

# Oil Patch Chaplains News

*Individual Care in a Big World*



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## *Our Mission:*

- to develop relationships with . . .
- to be a support system for . . .
- to meet physical and spiritual needs of . . .

Individuals working in the oil industry.

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## Showers of Blessings!

God sends physical rains every time we travel to West Texas. Not only was the land refreshed, but the hearts of many were stimulated by the Holy Spirit!

It was a joy to stay in the home of **Buster and Daphne Snellgrove**, while sharing the Oil Patch Chaplains story with the First Baptist Church family of O'Donnell. We were a part of their **Mary Hill Davis Texas Missions Emphasis**. We were



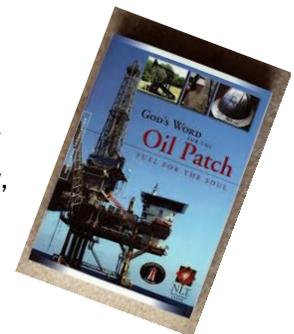
*Daphne had decorated the Fellowship Hall with information on the Oil Patch.*

We were treated to a church-wide fish fry that was delicious! Don't know where they caught those fish unless they poured down in the rain that weekend.

The next week we traveled to El Paso and stayed in the home of **Tommy and Paula Jeser**. At the Wednesday night service, we shared about the Oil Patch Chaplain Ministry during their Mary Hill Davis Texas Missions Emphasis, as well.

## Thank God for Volunteers!

On our way back from El Paso, we received a call that the pallet of Bibles from Houston was being delivered to our home. Unable to meet the trucker, we called **Jene Dreyer**, volunteer in Gonzales, to meet him at our home. They unloaded **30 cases of Bibles**. The next day, **Phil Scott** picked them up and delivered them to **Roy Sledge** in Portland. Another shipment needed to be picked up in Houston the following week, so **Jim and Gayle Wilbourn** (new volunteers) drove to Houston to pick up **48 cases of Bibles**.



Because we have to order Bibles by the pallet now, we thank God for your prayers for volunteers to travel to Houston to pick them up and deliver them to the chaplains in the field.

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## Please Pray For . . .

- ⇒ Travel safety
- ⇒ Witnessing opportunities
- ⇒ People of passion to minister in the oil patch
- ⇒ Churches to support Bible ministry

## Praise God for Answered Prayers . . .

- Our secretary, Judy Hadley!
- Volunteers to pick up pallet of Bibles: Jim and Gayle Wilbourn, Gary Haynes, Harwood BC, and FBC Stockdale
- Travel safety
- Monies to purchase 78 cases of Bibles

**OIL PATH CHAPLAINS** have an article written about the ministry in ***THE EAGLE FORD SHALE MAGAZINE*** (pp 100-101) in the *September 2014* issue. You can go on line and read it at [tefsmag.com](http://tefsmag.com)

## Prayers for People of Passion continue to be granted!



While in O'Donnell, **Edward (Pan) and Barbara Rowe** felt called to become Oil Patch Chaplains. Barbara is a writer and has had three faith-based books published. Pan works in the oil field and has the spiritual gift of encour-

agement. They are members of FBC, O'Donnell and both sing in the choir.



**Daniel and Olga Herrera** also joined our team that night. Daniel was born in Acapulco, Mexico. He came to the United States in 1968, attended a

Baptist Church and accepted the Lord as Savior that same year. He went to the Mexican Baptist Bible Institute (now the Baptist University of the Americas) for four years. He and Olga met there and married. Olga teaches in the school system and is the church pianist. Daniel is "the preacher".

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## Chaplains Chat . . .



September has been the busiest month since our inception. It is impossible to share all of the reports from our volunteers around the state. One extremely active area is in and around Portland. Steve and Ester Trout, Roy Sledge and Terrill Elliott are covering a lot of territory and building many relationships. From that, people are coming to know Jesus. **PTL!** This month we purchased 78 cases of Bibles.

Thanks to all who have contributed to "Oil Patch Chapel Ministries"!

*Hollas and Nelda*

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## Chaplains are Working in the Oil Patch . . .

After praying for God to give me a chance to witness to those I have met while placing Bibles in the hotels, I had the opportunity to talk with a desk clerk. She told me with excitement that she had been reading the Oil Patch Bible and wanted to talk with me. She had some questions. As we talked, one of the housekeepers walked up and said, "I was saved and baptized last Sunday!" She then asked me to wait a moment while she went to her car. She came back in with a zip lock baggie that had some change in it. She said, "I want to be a part of this!" What a present day story of the widow and her mite!

***Peanut Scott, Chaplain, George West***

God has placed me over a crew of 80 men at a site near Three Rivers. One day a distressed worker walked into my office. Seeing his pain I asked him to sit down and talk. He shared his stresses, which gave me an opening to share the story of Jesus with him. Right there in my office he asked Jesus into his life. I gave him an Oil Patch Bible and he left a changed man. Several of the others commented on what a change had come over him, even his countenance reflected peace. He took several Bibles with him and he handed them out to his co-workers.

***Stan Hays, Chaplain, Corpus Christi***

A man was at our church, not a member - just happened in - and saw the Oil Patch Bibles and he called me. His name is Rafael. We talked about the Oil Patch Chaplains ministry. He is so excited about this he has taken me places to share about Jesus. He has taken me to his Hispanic Baptist Church in Aransas Pass and places I would have been unable to go without him. He may become an Oil Patch Chaplain.

***Steve Trout, Chaplain, Portland***

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- ⇒ **Roy Sledge** (Chaplain, Portland) has handed out 5 cases of Bibles in two weeks.
  - ⇒ **Terrell Elliott** (Chaplain, Portland) is developing our chaplain training sessions.
  - ⇒ **Rick and Deborah Foster** (Chaplains, Big Spring) visit specific sites regularly.
  - ⇒ **Lisa and Buck Buckminister** continue to hand out Bibles as they travel the various states.
  - ⇒ **Robert and Debbie Fowlkes** now minister to a tri-county area.
  - ⇒ **Kim Haynes** keeps the hotels in Gonzales supplied with Bibles.
  - ⇒ **Kenny and Tawalia Humphries** have a story written in the *Texas Baptist Magazine*. (Summer edition)
  - ⇒ **Hollas and Nelda** have spoken at Thompsonville Community Church; Harwood BC; FBC, O'Donnell; FBC, El Paso; Schulenburg Ministerial Alliance; Erath Woman's Missionary Union Association Missions Emphasis; and FBC, Goliad.

