



# MISSION ARLINGTON

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**ON THE WAY TO A WONDERFUL YEAR**

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**TILLIE BURGIN**

*“When Jesus saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them.”*  
 Scripture: Mark 6:34

These last few months have been a challenge for us as we wait for the building (our first house where the clothes, blankets, and coats were stored) to begin reconstruction.

You have just been wonderful as you have stood by with donations and have personally been coming to check on us. We are always grateful for your support and encouragement. Please let us know if there is ever anything we can do for you or someone you know who might need help.

We were encouraged recently when a family stopped by to tell us how coming to the Mission for help changed their lives.

When they came in for assistance, they saw people bringing clothing and other donations. They also saw some children come in

with bags of food and heard the children say, “We want to help!”

As they continued to wait, they watched an older man come by and give me a check. The man said, “I paid my yard man and he gave the check back and said, ‘No, give that to Mission Arlington. They can help more people if I give’.”

As the family watched all the activity take place in just a matter of an hour, they were so humbled by the people giving. They left, saying, “We want to go home and come back with something we can give too!” Those have to be “God” moments.

Thank you for putting feet to the message of Love and Hope for all people.

## A WINDOW INTO IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS



*Children helped at Christmas by the Arlington Bar Association*

### Quote Worth Re-Quoting

By Jacquelynn Floyd,  
 Dallas Morning News

“Over the years, Mission Arlington has assessed the community’s changing needs with astonishing accuracy, and then been ready to help everybody from hard core vagrants to lonesome latchkey kids.

There are a lot of good-hearted folks in the world, but this combination of kindness, administrative finesse and common-sense determination is a marvel to witness.”

### SPRING BREAK RAINBOW EXPRESS

“Rainbow Express” is Mission Arlington’s version of a “backyard Bible club.”

You can help by bringing scissors, construction paper, crayons, yarn, and other craft supplies to the Mission offices sometime in March.

### SPECIAL DAY FOR MEDICAL CLINIC

On Saturday, March 4th, at 9:00 am, Mission Arlington’s free Medical Clinic will be open. Eight doctors will be working on this day.

You can help by providing medical supplies to help with the clinic.

### THE EASTER STORE APRIL 13TH AND 14TH

The Easter Store provides new Spring clothes and Easter baskets—plus a few toys for children.

You can help by bringing Easter baskets, individually wrapped candy, and new children’s clothes.

### ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT, APRIL 15TH

Mission Arlington loves to call this the World’s Largest Easter Egg Hunt. Typically, more than 3,000 children attend this event.

It isn’t too soon to begin bringing plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy to our offices.

## THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

**22,694 RECEIVED CHRISTMAS GIFTS BECAUSE OF YOU.**



*Carolers from Bailey Jr. High Students*



*D'Feeters Soccer*



*Arlington Police & Fire Departments help children enjoy Christmas.*



*Santa USA*



*Martin High Student Council*

## FIRE AT MISSION ARLINGTON

### WHAT HAPPENED?

**T**wo separate fires occurred concurrently at Mission Arlington's campus Christmas Eve and Christmas morning. Damage to one building could be described as "significant, but not devastating." Investigators have ruled the fires to be arson.



*Building burned in the fire*

### COMMUNITY RESPONSE

**T**he outpouring of love from the community in response to the fires was immediate and intense. Blankets, coats, and other items destroyed by the fire were quickly replaced. It is clear that what someone intended as harm, God used for good.

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**T**he building was cleaned out quickly. Bids have been taken, and a construction crew has been hired. Work to rebuild will start very soon.

We thank God for each of you. Your loving support has made a difference here.

## A New Direction for Our Family



*Esaul and Norma Herrera*

We had been out of work for a period of time, and it was tough to make ends meet. We were going to need a little help with Christmas, so we came to Mission Arlington's Christmas Store. There we found the help we needed.

We were feeling like our family needed to be back in church, so we filled out a request at Mission Arlington for someone to come and visit us. At first, it seemed like no one would come, but one Friday afternoon, two of their Bible study leaders showed up at our door.

Our children had attended a Mission Arlington church before — when we lived out in a Grand Prairie apartment. We had been attending different churches since then, but nothing seemed to fit. We didn't make any promises, but soon we began to worship with one of Mission Arlington's congregations on the East side of town.

This church made us feel comfortable. We could come just like we were, and it was all right. The people there genuinely love God. We have been there for over a year. Everyone in our family has accepted Christ and made him Lord of their life. Everything is different now.

Soon after we went to Mission Arlington's Christmas Store, both of us were working again. Now, promotions have started to come. Though we have always lived a moral life, now somehow things are different.

Our family is going in a completely new direction, and it feels just right. We want everything we do to honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We thank God for His love and for the help of Mission Arlington.