

Subject: Good news from Home Missions

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Note: I want to share good news with you about what's good things are happening around the country in Free Will Baptist circles. I received this message from the National Home Missions Department today. I especially would like to hear from Tennessee pastors about the good things happening in your church. Please let me know what's going on "in your neck of the woods." We hear so much negative. Let's turn it around and start sharing the good things happening in God's work. It will encourage us all. (Glenn Poston)

Usually summer is a slower time in church work, but a lot of good things have been happening in home mission churches this summer.

Tim Osborn and the folks in Oakland, Tennessee had to tear down a wall in their rental building to make more room. Broke the record last Sunday with 79! 80 will be soon, then 90, then 100!

Bill Reynolds and the church in Rhode Island had their new building dedication this past Sunday. The place was packed with 200 people! 4 people were saved!

The Marana, Arizona church with Jeff Goodman and Josh Bennett celebrated their first anniversary this past Sunday with 101 people present!

Donnie Burke and Mark McCraney stepped out into a cold Colorado river recently to baptize 10 people there!

Here's an example of sowing the seed and harvesting later from Jeff Crabtree in New Brunswick:

Several years ago for about ten years our church bought a daily 30-second radio spot and I gave a one or two sentence devotional "thought for the day." An older gentlemen used to listen to those. One of our men invited him to our church several months ago. He and his wife now come regularly and bring their great grandkids with them. This couples' daughter and son-in-law started attending about the same time and her daughter and husband (parents of the children) came once. Yesterday the son-in-law prayed to receive Jesus as Savior and all four generations with their spouses were in service this

morning.

The church there will have their self-supporting service in November.

Jim Kilgore in California just led a man to the Lord that he had been talking to for 2 ½ years.

Jose Correa and the church in Puerto Rico averaged 100 in July!

Other good averages for July:

Jeff Cates in Texas – 96!

Stephen Gray in Illinois – 105!

David Sexton and Marc Nepl in Virginia – 107!

Scott Warren is leading the church in Salt Lake City into a merger with another local church. This means a bigger building, more people, and more opportunity!

Two more church planters were approved at the convention:

Edgar Chavez going to a suburb of Los Angeles, California

Heath Ferguson going to a suburb of Houston, Texas

God is still working and good things are still happening! (written by Richard Atwood)