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SPRING TIME AT MISSION ARLINGTON

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*"He is not here;
He has risen,
just as He said."
MATTHEW 28:6*

This Easter Season gave us an opportunity to share the Easter Story with 3,709 people. Our Easter Store had over a thousand people who received Easter baskets and new clothing, and over 2,000 children came in the snow and cold to the Easter Egg Hunt. We are so thankful for the way you give support to the different events at Mission Arlington. Everything we do is to help others who do not ordinarily get many opportunities.

One family from a neighborhood that was planning a big Easter egg hunt, brought all their eggs to the Mission and joined us at UTA Maverick Stadium.

They said, "We'd rather give you our eggs for the Mission Arlington children to hunt. Our children should be helping them." So the whole neighborhood came to help us, and shared not only their eggs and food, but their lives and their time. Wow! What a way to be part of a community that is trying to help all people.

Thank you so much and please know of my gratitude and love for you. Come by and let us hear from you personally when you can. You encourage us with your gifts for those in need.

MISSION ARLINGTON & CHILDREN



Mission Arlington loves to care for the children in our community. From giant Easter egg hunts to backyard Bible clubs, to after-school programs, and so much more, Mission Arlington connects with the kids all across our community.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

WAYS YOU CAN PRAY



Summer Rainbow Express Begins in late May



Summer Missionaries begin arriving in late May.



Tent revivals are concentrated outdoor efforts in multiple locations to reach people for Christ. They also begin in late May.



Summer programs begin in June.

SPRING BREAK RAINBOW EXPRESS



824 young people came to Mission Arlington over Spring Break. They came from **9** different states and **14** Texas cities. They led back yard Bible clubs in **93** locations. **9,399** different children and youth attended. **282** people accepted Christ as their Savior. We thank God for your support.

MISSION ARLINGTON'S EASTER STORE



474 families (**1,709** people) came to Mission Arlington's two-day Easter Store. They received specially filled Easter baskets and new clothing for the Spring. They also heard the Easter Story. **89** people accepted Christ. **152** altogether made spiritual decisions.

EASTER EGG HUNT



Over **2,000** children attended Mission Arlington's annual Easter egg hunt. Everyone who attended heard the biblical account of Christ's death and resurrection.

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

More than **5,000** people gathered together on Easter Sunday morning in one of Mission Arlington's **265** Bible studies and congregations.



STEPPING INTO THE LIGHT

By Faith Griffith

I stepped out into the light during my Spring Break: a light that showed me just how much I had been letting the darkness in. No, not that I had lost my faith, but it had become dull. A flickering fluorescent bulb if you will. Lifeless.



FAITH - WITH FAITH

This introvert was surrounded by people 24/7. Forty-five college students, 500 other volunteers for the week and over 1,000 kids total (I only interacted with about 60)—that's what changed my bulb.

It helped me to realize how great it is to be outside. To roll around on a dirty tarp and color with a little girl named Faith (not kidding) and talk to her about the true Light.

To "walk it off" with C.J. as he burst into one of his many rages this week. To drink in the few moments I did have to myself sitting out under the stars in our parking lot and taking a moment to think of how big our God is.

To look into the eyes of a Latino grandma who cannot understand my words, but understands the message and responds by blowing kisses until I am no longer in her view.

Yes, this is the light. My fluorescent bulbs of routine, ritual, schedule, demands, work, etc., were overruled by the fluidity of a love for people — that is the Light.

Thank you Mission Arlington for being that friend who opened the door for me this week. I pray I'll have the courage to stay outside.

Faith is a college student who served at Mission Arlington during her Spring Break. The Lord used her to touch the lives of students in Arlington through "Rainbow Express." Yet, God changed Faith too.

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