

Oil Patch Chapel Ministries

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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It's a New Thing!

Behold, I will do something new. Now it will spring forth; Will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness. Rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19 (NAS)

Ministry to shift workers is a NEW THING!

We have been aware that refinery workers cannot attend regular church services due to shift work hours, but no doors have opened until now!



(left to right) Ryan Jespersen, Director of Urban Missions, BGCT; Jason Burden, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Nederland; Michael Boyd, Valero

We were invited to go with Steve Seaberry and Ryan Jespersen (Texas Baptists) to brainstorm ideas on ministering to shift workers in the Golden Triangle Area. Michael Boyd, a shift worker, found it difficult to attend regular church services due to his work schedule. Thinking of refinery workers, he realized there were medical staff, police, firefighters and many other professions with a similar situation. Alternative plans are being made to meet the needs of these many shift workers. A Facebook page is up and running if you would like to check out the progress at **Shift Church**.

Truck-Stop Chaplain is a NEW THING!

Nicolas and Evette Guerero recently joined our Oil Patch Team and will cover the Laredo area. Nicolas is a full time truck stop chaplain! Nicolas said,

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“I was bound by alcohol and drugs, but 15 years ago Jesus set me free and put a calling in my life to reach out to the down and out. I now preach Jesus to every truck driver that comes my way.” *(photo on right, Nelda with Nicolas and Evette Guerero)*



Water in this Pastor's home is a NEW THING!



Church members digging trench to pipe water to pastor's home.

Around 10 years ago, Hollas and a team of 9 other volunteers went into Mexico to minister to a small ranching village called Purisima. They actually visited in every home in the village, praying for each one. Recently, he made contact with Pastor Coney Rangel and his wife, Nettie. There was running water at the church, but their home had none. They were about 1100 feet from the water source. Members of their church dug the lines and we were able to assist with the supplies.



Clothes washed in fresh running water.

Bottom line . . . they now have running water in their home for the first time ever!

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR:

- The Churches and Association who give faithfully each month.
- Individuals who pray and support this ministry financially.
- Our Team who serves in the oil patch.
- God connecting us with people of passion for sharing God's love in word and deed.

Chaplains Chat . . .



Two years ago this month (April) The Oil Patch Chaplains and Team were commissioned at the WMU of Texas Annual Meeting and Missions Celebration. This week-end we will be sharing THE NEW THINGS that God has placed before us like Truck Stop Chaplaincy and Refinery Shift workers.

Truly, God is springing up new ministries and sending individuals with a passion to share His love with people in these places.

“Behold, I will do something new!”