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In keeping with goals set in 2017, the Heart of Texas Baptist Network and its Coordinating Board approved a revised budget for 2018 in the January Board Meeting. This includes the creation and staffing of a new position - Network Director of Communications.

The Heart of Texas Baptist Network is pleased to announce that Angelia Bostick has assumed this part-time position as of February, 2018.

Angelia comes to us from a lifetime of service in the community as a NAMB missionary, director of two faith-based non-profits, community leader, and equipper of disciples. She understands the work of the Network and the local churches.

Angelia worked with the Association as a Mission Service Corps volunteer from 1991-1993 in the development and organization of Good Samaritan Ministries and served as its first director from 1993-2016. She has also served on the organizing boards of other local non-profits such as CWJC, CASA, Brownwood Area Community Garden, Loaves and Fishes and Brown County Home Solutions. She is an excellent communicator and we very much look forward to working with her on our Network staff and team. We believe that Angelia will help us address the single biggest administrative need we have in the Network —communication — to the local churches, our communities, and

leaders. Angelia will oversee all official office communication, including newsletter production and website development.

We want to thank Roberto Limon for serving in this capacity over the past couple of years. During this time he did initial work on our website and designed the newsletter. He also provided IT assistance to this office. Roberto is now working full time at Kohler and has a desire to spend more time with his son and serve as a coach on his son's sports teams. We appreciate his dedication and years of service. "Thank you, Roberto!"



MACEDONIA



Network Missionary, Don Fawcett, traveled with Neill Trull, former pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Brownwood, to [Macedonia](#). They departed DFW airport on February 19, 2018 and returned on March 4. This trip was a strategic probe and follow-up on the previous three trips conducted during 2017. The team spoke in churches in the following Macedonian cities: Marvinci, Negotino, Kumanovo, Skopje (capital city), and Gevgelija. They also visited two cities where there are **no** evangelical churches: Tetovo and Gostivar. The Macedonian church leaders are reaching out to these cities and raising up indigenous leaders to plant churches. While there, Don and Neill preached and taught, listened to and prayed with leaders, and offered encouragement. They took field notes to evaluate how the Heart of Texas Network might continue a strategic

MISSION NEWS

Sharing the Gospel, Living Its Truth
From Everywhere, To Everywhere,
For Everyone

TEXAS

The Heart of Texas Baptist Network has released \$5,000 to the [First Baptist Church of Port Aransas](#), Texas to provide furnishings to bring their church up to a workable condition. This will allow the church to purchase 25 folding tables, 100 padded chairs, and children's playground equipment.

We want to thank all of the churches that have given so sacrificially to the Disaster Relief offering for Hurricane Harvey. Clean-up and restoration continues on the Texas coast. The pastors, members, and leaders of this great church very much appreciate your gifts as a tangible expression of your love and care for them as brothers and sisters in the faith.



NIGERIA



A team will return to Nigeria in June of 2018. This team includes Don and Bobbie Fawcett, Jennifer Goins, Chelsey Jones, and Etlia Van Horn. Bobbie teaches children with special needs and will work with educators there to strengthen their programs. She will also evaluate books for a children's reading library that will serve the community of [Egbe](#), Nigeria and the [CARE Africa](#) ministry.

Jennifer, Chelsey and Etlia are Registered Nurses in the state of Texas and travelled with the Network to Nigeria in 2016. Etlia holds a Masters in Nursing and is a nursing instructor at Ranger College. These ladies will conduct clinics in the Nigerian bush among the [Tiv](#) people group. These clinics offer AIDS screening, general health screening, and de-worming medication to the village children.

A tangible way to be a part of this team is to provide financial assistance to offset

nurses. Please send donations to the Network Office and put in the memo, "Nigeria Mission-Team." All designated monies will be divided among the team members unless a church designates for a specific missionary, in which case they can make that clear with an attached note or letter stating the name of the missionary.

We want to give churches, Sunday School groups, children and adult mission groups an opportunity to partner with this medical team. Following is a list of ways you and your church can partner with the team:

Medical Clinics/Outreach:

- *\$ donations for Antibiotics and other prescription medications that must be purchased in Nigeria and are greatly needed.

- *\$ donations to assist with assisting caregivers with rent and food packages.

- *\$ donations for classroom supplies such as paint, chairs, classroom furniture, classroom laptop, hard drive storage, and other needed classroom supplies.

- *\$ donations for sports ministry material that need to be purchased in Nigeria due to size/weight.

Classroom supplies:

- * Bulletin board borders
- * Coloring story books
- * Writing materials – colors, pencils, pens, map colors
- *

Sports Ministry program:

- * Soccer jerseys
- * Soccer balls
- * Soccer net

Medical Clinics &
Medical Outreach
Evangelism:



- * Acetaminophen (Tylenol) 500 mg tablets
- * Acetaminophen Extended Release (Tylenol Arthritis) 650 mg tablets
- * Ibuprofen (Motrin) 200mg
- * Benadryl 25mg tablets
- * Chlorpheniramine 4 mg tablets
- * Cimetidine (Pepcid) 200mg tablets
- * Omeprazole (Prilosec) 20mg
- * Ranitine (Zantac) 150mg
- * Zyrtec or Claritin 10mg
- * Tolfnafate cream (Tinactin)
- * Aspirin 81mg and 325mg
- * Hydrocortisone cream
- * Triple antibiotic ointment
- * Docusate Sodium (Colace)
- * Iron 65mg/Ferrous sulfate 325mg
- * Tums
- * Loperamide HCL (Immodium)
- * Old reading/prescription glasses
- * Pedialyte/Gatorade dry packets
- * Band-aids- all sizes
- * Toothbrushes/toothpastes
- * Diabetic lancets (pokers)

Donations may be dropped off at the Missions Office between April 30-May 25 to be inventoried and packed for the trip. The office is open 8 am to 4 pm Monday—Friday.



