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The Spring Season Brings New Life

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Director**

The Mission is almost 18 years old. We started on August 1st, 1986. We are grateful for you.

We are trying to do more newsletters to do a better job of communicating with you. You are important to us.

As we get ready for the Easter time, we plan to take the Mission Arlington children to the Easter egg hunt. I wish you could see the excitement on a child's face when he finds an Easter egg hidden in the grass at UTA stadium.

I wish you could be at the Allan Saxe Dental Clinic when it is time for the people young and old to receive the dentures they have been waiting on. I walked in one day and they all had mirrors and smiles, and were saying, "look - aren't they pretty" or "now I can get a job." It brought tears to my eyes.

I went in to the front room at the Mission Office where people wait to be able to get assistance. I saw volunteer counselors praying and listening to the people. I overheard one lady say, "I came today to tell you that after I left the clothing room the other day where I found a business suit, I got a job. I just thought you would want to know."

All of the above are ways we want you to know that every dollar, article of clothing or food or whatever else you give, like your time, makes a difference in someone's life.

Usually it is mine, because I get to see the results of your generosity.

Thank you.

EASTER ARRIVES AT MISSION ARLINGTON



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 10th
10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Last year, **more than 3,000 children** gathered at UTA Maverick Stadium for what we call "THE WORLD'S LARGEST EASTER EGG HUNT."

Music, interactive games, bouncy houses, and food are all a part of the fun. Most importantly, each child will also get to hear the Easter story.

Especially Needed

It takes more than **40,000 Easter eggs** for an Easter egg hunt of this size.

You can help by providing:

1. as many individual plastic Easter eggs as you possibly can **and**
2. individually wrapped candy to put into the Eggs.

THANK YOU

Lake Arlington Baptist Church who sponsored a banquet on April 6th, honoring Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex.

The Business "**Curves For Women**" who sponsored food drives for the Mission in March.

Churches - who include us in their budget as a part of their mission outreach.

Businesses and Organizations who support their community through financial or in-kind contributions.

Families that support us so regularly and sacrificially.

Each of You for the monthly financial support that you provide.

Rainbow Express Begins



ferent states and more than 15 cities across Texas.

They led Rainbow Express in **86 locations** in Arlington, Grand Prairie, and in other locations around the DFW Metroplex.

An average of **1,900 children** attended each day. **200 children** accepted Christ.

During the week of Arlington ISD's Spring Break, we hosted 34 youth and college groups, totaling 698 students.

These groups of young people came from 8 dif-

You can join in by praying for us, providing supplies, or making a monetary donation.

\$100 will support one Rainbow Express group for a week.



Health Care Ministries Going Strong!



On the left: A nurse writes out a note at the Medical Clinic.

On the right: Jean Cagle, Director for the Dental Clinic, checks on a patient.

Allan Saxe Dental Clinic

The clinic was open for one hundred and seventy-two (172) days in 2003. 1,456 patients were seen for a total of 4,603 times. Seven hundred and eighty-eight (788) patients were first time patients. Volunteers contributed more than 3,484 hours of service.

The Saxe Dental Clinic saw a twenty-two (22) percent increase in total care provided over 2002, while still being forced to turn away more patients than it was able to accept.

Dr. Bob Mann Medical Clinic

Twenty-two medical doctors, fifty nurses, five physician assistants, and multiple other clerical volunteers are working together to treat more than four hundred and fifty (450) patients each month.

You can make a difference!

1. VOLUNTEER MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS help us run each clinic. We will open whenever you can serve.
2. DONATED MEDICAL, DENTAL, AND PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLIES help us run the clinics.
3. FINANCIAL SUPPORT to the Mission helps in the administration of each clinic.

Remember, there is *no charge* for any service provided by Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex.

For Your Information

- Check out our updated, now interactive, website at www.missionarlington.org.
- Address corrections/updates requested for our newsletter mailings, please!