOLUNTEERS DELIVER TO 6,000 FAMILIES, REPRESENTING 25,017 PEOPLE. This was our largest Thanksgiving Day delivery ever.

Fall Festival: Safe Alternatives at Halloween



3,000 CHILDREN (WITH THEIR FAMILIES) ATTENDED. This was our largest attendance ever.

Andrea Wilson, Honored



LEGACY OF WOMEN AWARD, OCTOBER 1ST
for excellence in Health & Human Services

North Texas Giving Day



NORTH TEXAS DAY OF GIVING
Largest "Giving Day" in our history; 12,525 FB Posts

Fire Dept. Honors Tillie



A.F.D. COMMISSIONS NEW RESCUE BOAT
On 9-11 Tillie initiates "The Tillie" -- FB Reach: 21,235

Arlington's Transportation



TRANSPORTATION
856 people carried on 34,743 trips

Afterschool Tutoring



40 AFTERSCHOOL SITES - 1,600 students per week; Nearly 50,000 in attendance per semester

Mission Arlington's Birthday



AUGUST 1ST: MISSION TURNED 29 YEARS OLD
For Tillie's 79th birthday, August 24th, Facebook posts reached **104,738 people**

Starting School Right



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

provided for more than 9,000 children and youth

Full Summer Camps



7 FREE SUMMER CAMPS

1,203 children and youth attended

Volunteer Groups Help



CHURCH, CIVIC, CORPORATE, STUDENTS

1,558 groups; 40,466 people (111/day)

Individual-Family Volunteers



INDIVIDUALS, FRIENDS, FAMILIES

8,057 volunteers; 165,960 hours

Fun Facebook Post this year!

TILLIE - TAKING A DONATED TOY TO THE CHRISTMAS STORE.

“STILL HAVING FUN AT MISSION ARLINGTON.”

THIS FACEBOOK POST WENT TO 20,692 PEOPLE, OUR 3RD HIGHEST POST



Summer Lunches



FOR CHILDREN DURING THE SUMMER

Six sites; 12,800 meals provided

A Small Army of Helpers



CHILDREN MAKE A DIFFERENCE HERE!

Children are a welcome part of our volunteer force. They are quick learners, hard workers, and a blessing.

One Church-Many Locations



OUR BIBLE STUDIES & CONGREGATIONS

spread out across the community, meeting in apartment communities, mobile home parks and neighborhoods.

Friendly & Fun “Drop-Off”



OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK - WE DO NOT SELL YOUR GIFTS. YOU GIVE; WE GIVE AWAY

These four young adults, pictured above, lead the teams that gladly welcome you at the drop-off points.

Furniture for Families



WHEN PEOPLE HAD NOTHING, YOU PROVIDED

3,732 families received furniture from you in 2015, representing **13,791 people**. This young girl, pictured here, is enjoying her new bed - given by you.

A Place at Mary's Table - healthy eating for children and adults



Four times in 2015, volunteers from the “Baptist Center for Global Concerns” provided education, training, and recipe books for good nutrition to moms and their children. Hundreds were impacted by these events.

Growing Congregations



ONE OF OUR YOUTH GROUPS ON MISSION

Pictured here are youth from one of our 349 congregations. Having received Christ, they are now “on mission” themselves to share Christ with others.

Summer Missionaries



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS GIVE THEIR SUMMER TO SERVE THE LORD HERE.

37 YOUNG PEOPLE, 10 from mission congregations, volunteered full-time through the Summer of 2015.

Youth Gym Night and Children’s Gym Night each month



Youth at Gym Night



Children’s Gym Night

MISSION ARLINGTON® SPONSORS A GYM NIGHT FOR CHILDREN AND FOR YOUTH EACH MONTH.

Spending time with young people is an important part of what we do. Each one is important to the Lord, and they are also important to us. We enjoy spending time with them, and getting to know them.

Hundreds of children and youth attended these free and popular gym nights (1 per age group per month). We provide transportation, pizza, great exercise, team building, a biblical lesson, mentoring, and a lot of fun.

MISSION ARLINGTON / MISSION METROPLEX: A YEAR IN REVIEW - 2015

Spiritual Change in People



2,664 PEOPLE GAVE THEIR LIFE TO CHRIST either for the first time, or in a rededication. Many are baptized in our mobile baptistry (pictured here). We carry it from place to place on a “truck & trailer.”

University Partnerships



WE PARTNER WITH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS Pictured here, 150 students from UTA’s “Big Event.” Students, educators, and administrators serve with us in a variety of ways, big and small, all year long.

