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Tillie Burgin

Can you just imagine what it feels like to be able to experience what you give going directly to a family? That is what happened one day. A donor drove up with pots and pans, towels, clothes, beds and dressers just as a family who had lost everything in a fire was asking, "How long do we need to wait to get furniture? We have lost everything."

A truck pulled up and the children started jumping up and down. They exclaimed, "Look! That truck has everything we need on it." We asked the donor if he would mind following this young family to their new apartment. The donor was more than gracious and helped us put a household together in just a matter of hours. The donor came back after emptying their truck into this home with a sense of excitement. He said, "That experience is what this Mission is all about -- GIVING

We see this over and over as people give so others can be helped. We thank you for how you continue to support Mission Arlington in so many ways.



LOVE YOU ALL



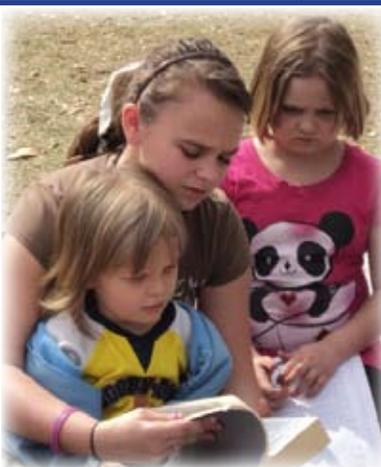
Mission Arlington® has a ministry presence in **306 locations** where we teach the Bible and love the people. Kennia, Miriam, Yazmin, and Andrea (pictured above) gather in a north Arlington apartment community where we have been for **25 years**. They have just finished their after-school program for the day. **Below**, Mission Arlington hosts a carnival in a central Arlington apartment where we have also been for 25 years.



Dr. Lansford examines a patient

The Bob Mann Medical clinic opened five days a week, beginning January of last year. The number of people treated in 2011 **increased by 63%**.

On a small budget, the clinic produced \$1,174,616 worth of medical care in 2011.



RAINBOW EXPRESS 2012

Rainbow Express (our version of a backyard Bible club - crafts, Bible stories, games, and snacks) begins again in early March.

Last year, **38,826 children** attended a Rainbow Express event. Student groups came from 14 different states to lend a hand. Please pray with us as we love the children and youth of our community.

2011 CHRISTMAS STORE

Parents waiting in long lines on opening day



Your generosity provided gifts for 35,673 children.

CHILDREN "GIVE BACK"

"Can our children come with us?" is a common question volunteers ask of Mission Arlington staff. Our answer always is "absolutely." Pictured below are some of the children who helped us out in December.

Student Council,
Morton Elementary



Brownies



Troop #2777 helped at Christmas



Wood Elementary School
Christmas Food Drive

THREE GENERATIONS



The Proctor family (mother, daughter, grandson - pictured left) represent three generations who have served in our Christmas store for the last thirteen (13) years.

Volunteering at Mission Arlington is often a family event. 7,000 volunteers helped us at Christmas.

Bobby Cooley and his wife Jennifer



WHERE WOULD I BE?

I grew up in a trailer park in Arlington Texas. I would say my childhood there was pretty rough, and my life as a teenager reflected it. A man named Jesse was sent to live in our community by Mission Arlington.

Although I was a rough teenager, making a lot of poor choices, Jesse and his family loved and cared about me. As a High school student Jesse asked me to go to summer camp. In fact, he pretty much dragged me there. At camp, God grabbed hold of my life, and I accepted Jesus as my Lord. I have never looked back.

Coming home I was scared and anxious to tell my friends and family, but Jesse helped me through it. I began to help Jesse at Mission Arlington by serving the community around me and helping the other teenagers in the trailer park. He taught me scripture and disciplined me. If it wasn't for him, his family, and the support of Mission Arlington, **I don't know where I would be today.**

In my senior year of high school, I felt that God was calling me to full time ministry -- to help students like me. Jesse helped me grow in my calling, and I went to Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, TX. There, I got my BBS in Ministry and will be finishing up my MA in Family Ministry (Pastoral Counseling) this coming May.

I have served in several churches working with students all over Texas for the past eight years, and I am currently the Middle School Minister at Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, TX.

I have been beyond blessed by God and the people he has placed in my life. I met my wife Jenn at Hardin Simmons, and our first child is due in June.

I thank God every day for people like Jesse and a place like Mission Arlington who love the punk, loudmouth, know-it-all teenagers - just like me.

PLEASE DON'T EVER STOP.

