

## **2025 PRAYER GUIDE**

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR TEXAS MISSIONS

## PRAY FOR TEXAS

2025 Week of Prayer for Texas Missions: September 14-21, 2025

For more than 100 years, WMU of Texas and the Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions have brought believers together to touch countless lives through prayer and generosity.

This week, you will meet eight ministry partners who have been impacted by your prayers and gifts. Each story will contain details about their ministry and prayer requests.

God is moving in new and exciting ways across our state and we are grateful that you have joined us on this journey because *Together, We are Texas Missions*.

Let's Pray Together.

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## INTERCULTURAL YOUTH MINISTRIES

Camp Fusion was an amazing experience for the Grace Haitian Baptist youth. They had the chance to truly open up to each other, reflecting on sharing their personal stories, struggles, and breakthroughs in Christ. During small group discussions and worship sessions, they created a safe space where they could be supportive and vulnerable with one another. The openness at camp strengthened their bond and brought the youth group closer together in faith and in their relationship with the Lord.

The Grace Haitian youth are now more active and eager to do the work of God as a community!

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Pray for the Texas Baptists Office of Intercultural Ministries in their work assisting new cultural groups relocating to Texas.
- Pray for wisdom as Intercultural Ministries leadership consults and leads in new strategies for Intercultural churches as they contextually build youth programs.
- Intercultural youth live on the fringe of youth culture and are very isolated. Pray for their spiritual growth and a deeper dependence on Christ.

Contact the Office of Intercultural Ministries at *mark.heavener@txb.org* or 281-728-8585 for more ways to be involved.



## TEXAS BAPTISTS MISSIONARIES

During this year's Spring Break, a group of 36 students and leaders from Wayland Baptist University, along with members from Ransom Canyon Fellowship Church and First Baptist Church of Crosbyton, embarked on a mission trip to Reynosa, Mexico, led by Texas Baptists River Missionary Victor Hugo Castillo.

As the team ministered at the Senda de Vida Immigrant Shelter, they encountered a Haitian couple, Dany Louis and Robens Joseph, who shared their traumatic journey through Mexico, including a harrowing experience of being kidnapped.

Amidst their trials, both expressed a sincere desire to align their lives with their faith, confessing their sins and seeking to marry as a step towards obedience to God. Their story culminated in a wedding ceremony that was a living picture of the gospel.

"In a place marked by displacement and uncertainty, God brought covenant, joy, and the light of His presence. This wedding will not soon be forgotten by anyone who witnessed it, and it stands as a powerful reminder: God is working in shelters, on borders, and in the hearts of those the world might overlook."

— Pastor Victor Hugo Castillo, Texas Baptists River Missionary

- Pray that Texas Baptists Missionaries will have opportunities to share the Gospel.
- Pray for effective discipleship for those who come to know Jesus.
- Pray for the missionaries and for those to whom they minister.



## 'LA MANO DE DIOS' SOCCER OUTREACH MINISTRY

Darlene, a 17-year-old girl, comes from a home shattered by drug abuse. Despite her challenging past, Darlene and her sisters have been baptized and have chosen to follow Christ. Although they have faced conflicts due to their decision, they have been actively supporting and serving in various areas and events at High Pointe Church. Through the High Pointe Español Soccer Outreach Program, which saw 11 professions of faith last year, Darlene and her sisters have become welcomed, active members and feel a strong sense of inclusiveness.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for all the people who made a profession of faith through the Hispanic Soccer Outreach ministry.
- Pray for the health, safety, and wisdom of the ministry coordinators who serve
  in the communities through this outreach.

Email Texas Baptists en Español Director Rolando Rodriguez at *rolando.rodriguez@txb.org* for more information.



## CAMPUS OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in Edinburg, provides an outreach on campus called "Friendship Bracelets." Once a week, a group of Baptist Student Ministry (BSM) students meet on campus and invite students to create *friendship bracelets*. Through this ministry, the students share the gospel with those making bracelets. Jocelyn, a BSM student, shared the gospel with Michelle while making a bracelet. Michelle surrendered her life to the Lord and joined the BSM students on a mission trip to South Padre Island for Beach Reach. During this trip, Michelle was baptized. Today, Michelle is growing in her spiritual walk, has joined a church, attends a Bible study, and now helps with the campus outreach friendship bracelet ministry.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that more students would respond to God's call to serve on the campus as campus missionaries who will share Christ with students who do not know Him.
- Pray for the local BSM staff and students as they meet and invite students through outreach events.
- Pray that God would open doors into areas of the campus that are not being reached – athletes, fraternities and sororities, and music and fine arts students.

Contact *txbsm.org* for more information on how to be involved with Campus Outreach and Evangelism.



## WESTERN HERITAGE ARENA OUTREACH

Behind The Chutes Cowboy Church recently purchased an arena for ministry. During the process of developing this ministry and the arena, Johnny McIntyre and his family joined the church and expressed interest in the church's chuckwagon ministry.

