

BEAUTIFUL FEET MISSION TRIP 2020 (continued)

As you can see, our construction team really pulled together and got things accomplished all for the glory of God.

Another important team for both weeks in Fort Worth was the outreach to the children. In early January we were still searching for the right people to lead the **Children's Ministry** and God brought the perfect people for the job. In January, the team was led by Amy Gideon from FBC, Cherokee. She writes:

On January 18, 2020, I was given the opportunity to serve the Lord, alongside Beautiful Feet Ministries in Fort Worth, Texas. I was able to share the Gospel of Salvation and the love of Christ, with over 60 children during the Kids Club gathering held at the Iglesia Bautista Victoria en Christ Church. The afternoon activities got underway in the gymnasium. All of the children, along with some help from a team of wonderful volunteers, gathered together where I was able to share the Gospel and show them how great God's love is for each and every one of us. The Bible tells us we can be made new, free from all sin, by way of salvation through Jesus Christ. I was able to demonstrate this by using a hard-boiled egg which was cluttered up with markings of different sins. Then, being forgiven as the outer shell was peeled away and last, peeking through a hole in the center to reveal the yolk, as being the light, filled with the Holy Spirit as we learn to walk and grow in Christ. The session ended with an offer of salvation, that was accepted, many seeds were planted and hearts were eager to hear more! Next, the children were separated in groups by age as they rotated through sessions that involved making salvation bracelets. Then followed by learning how to get their "Church Clap" on in the music session. They had a chance to catch their breath at snack time and finally off to a running jump to the bounce houses where they could jump from sin and into joy through Jesus! Once everyone was tired and worn out, it was time to wrap things up by getting on the Big Blue Toe and bused back to their homes where they could share what they learned with their families. For me, my heart will forever be changed by this one afternoon on that bus, as the kids were being taken home. On the way, I sat with a young man and we began to talk about the things he enjoyed and learned during the afternoon. As we talked, this young man was desperate for more answers on how to be saved. He said he was scared and thought being saved was too hard to do, as he began to sob. I knew God placed me right where I was needed on that bus. God gave me the words to say and He gave that young man the courage to ask for salvation right there on the bus. When I was finished praying, he looked at me and told me he wanted to be saved so he could live right because he feared that someday he would end up in prison like his father. This day will be one that I will hold close to my heart for a lifetime. All glory be given to God, as I praise Him, for He is Holy and Worthy. What an awesome God I serve!! The proof is God loves every one of us and wants us to see ourselves as He sees us. I am a sinner, yet God still used me on that bus. God restored the joy in this little boy's heart and lovingly, freely gave him an eternity free from fear. No sin is too big or too great to overcome, at the cross, by the blood of Jesus Christ. God promises us that it is free to everyone, no one will be denied. However, He leaves it up to us to ask for it.

And it doesn't stop there. During the February Children's outreach, Susan Touchton led the team and this is what she shares about that Saturday afternoon:

During the weekend of February 14-16, 2020, our team was able to minister to 32 kids from the projects of Fort Worth. They were able to enjoy bounce houses provided by the association as well as snacks, games, but most importantly, they got to hear the Gospel. One of our team members shared his testimony, which in turn prompted several questions from the kids. While returning the kids to their homes, our team was able to pray with a group of people that were having a birthday party for their daughter. Our team truly stepped out in boldness and faith, sharing the Gospel.

*Praying at the
birthday party!*



Everyone helped the **Street Ministry Team** this year on both trips. It was a blessing to see so many new people go out for the first time and pray for those needing prayer. In January, we had a youth event on Friday. It went really well and we have already started talks about next year's youth event. In February, almost everyone went out to the streets for dog drops. (This is a sack meal of hot dog, chips, and water) There were many stories of how amazing God is and how many people were impacted by those they ministered to. We handed out about 700 hygiene packs along with handmade beanies and scarves to keep them warm. Also, over 30 crocheted plastic mats were given to those sleeping on the cold ground and we thank those who helped to put them together. I'd say we handed out even more prayers!

The **Clothing Team** was also a great group who worked tirelessly behind the scene sorting through mountains of clothes, shoes, blankets, and items to help the homeless. This is the first year we got to work out of the new clothing distribution area which was previously the old pantry and kitchen. It is so nice to have everything in ONE place and shelves that line the entire area. We spent 3 hours Friday night just straightening out the sorting



room and folding clothes that had slipped off of shelves. Then on Saturday our faithful group of six started pulling out sacks that needed sorted and placed on proper shelves. Several times through the day, other groups would come in and help (and to warm up) and then back to other ministries. We appreciated all the help because it was a huge job. By the end of the day, every shelf was filled and the overflow shelves were full too. And there is still one big room of sacks still to sort through. See the picture. But that will have to wait for another group on another weekend. It was so great to have so much to pass out on Sunday to the homeless. These clothes and shoes help to fill a great need and also open doors to share the Gospel. Thanks for giving to this ministry.

So, this will conclude my report on the 2020 Beautiful Mission Trip to Fort Worth, Texas. I appreciate everyone who sent their own words about their team because it truly is a team effort. God has such a way to take us imperfect, undisciplined humans who can't even remember what day it is . . . and use our strengths and weaknesses for His Glory! And by going to serve others, we come away from the experienced changed and totally blessed as well.

It is time for you to mark your calendar for the 2021 Beautiful Feet Mission Trip and make plans now to come with us to Fort Worth.

Trip #1 is set for January 22 – 24, 2021

Trip #2 is set for February 12 – 14, 2021

Of course, these could change depending on the situation of our world then but we can still plan and set our minds to go and make a difference for the LORD!

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If you have any questions or want to know how you can help with preparations for the trip to Beautiful Feet, call or text me at 620-762-0240.