

AUGUST

OAKS CHURCH

ALL IN REPORT

Lives are being changed as we continue to grow generations that transform communities!

In August, SAGU's Volleyball team came to Oaks Church. At the end of service, 2 girls from the team came down front to accept Christ as their Savior, and the rest of the team came with them to show their support. Afterwards, they all picked up Follow Jesus books so that they can do the study together and then they signed up to be baptized. Below is a testimony from one of the girls who was baptized by Coach Moore from SAGU:

'I accepted Jesus into my heart when I was seven, but I was always too scared or nervous when I was young to get baptized. I always feel Him speaking to me anytime there is a message on baptism and I feel convicted every time because I choose to say no to the One that always says yes to me. I finally realized that if I can't do the first act of obedience He asks me to do once I'm a believer, how else am I displeasing Him by blatantly ignoring His commands and voice. I have decided to show a public declaration that I am a follower of Christ and I will obey Him, even in the little things. This baptism is the first step of obedience I take on my journey to nurturing and bettering a relationship with Jesus!'

Next Generation

Below is a story from our Next Generation Partner, OneHope:

In their poor community of the Philippines, Grace and her family struggled just to keep food on the table. But when a local church began offering a youth club at her school, Grace began attending. They were studying the Book of Hope together, and she was learning so much. When she realized that the story of Jesus was true, and that He loved her ...Grace chose to follow Christ as Savior!

Grace and her family began attending the local church, which came alongside them as a concerned community and began assisting them financially. This has literally helped Grace stay in school — and helped pay for her dad's medical treatments, too. The entire family has also come to know Christ as Savior! We LOVE the Church coming together to equip the next generation!



Since its launch in 2013, The Bible App for Kids, created by OneHope, has had OVER 25 Million installs! Reaching children all over the world with God's Word!



In August, 84,000 children were given God's Word because of your All In giving to our partner, OneHope



209 children were fed all month through our feedONE partnership



20 volunteers were mobilized to take a meal to new foster families

Growing Generations

Orphan and Foster Care

August was a busy month for Oaks Orphan and Foster Care Ministries!

- * We provided CPR/First Aid for 3 foster families in training and 5 certified babysitters for foster families.
- * The Oaks provided BCMT Training for 9 foster families.
- * We supplied a bunkbed, mattress, and linens for a CarePortal request that impacted 3 children who were kept out of foster care and able to stay with a relative.
- * The Oaks gave much needed supplies for 3 children coming into foster care in our community.

Community Transformation

This month, The Waxahachie Project celebrated the launch of VolunteerEllisCounty.org- THE place to go to MAKE A DIFFERENCE in our community. Already over 56 organizations have posted their volunteer opportunities!

We also celebrated the launch of HelpFinder.org - THE place to go to find help for yourself or others. It's a one-stop-shop of all the free and reduced cost services in our community.

We are so proud to be a part of a community that serves and takes care each other!



Urban Islands Project hosted a bike tour of Denver in August with young professionals who plan on moving into the area to be the Church



Our Partner, Urban Islands Project, is now able to multiply itself in other cities by partnering with Redeemer City to City, a network focused on Church in the Urban context



\$3,650 was given to benevolence. 17 families were helped and 6 were referred to outside resources



Oaks Handyman Team was able to help a single mom by repairing her bathtub and toilet, mowing her lawn, as well as helping to facilitate the removal of over 30,000 bees from her yard

Church Planting

With urbanization on the rise, we are thrilled to partner with Urban Islands Project. Urban Islands Project facilitates the planting of a cohort of churches at the same time, in the same city, in the US.

In August, leaders from a variety of denominations and networks gathered together to talk about organizational systems that will increase the number of churches being started everywhere- including our cities.

Below is a list of shifts they are beginning to see, and celebrate!

- * Moving from denominationally focused to Kingdom focused
- * From attractational to incarnational
- * From starting institutions to starting communities of disciples
- * From bigger is better to more is better
- * From being motivated by return on investment to being motivated to be on mission with Jesus