BUDGET NEWS

In church year 2017, Network churches received \$8,168,247 in tithes and offerings. Churches shared \$149,148, or 1.83%, with the Network Office to accomplish our goals and mission.

At the end of 2017, the account balances were as follows:

General Fund \$18,637.46
Mission Fund \$77,561.00

The Heart of Texas Baptist Network was able to retire the debt they carried on the Citizen's Bank loan taken out to remodel the former Jones Chapel church building in which we now office. This allowed the establishment of a new budget for 2018, which restored some of the cuts made in 2017. We feel this budget demonstrates renewed financial strength in the Network.

2018 General Budget

Income

Churches	\$122,942.00
HPU Lease	\$ 19,644.00
BGCT	\$ 7,000.00
Individuals	\$ 500.00
Other	\$ 220.00
	<u>\$150,306.00</u>

Expenses

Discipleship	\$ 1,975.00
Missions & Evangelism	\$ 7,000.00
Operations	\$ 34,200.00
Personnel	<u>\$107,197.50</u>
	<u>\$150,372.50</u>

Over/Under \$ -66.50



Ministerial Fellowship

On February 15, eleven faith leaders met at noon to discuss the possibility and interest in forming a Brown County Ministerial Fellowship. The meeting was held at the Network office and was facilitated by Dr. Jerry Bowers.

Believing that God has called the Body of Christ to unity and believing that they can work together and fellowship together in agreement on the broad based fundamentals of the faith, it was agreed that they would begin to meet monthly on the last Thursday of the month at the Network office for a time of fellowship and relationship-building. The next meeting will be held March 29th at noon.

NETWORK
"A group of people or organizations that are closely connected and that work with each other"

Merriam-Webster

NETWORK CHURCHES

Board, Comanche
FBC Comanche
Comyn, DeLeon
FBC DeLeon

East Side Baptist, Comanche
Emmanuel Baptist, Gustine
Good Shepherd, Comanche

FBC Gustine
Liberty Baptist, DeLeon
Mt. Pleasant, Comanche
Proctor Baptist
Sidney Baptist

Sweetwater, Comanche
Primera Iglesia Mision, DeLeon
Bagget Creek Mission, Gustine
Zion Hill, Comanche
Comanche Co Cowboy Church

FBC Bangs
Bethel, Zephyr
FBC Blanket
Brookesmith
FBC Brownwood

Calvary, Brownwood
Center City, Goldthwaite
Central, Brownwood
Coggin Ave., Brownwood
Concord, Bangs

High Mesa Cowboy, Bwd
FBC Cross Plains
Crossroads, Brownwood
FBC Early

Fellowship, Goldthwaite
FBC Goldthwaite
Greater Faith, Brownwood
Grosvenor, Brownwood

Heart of Texas Cowboy, Bwd
Iglesia Nueva Vida, Bwd
Lakeview, Brownwood
FBC Lake Brownwood

Little Zion Missionary, Bwd
FBC May
Primera Iglesia, Brownwood
Mt. Zion, Brownwood

FBC Mullin
Northridge, Early
Pleasant Grove, May
Priddy Baptist

Rocky Creek, Brownwood
Salt Creek, Early
Southside, Brownwood
Star Baptist

Victory, Brownwood
FBC Zephyr
FBC Mission, Brownwood
FBC Cherokee

High Valley, San Saba
Parkview, San Saba
FBC Richland Springs
Pecan Grove, San Saba
FBC San Saba

Primera Calvario, San Saba
Iglesia de Bien Pastor, San Saba

Important Dates

March 25	Palm Sunday
March 29	Maundy Thursday
March 30	Good Friday
April 1	Easter
May 20	Pentecost

WE JUST WANT TO SAY... THANK YOU!

We want to thank all of the churches for supporting the work of the Heart of Texas Baptist Network. We pray we are making a difference at home and across the world in the expansion of the kingdom of God. We pray that you and your church might consider giving in 2018. The Network Missionary Don, or Angelia, or any member of the Coordinating Board would love to visit with your church, your mission team or set up a private meeting to share the story, the vision, the

OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES

The work of the Network is accomplished in partnership with churches in Brown, Callahan, Comanche, Mills and San Saba counties. We encourage all churches to financially support the work of the Network. This can be done through budgeted giving and/or special offerings.

- ◆ We want to support the Network by giving _____% of our monthly offerings each ____ month; ____ quarter ____ semi-annually
- ◆ We want to support the Network by giving \$_____ monthly.
- ◆ We also want to support the work in ____ Macedonia ____ Nigeria
____ Texas: Disaster Relief ____ Where needed most

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