In addition to the existing cook shack at the church, a new one is being constructed at the arena. This expansion allows the church to provide up to two meals per month and serve dinner every Wednesday night during youth and adult Bible study. A small meal is generously offered by the new Chuckwagon ministry leader, Johnny McIntyre, along with his family.

On Easter Sunday, the McIntyre family took a big step in their faith by being baptized. Johnny, along with his wife and their 12-year-old son, accepted Christ into their lives and hearts through the arena's outreach ministry.

Through your gifts to the Mary Hill Davis Offering, the church's arena ministry is able to share the Word of God in a unique way beyond the traditional church.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that the "Learning the Ropes" Bibles are well-received and that lives are changed through Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the safety and strength of those who give of their time and resources to fulfill their God-given callings.
- Pray the people attending the outreach/evangelism events will be receptive to hearing about Jesus.

Contact *james.mcleod@txb.org* or 903-249-2701 for locations of cowboy churches and how to be involved.



## CHURCH STARTING MINISTRY

New Church Start Naciones Para Cristo Ministry led by Pastor Marcio Vieira received Mary Hill Davis Offering support to hold a community-wide Children's event last September.

Pastor Vieira shared, "This event was a great way to show the community we cared and an opportunity to show God's love to the children through a petting zoo, Biblical costumes, and Bible stories. The kids had an awesome time, and we couldn't have done it without your support."

Thank you for supporting new churches like Naciones Para Cristo through your gifts to Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions. Your gifts made an eternal impact on the lives of those in the church and community.

- Pray for the Church Starting team to identify communities in need of new churches.
- Pray for the hearts of people in new communities to be opened and prepared for the Gospel.
- Pray for partner churches to come alongside new church plants to help with ministry and leadership.



# WAVE CAMP AFRICAN-AMERICAN MINISTRIES YOUTH & NEXT GEN

In 2024, Victory Missionary Baptist Church (VMBC) of Las Vegas, Nevada, flew 40 members of their youth group to Texas to gather at Wave, a camp experience to help African-American students grow stronger spiritually, socially, and mentally.

Former Director of African American Ministries, Oza Jones, stated the group seized every opportunity during their visit to Texas to share the gospel, creating time in their schedule between sessions to visit local entertainment districts and hand out gospel tracts.

Shekinah Rose Wilson, a high school senior at VMBC, expressed that WAVE stood out from other conferences she's attended because of the inviting and genuine atmosphere.

"The energy from the first night was unmatched. There were no kids afraid to be vulnerable and open to accepting God into their lives, which was so refreshing."

For the leadership at Victory Baptist, it was an amazing experience to witness their youth receive and pour into all that God had prepared for them at WAVE.

- Pray for the parents of Wave camp students as their children put into practice the strategies they have learned at camp.
- Pray for all students who will attend Camp Exalted/WAVE.
- Pray for the facilitators who will teach and train students and leaders.



## **WMU OF TEXAS**

For more than 100 years, WMU of Texas and the Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions have brought believers together to touch countless lives through prayer and generosity. This week, you have met seven ministry partners impacted by your prayers and gifts.

WMU of Texas also provides ministry opportunities through:

- missions discipleship resources for adults and children
- ministry partnerships
- · Women's Build, a home-building project
- · Christian Job Corps sites impacting women and men
- · disciple-making events for multicultural churches
- WMU of Texas Border Ministry Missionary, Vanessa Lerma
- and more.

Thank you for your prayers and gifts to the Mary Hill Davis Offering. Visit *wmutx.org* to learn more.

- Pray as WMU of Texas disciple-makers impact their communities by engaging in local missions
- Pray for WMU of Texas partners around the state. Pray for the WMU of Texas Women's Build project and the family receiving the home.
- Pray for missional disciple-makers around the world. Pray that God will open doors for Gospel conversations, and pray for those on mission to find the Persons of Peace who will help build relationships with all tongues, peoples, nations, and tribes to hear about the love of Jesus.



Mary Hill Davis, president of WMU of Texas from 1906 to 1931, believed Texas was a vast mission field, and that immigrants needed to know Jesus just as much as citizens.

Mary's heart for missions and people was evident in everything she did. Not only did she stir women to give and pray for missions through a week of prayer campaign, but she also encouraged leaders to take care of orphans, schools in Texas, as well as China, and retired pastors living in poverty. During her leadership as president, statewide giving increased by \$1.2 million dollars.

Mary Hill Davis passed away on November 24, 1934, and during a memorial service held at the WMU Convention of Houston in 1935, the State Missions Offering was re-named the Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions.

Today, Mary's remarkable leadership continues to inspire Texas Baptists to give, pray and serve. Thank you for supporting Texas Missions.

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Understanding that missions is what believers do to reach beyond the needs of their congregations to witness and minister for the purpose of fulfilling the Great Commission, WMU of Texas designed the Mary Hill Davis Offering® to advance Texas Baptists missions in leading people to know Christ and developing a missional lifestyle.

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