

Missions Team 2018 Annual Report

It is a privilege to report to you all that God has done through our association and cooperation together throughout the year. The Missions Team serves the Cherokee Strip Baptist Association in the areas of partnership missions, church planting, evangelism, Associational Children's Camp and VBS.

In October of 2017, our CSBA mission team traveled to Guerrero, Mexico, to join our partners in "The Sierra" (Spanish for mountain range) for a week of witnessing and evangelism. During the week of October 28 - November 4, 2017, a nine member team, from five different churches, proclaimed the good news of Jesus Christ through preaching and singing at daily gospel services. They visited different villages every day, preaching the gospel at small gatherings and visiting from home to home. They visited 12 different villages and recorded 28 salvations during the week! During the week of August 20-23, 2018, three of our church pastors returned to the mountains to continue the partnership work. They strengthened the partnership and prepared for future trips to Mexico in both the fall and spring.

Associational Children's Camp was held at Falls Creek, May 27- June 2, 2018, with ten participating churches bringing campers to our Association cabins. Two great pastors led as camp directors; Kelly Russell, Enid, First, and Bryan Laramore, Ames, with many wonderful sponsors and pastors from the participating churches. Total camp attendance at the camp was 7,116 with 736 recorded decisions (525 salvations) with many first-time decisions in our cabins. We appreciate all those that serve our children during Associational Children's Camp.

The Missions team also is pleased to welcome our newest church, Open Door Church to Enid, currently meeting at OBA. Pastor Kevin Hisey and church had their successful launch in September. The Missions team looks forward to future church plants in our area. In conclusion, may God be pleased as the believers in all our churches of Cherokee Strip Baptist Association echo the heart-cry of Paul in Acts 20:24 "But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God."

Thank you and may the gospel go forth to the nations for His glory!

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