

# MISSION ARLINGTON MISSION METROPLEX™

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Taking Church to the People.

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## Christmas at the Mission!★



The **Christmas Store** begins December 13th and ends December 23rd (Closed Sundays). Hours of Operation: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### NEEDS THROUGH CHRISTMAS EVE

- ★ **New and/or nearly new toys** for our Christmas Store. We are expecting to help more than 28,000 children and youth for Christmas.
- ★ **Volunteers** to help us stock, organize, and run the Christmas store. We need you anytime you can come.
- ★ **Clothes** to help keep people warm, such as coats, sweaters, and blankets. **Food**, such as hams, turkeys, and canned vegetables.



Opening Day at the Christmas Store

## Thanksgiving★

My heart is filled with gratitude and thanksgiving for you. Yes, we are here 7 days a week wanting to make sure we do not miss anyone who comes to us in need and desperate for help. One of the volunteers told me today that at least 25 percent of the people we are seeing now are coming because they have lost their jobs and have never been here before. One was asking for furniture because he had to sell everything to pay his rent. Please know you are making a difference with every resource you provide.



A group of children stopped by this week to say; "We are not having a birthday party for ourselves. We are asking everyone who would buy us birthday presents to give to Mission Arlington" The little group of girls brought in \$75.00 in lieu of receiving gifts for themselves. Wow! What hearts! Thank you young people.

I know you are walking along beside us and giving as you can. Love you and thank you as we go through these days together.

*Jillie*

## Prayer Angels★

A new sculpture, given to Mission Arlington, is proudly displayed in the prayer garden. The plaque reads, "And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me." Matthew 18:15.



## Mbresa's New Smile ★

11 year-old Mbresa's tooth had been missing for many years. Kids constantly laughed at and made fun of her. Recently, her mom brought MBresa to the **Allan Saxe Dental Clinic**. Volunteer dentists at the clinic did some work orthodontically to open up a space large enough to support a front tooth that fit in aesthetically with her other teeth. Then they created a tooth for her that would match up nicely. **Mbresa's smile tells the whole story.**



## My Changed Life ★ by Mary



I had just lost my mom and dad. I was feeling pretty disconnected, down, and alone when someone knocked on my door. It was Marci from Mission Arlington inviting me to come to the Mission Arlington church which met in my apartment complex. For some reason, I just couldn't say no.

I began attending the Bible study each week where I learned about Jesus in a new way. I asked Him to come into my life. Amazingly, everything began to change for me.

Today, I work at Mission Arlington and serve on the Bible study team with Marci. Now I am the one who gets to knock on doors every week and invite people to church.

**My life has changed. God is my Father now, and in Mission Arlington, He has given me a whole new family.**

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## Community Support ★



Auto Trader Volunteers



Green Oaks Students



Faith Christian School Students

**Mission Arlington/  
Mission Metroplex  
enjoys the wonderful  
community support  
of volunteer  
groups throughout  
the year!**

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Mission Arlington depends upon you and your support, especially in these difficult economic times. Your help is needed, and we are grateful for it.