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MOVING FROM SPRING INTO SUMMER

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**Tillie Burgin,
Director**

Pray with us as our "tent revivals" begin in late May.

"This is the day the Lord has made and we will rejoice." We get to rejoice in each day because of the way you continue to provide, so that the people in our city are getting to experience a better life.

For example, yesterday, a lady ran after me in the alley to say,

"Don't I look nice? I just got my job, and I am all dressed up in clothes from the clothing room. I have a permanent address now, because Mission Arlington helped me with the deposit, and then I needed help getting my things to my new apartment, and you sent a truck. I am coming

back to volunteer as soon as I get settled."

I am always so grateful when we get to see the evidence of your generosity. The needs here are great and when you stop by and visit, I usually hear things like, "Wow, look at all the people! How do the people know to come?" The word is out on the street, "We are cared for at Mission Arlington; we feel important; they don't judge us because of our circumstances; they prayed with me."

Thank you, thank you, and thank you.

We do love you.




Attendance nears 10,000 at "Rainbow Express"



"Rainbow Express" is Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex's version of a back yard Bible club. Bible stories, Scripture songs, Scripture memorization, crafts, activities, and games all come together to form what we call *Rainbow Express*.

Since March, **40 different groups** (833 people) have come from **9 different states** to help out. 4,444 children in 97 different locations attended at least one event. Total attendance reached nearly **10,000 children** (9,640), and 278 children and teenagers accepted Christ.



Arlington's Mayor, the Honorable Dr. Robert N. Cluck, and the Arlington City Council pay tribute to *Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex*, proclaiming Tuesday April 6, 2004 as "**TILLIE BURGIN DAY.**" The Mayor made the presentation in honor of Mission Arlington at a banquet hosted by Lake Arlington Baptist Church.

Online donations Available

Every gift means so much to us, and it makes a difference. You can send your support via the enclosed return envelope or by making a secure donation online at www.missionarlington.org. Click "online donations" and follow the instructions.

400 PEOPLE VISIT ONLINE EACH DAY!

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- You can check in every day to find out what is going on by reading the “daily update.”
- You can read the news items each day to learn about specific events which often won't be covered any other way.
- You can read stories about real people whose lives have been changed, because of Mission Arlington.
- You can sign up to receive regular e-mail prayer grams from Tillie.
- And, you can support the work of the *Mission* by giving a donation online.

YOU MADE EASTER SUCCESSFUL!



3,000 children attended our Easter egg hunt. You provided 60,000 eggs.

1,300 people came to our Easter store. Throughout the Easter week we were able to tell the Easter story to more than 3,000 people.

39 people made decisions for Christ, and 22 people were baptized on Easter Sunday.

TAKING CARE OF CHILDREN



Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex takes students to and from school five days a week throughout the school year.

The students that ride the bus live too close to the school to be picked up by the Arlington Independent School District, but still have to cross dangerous intersections in order to arrive safely in the classroom.

Randy Lawrence drives one of these buses, and he tells us that he is having the “time of his life.” Randy drives children from several apartments on Peach Street across Collins to get to Webb and Speer elementary schools. It takes two runs each morning, and two in the afternoon, to deliver the more than 150 children who ride the bus each day.

The children can't wait to see “Mr. Randy,” and get their daily hug and a word of encouragement. In fact, Randy is much more than a bus driver to these children and their families. Randy has become their minister. He spends time listening to the children, and he makes time to play a supporting role in their lives, both in school and at home.

Randy has been with Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex for nearly three years now. Like all of the *Mission* staff, Randy works at least 2 jobs. In addition to driving the bus, Randy keeps all of the *Mission* vehicles running. He also pastors the growing English speaking congregation which meets on Peach Street.

We are grateful to God for Randy and for each of you who make his work possible.

FOOD DRIVE BENEFITS THE MISSION



Curves for Women owner Micki Hunt displays a portion of the **1,700 pounds of food** donated by Curves members to the *Mission*.

This collection for the mission was a result of the Second Annual “*Food for Friends*” drive. *Curves* is located in Arlington.