

The goal of the Love, Learn, and Live mission ministry is to encourage all church members to develop a mission's lifestyle while providing opportunities for them to participate personally in mission projects. Following is an article written by **Becky Morgan** that highlights a recent Family Mission Trip she and her children had this summer and the many miracles they witnessed.

Thank you Becky for listening and accepting the invitation of God's call for your family.

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Summer Mission Miracles

By: Becky Morgan

During the week of July 4th my children and I traveled to Ardmore, OK to help build a church. Assisting in building churches has been a tradition in my family since I was in first grade and I was hungry to see God work in miraculous ways and for my children to see, with their own eyes, what He can do. They have served in mission work in Covington but I felt it was time for them expand their vision for service to another part of our country.

Our mission work involved the building of a new church start, Rawhide Cowboy Church of Carter County, Oklahoma. Upon arrival, we headed to the work site to learn what we would be doing during the week. We arrived to see a metal framed building with nothing inside. But what we would soon see is that this simple building, in the barren pasture, was not empty but full of miracles.

We would soon learn that what looked like just a barren pasture to us was actually not barren at all but a miracle. It seems that the church pastor learned about some land for sale that would be a perfect location for a new church start up but soon realized they could not afford it. The owner redirected him to another parcel of land and again the pastor knew the church couldn't afford this land either. However, during this time the owner asked the pastor to pray with her about the land. Forty days later, she called him and asked him to come see her. When he arrived, she had prepared the documents to give him the land at no charge, save the closing costs. *Miracle One: The Barren Pasture.*

Upon the acquisition of the land, the church was contacted by their town's Assembly of God Church who wished to help with the purchase of the foundation, metal frame and siding for the building. Rawhide's pastor calculated the cost would be around \$39,000 to build the new church but felt that with some cost saving efforts it could be built with \$35,000. The Assembly of God pastor took this information back to his congregation and special offerings were taken up during the next two weeks. The winter storms came through during this time and attendance only averaged about 75 each week but they were faithful with their giving and raised \$44,000. During this time, unknown to the Assembly of God members, Rawhide had made changes to their plans and the cost had risen to \$44,000. Upon learning of the increase in cost the Assembly of God pastor returned to his congregation to discuss the increase at which time a congregant stood and stated that God had given them \$44,000 and that money was for the Rawhide church. The church agreed and the money was sent to Rawhide to lay the foundation and put up the exterior walls and roof. *Miracle Number Two: The Little Church Who Wanted to Help.*

Each day began with group prayer and praise. Rawhide has little money available to purchase supplies so we prayed daily for God to provide the materials needed for the day's work. Lumber was very limited so our work was always focused on small areas in an effort to finish what we could. As the week progressed the lumber was running out quickly and concerns were growing. It was at this time that the lumber man showed up at the site. It seems that a deposit had been made at the lumberyard and he had a delivery. Later in the week, as lumber was again becoming a concern, the lumber man showed up again, right on time, with a lumber delivery because another deposit had made. *Miracle Three: Lumber, Lumber, Everywhere.*

It was July. It was hot. 110 degrees hot... Inside a metal building with no air conditioning HOT. But once again God met our needs. One of the members of our crew owns a company that transports heavy equipment. He was contacted during the week to move two air conditioners. He chose not to charge the client for the transport of the units in exchange for the use of the units during the week we were building. *Miracle Four: Cool Air... ahh.*

The owner of a construction company was a member of our crew. Later in the week one of his managers arrived, with a crew, to work with us on the church. With their help, we were able not only to frame out the bottom rooms but finish the decking on the upstairs of these rooms. Electrical boxes were also roughed out during the week. *Miracle Five: Doing More than We Planned...Accomplishing What God Had Planned.*

Do you want to see God work? Look for places where ministry is happening and join in. Want to see miracles? Look for them. Make yourself available. There are miracles everywhere, everyday. Maybe you'll see them right here at home or maybe you'll drive 15 hours to see them. God can use you if you are available. Are you?