World’s Largest Easter Egg Hunt - 4,932 Children



A little less than **5,000 (4,932) children** (including their families) enjoyed our Easter egg hunt, which required about 120,000 Easter eggs filled with candy. Bouncy houses, a giant carnival, and free food were part of the fun.

The Easter Store

Crafts, Easter baskets, Gospel story



THE EASTER STORE
939 families received help.

Special Youth Services



MAUNDY THURSDAY & BACK TO SCHOOL
486 students attended two separate worship events with us. Youth ministry is an important part of our work all year long.

36,298 children came to Rainbow Express in 491 locations

5,005 volunteers in from 15 states, 53 Texas cities; 1,013 accepted Christ.



Bible stories



Silly songs



Having fun!



Sports



Activities



Wonderful children!



RAINBOW EXPRESS (Bible stories, crafts, snacks, games, music, and lots of love) happens every spring, and lasts through the end of the summer. **A little more than 36,000** children (and youth) attended in 2015.

SPORTS LEAGUES - the physical and spiritual come together!



FREE BASEBALL CAMP AND LEAGUE STARTED IN 2015! HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN PLAYED

Children learn the basics from positive volunteer coaches. Left: A practice game. Right: Running bases.



Great volunteer coaches!

MISSION ARLINGTON'S FREE WRESTLING LEAGUE

40 students met twice a week and participated in practice. They also competed in tournaments on weekends.



Praying before a Game



CHILDREN AND YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUES HAPPEN EVERY SPRING

Hundreds of students play basketball, learn skills, and have fun - on Saturdays in February and March.

The “Front Room”- Food, Furniture, & Emergency Assistance



Volunteer helping with food



Personal interviews



Tillie teaching children in the food pantry.

ORDINARY PEOPLE IN NEED: Nearly **40,000 families** (39,979) received emergency assistance through our front room in 2015, representing **140,596 people**. This means on average **451 people per day** (six days each week) received help. **This does not include** weekly distributions in many locations through our Bible studies.

Bob Mann Medical Clinic



Andrea Wilson, FNP, and Maria - who received a free surgery in 2015 through our partners worth \$120,000.

3,754 people received \$1.2 million of free health care; \$1.5 million of free medications were provided too.

Allan Saxe Dental Clinic



1,535 patients treated 4,553 times. 47 dentists (10,664 vol. hours) and nearly \$1.5 million of free dentistry.

Financial Transparency and Accountability in 2015

Our Mission Statement

We are a “faith-based organization which utilizes hundreds of volunteers and a multitude of services to assist people with their physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual needs.”

No Solicitation or Fundraising

We do not spend your money to raise funds.

Decade-long “4-star” holder - “Charity Navigator”

This puts Mission Arlington®/Mission Metroplex® in the **top 1%** of non-profits Charity Navigator rates nationwide.

We do not charge for any service! Not one!

We are audited annually by a local, well-respected team of auditors. Each year, we have received a clean bill of financial health. We also report to a Board of Directors.

Administrative Overhead is Low, according to our auditors - at **2.8 percent**, meaning that 97.2 % of each dollar you give goes directly in ministry to people in need.

Voluntary member of multiple “Charity Watchdogs.” Reported on our website. In good standing with all.

Our Staff: Tillie has been here since August 1st, 1986.

2015 WAS A STRONG YEAR OF MINISTRY AT MISSION ARLINGTON® / MISSION METROPLEX® THANK YOU!



“Layers and layers and layers of God's goodness! Walk around the campus sometime and you will quickly realize that the thousands of puzzle pieces that fit together to make Mission Arlington... man could never do... it doesn't make sense... And yet, it is.” **HEIDI REID VICK**, Facebook Review, December 2015.

GABRIELLE HODGES Photo and caption originally published Jan. 19th, 2016 in The Shorthorn.

A group of volunteers hold hands in prayer Monday at DREAM Park on South Street. The volunteers prayed before they began their service at Mission Arlington for Arlington's MLK Day of Service



TILLIE BURGIN, DIRECTOR

“Thank you for the way you prayed, volunteered, and gave in 2015. Your support made a big difference in our work.”

Tillie was born in Arlington. She worked at her father's gas station as a child, learning to serve.

In 1986, after years of prayer in homes across the city, Mission Arlington® was born. She has been at the helm from the start.



Mission Arlington® began on August 1st, 1986

In 2015, we had our 29th birthday, which is why, as Tillie likes to say, *“WE ARE IN OUR 30TH YEAR.”* We will turn 30 this August.

Thank you for your faithful support. We have been so honored to walk this journey with you. We hope this report from 2015 will be a blessing to you and your family.



Because you give, children are the recipients of so many blessings through Mission Arlington®

WE ARE GRATEFUL!

