



March 2019

Mission Grant Story

RECONNECT to the Body of Christ
- \$50,000

Did you know that the United States is the third largest mission field in the world? Hard to believe but unfortunately all too true. But, think of the opportunity to share the Gospel right here in our own backyard!

There is no place more in need of missionaries than in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas on the Mexican border. This area of Brownsville is the lowest socio-economic area in the US as of 2015 with 35% of all households living in poverty, and the majority of these people is Hispanic and unchurched. A large part of the problem is that we, like most Americans, do not know our neighbors. We need to reconnect!

The harvest is plentiful, the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, send the workers into His harvest field ... (Luke 10:2).

In 2013 the Texas District Circuit 28 began to put together a plan to reach out to struggling churches and communities to bring the Word of Jesus to the lost. This will be accomplished

in several ways: putting a newly hired church worker to work in the circuit, not just in one church, with the circuit sharing the cost and the benefit; starting Christian mission ministry outreach programs to raise up leaders from the youth and young adults; building campus relationships on the four college campuses in the area through Bible classes and fellowship; and partnering with local ministries to target the poor and needy immigrants and refugees.

The goal is to bring the Good News of Jesus through these new relationships with students, congregations, and the community using the missional training programs provided through this grant. The beauty of this idea is in sharing resources – trained church workers for the circuit – and using existing ones in new ways such as ESL classes and literacy programs in local congregations. These ideas bring people together and establish new relationships, sharing the love of Jesus with them. The grant will provide for startup costs, training materials, scholarships,

transportation costs, and other expenses to
train new leaders to go and make disciples.
Praise God!

