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**TILLIE BURGIN,
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Since August 1st, 1986



Whether you stop by with your donation or mail a check, I hope you know my heart is filled with nothing but gratitude. When I see the people (500 a day) coming through the front room for help, and we can provide what they need, I thank God for you and the many different ways you give.

HERE'S A FEW OF THE MANY STORIES OF PEOPLE HELPED THIS WEEK:

- A single mom with 4 children, living in their car, found help here at *the Mission*.
- A young lady received help with a bus ticket to Tyler to get back to her mom who wanted her back home, because you gave for "whatever the need."
- A family who had lost everything in a fire came for help with mattresses they could sleep on, and within the hour they were in a new apartment completely furnished from the furniture you provided. The volunteers who delivered the furniture came back and said, "I will never be the same -- I have never seen such gratitude."

We invite you to come by and see how the resources you give help so many people in our community. I know you would be pleased, and we give thanks to God for you.

GOD BLESS YOU,

Tillie Burgin

GATHERING SCHOOL SUPPLIES AUGUST 1ST - OUR 30TH BIRTHDAY

It is time to start collecting **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** for students in our community.

With your help, *we will support more than 9,000 students again this year.*

You can join in by purchasing school supplies, and bringing them to our offices downtown.

Among the needed items: backpacks, #2 pencils, red, black & blue pens, highlighters, spiral notebooks, glue sticks, & 3-ring binders.

See the full list at www.missionarlington.org.



Student receives back pack and school supplies in 2015.



Pictured here from many years ago, the Mission Arlington® offices at night. The star atop the building still shines.

Mission Arlington® will finish its third decade of ministry August 1st, 1986.

Open 7 days a week, 364 days a year, our heart has been to "take church to the people - one life at a time." Every life matters to God, and so, to us.

Being surrounded by a faithful, loving, and generous community has made this sacred journey both meaningful and fun. Our work here is simply a reflection of you. When you give, we give it away.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL, LOVING SUPPORT!

MISSION ARLINGTON® IN THE SPRING



1,000 children and youth played on gym nights. **70 children** and **50 youth** per week played in our Saturday Sports league.

SPORTS LEAGUES FOR CHILDREN/YOUTH

Great exercise, personal coaching and encouragement from caring adult volunteers, team building, and more are a part of our free gym nights every other Friday night, and our basketball leagues for children and youth on Saturdays during February and March.

Baseball leagues start in May.



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4,600 CHILDREN HUNT FOR EASTER EGGS

They also jumped in a gym full of bouncy houses, ate a hot meal, and listened to Easter's story of a resurrected Christ. It was a fun day for children and their families.



THE EASTER STORE

For two days in April, we host a giveaway of Spring clothes and Easter baskets to provide families with a little extra for the holiday season. We call this experience the "Easter Store." **1,157 people** received gifts, and 40 people began a new faith journey.

Pictured left, a mom with her children enjoying the benefits of this year's Easter Store.



9,869 CHILDREN ATTEND RAINBOW EXPRESS

Nearly **10,000 children** gathered to sing, play, create, to learn, and to have fun, in a four-day (2 1/2 hour long) backyard Bible club led by Mission Arlington® volunteer teams. These teams came from 9 different states and 21 Texas cities to serve children here. We are grateful!



YOUTH LEADERS GATHER TO WORSHIP

Two hundred eighteen 7th - 12th graders from our Bible studies gathered on *Maundy Thursday of Holy Week* to learn more about Christ, take the Lord's Supper, to worship and pray. These growing, young disciples, our current & future leaders, left determined to share God's love with their peers throughout this community.

HELP HAPPENS HERE!

Just a little bit of help, at the right moment, goes a long way to providing hope. In the first quarter of 2016, we've helped **30 thousand people** with food, clothes, and financial support.

These are ordinary people who receive help **because you give.** Your financial gifts each month truly make a difference. Thank you!



After an evening storm.