

## District Superintendent's Report

Dr. Chambo, Pastors and their Families, and N/E Texas District Family,

I bring my fourth report to you on behalf of a great team of men and women who have served faithfully in their assignments across this great district. I am grateful to be able to serve another year with you. Each one of our servants have had what no doubt has been a truly unusual year for all people across this part of Texas. Each pastor has had to lead the church through a very challenging time - times that no one has ever experienced before. Times where you could say no one had prior experience to help us through these kinds of days. Pandemic and civil unrest has made us rethink who we are as a "Church" and what God is calling us to do in these days. He has brought change upon us and I am glad to say that our committed leaders have done an excellent **job** leading their church family in these challenging days.

Again. I am honored to work alongside others who have been a huge help in the day to day operation of the district. We have had many decisions to make and it has been my privilege to have a district leadership team to help navigate through these decisions. All the boards and auxiliary teams have done an outstanding job in their oversight of their ministry. They have had to make adjustments in cancelling events and meetings, and in working through what new (or additional) steps to take in these changing times. Who would have ever thought this kind of change would have caused us to rethink church and district ministries? But each one has led in an excellent way. As always, a great thank you for Montie and Sheri Brown in keeping the office managed. They have the answer to many of your questions. They are truly awesome servants to our district family.

I just want to highlight a few items to brag on our team. Financially, together we did not see much of a decline in our giving. You were faithful to share your giving with the four areas of ministry: P&B, SNU, District, WEF. Thank you for your faithfulness to these important areas.

We were able to assist several churches again this year in their time of need. That is what teams do. We support when we provide. .

<u>FUND</u>	<u>GIVEN</u>	<u>% of GOAL</u>
World Evangelism Fund	\$ 363,538	97%
Pensions & Benefits	150,572	95%
Education / SNU	145,103	92%
District Support	295,513	92%

As I was preparing months ago for this year's assembly, I sought from the Lord what focus he wanted me to use for this year's report. He clearly stated to me that He wanted me to continue our theme from last assembly: We're All About the One. I have been to many assemblies over the course of my years in ministry and each year a DS would give another, different challenge for us for the upcoming year. As God spoke to my heart, He said to continue this theme so we could truly see the things which God was doing as we stayed the course. My heart wants to see us continue this path so we can observe what a marathon - and not a sprint - looks like. Many of your reports were encouraging. They reflected that many of you were using this theme and challenging your ministry to adopt this approach. We have seen encouraging results from your efforts. So, "no" I do not have a new challenge - but I do want to encourage and continue with what God has called us toward, working with a great team, doing all we can to Be About the One.

Pam and I want to express our heartfelt appreciation to each of you for your love and support. We sense a great morale among the District team. We sense a heart for service among each of you. Thank you for your love. Thank you for your service. Most of all thank you for your dedication to the team and to your call.

My leadership call to you for the 2020-21 year is to continue to Be About the One. Leading the people, serving, and developing a deeper awareness of what that means for your community. Encourage the people to reach out to others in fellowship and relationship building. My prayer is that we do not return to the way we used to do it but to strive

to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit - for yourself and for each person under your leadership and beyond.

Pam and I are beginning to have fellowship with the neighbors on our block. Our neighbors are a very diverse group and we feel it is important to reach out our arms of fellowship in a drive to be more relational than just a wave from time to time.

God is giving us these opportunities to be a strong light in a very dark world. Let us not hide under a bushel (or the walls of our church) but let it shine through the door of opportunity that has been afforded us in these days. You did a great job leading His people under your care during this season. Let us come out of this season with a determination to not let an opportunity like this die down and slip away.

You are appreciated deeply - remember you are in always in our prayers.

We're All About the One

Respectfully Submitted,

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District Superintendent