



OAKS CHURCH



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Below is a story from our partner, OneHope:

Faith might seem like an unlikely leader — a shy African girl from an impoverished Ugandan community where families like hers struggle for survival. But Faith has something special going for her: she has the children’s club at her local church, where “Uncle Edwin” faithfully teaches the OneHope programs you send to tell the children about Jesus.

Faith has attended for four years — and last year, Edwin was trained in how to use the *Lead Today* program to help young people become godly leaders. Faith was old enough to be among the first class to receive the *Lead Today* materials — and it made a big impact!

She realized she would be able to share her faith in Christ with more boys and girls as a prefect at her school. It wasn’t very likely someone from her economic background and circumstances would become an elected leader — But Faith presented herself and her aims as a prefect so well, she won the election!

Today, she is using the biblical principles she learned from *Lead Today* to help guide her schoolmates and effect positive change for the group.

Thanks for sharing God’s Word to help Faith become a Christian leader and bring others to faith in Christ, too!

Next Generation

God is doing a beautiful thing in the heart of the next generation! They are truly ready for an encounter with Jesus. One of our staff that works with Youth shared a story of a student from Red Oak High School who has only been to church twice.

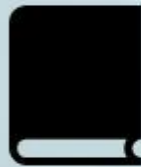
"He wanted to attend Youth on a Wednesday night but wasn't able to come so he came on Orphan Sunday instead. He told me that he was going through a hard time and knew he needed to be in church.

Orphan Sunday's worship and message really impacted him and he said that he needed to get his life right and decided to give his life to Jesus. We walked down to the front that Sunday. It was a spectacular moment! He then came the following Wednesday and made the decision in front of all of his friends as well."

We LOVE what God is doing in our Youth and that people are ready and willing to love them to Christ.



206 children were fed all month through our feedONE partnership.



In November, 87,000 children received the Book of Hope through our All-In giving and partnership with OneHope.



\$4,500 was given in benevolence to families in our church and community



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

Orphan and Foster Care

This November, we placed 600 tags on our Tree of Angels, located in the concourse. These gifts will go to specific children in our community, church, Mexico, and to our missionary partners serving locally and globally!

Our Handyman Team has been hard at work working on plumbing and repairing and installing different items around a single mom's home.

We also were able to provide 9 children in foster placement with much needed supplies. These children are from Oaks Church and the community. Four of those families were given a meal every day for 2 weeks because of their new placement. It's great to see the Church be the hands and feet of Jesus!

Community Transformation

November was a huge month for our community! Oaks Church and the Waxahachie Project partnered with John Houston and the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce to host WX Leadership Summit featuring Dr. John C. Maxwell. Almost 1100 leaders from government, business, church, non-profit, health care, and education sectors came out to hear Dr. Maxwell speak on leadership. But that's not all, dozens raised their hands at the end of the day to accept Christ as Savior!

We are excited to continue this momentum of community transformation as we assist in community-wide roundtables, using Dr. Maxwell's Beyond Success books starting this Spring.



One of our Partners was able to train 50 church planters in Kenya this month. After finishing their training, they will be sent out to Burundi and Congo!



Our Partner, CMN (Church Multiplication Network) is celebrating that 20 new churches are graduating from training and ready to launch!



Almost 100 Community Leaders signed up to lead a Beyond Success Roundtable in the Spring



Because of the WX Leadership Summit, 40 people signed up to volunteer via our new website:
VolunteerEllisCounty.org

Church Planting

Our Church Planters in Asia are experiencing an ever-tightening 'environment' but that is not holding them back from doing all they are called to do!

Recently they were able to share their personal stories of suffering and His faithfulness with a minority group of people as well as stories of remaining obedient, even when it's difficult. It was a rich and productive time for everyone. They've even been able to travel with a friend to their rural hometown and share deep and meaningful stories with them and their family.

They have also been busy planning strategy for future team members and leaders who will come to the area. In this certain part of Asia, where following Him is deemed an "illegal religious activity," they are being both brave and smart as they continue to spread the Good News and advance His Kingdom.

