

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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God is Good - All the Time!

Recently, we received a message from Casey Searcy, who had stayed in the Holiday Inn, Gonzales. He had picked up the Oil Patch Bible and found Hollas' Chaplain's card inside. Casey wanted him to perform his wedding ceremony; our first Oil Patch Wedding!

Joyfully Hollas accepted! Unfortunately, we had forgotten he was having surgery on the Wednesday prior to the Saturday wedding. Although the doctor said he should be dismissed on Friday, it did not happen. God had other plans.

We began praying for God to send His man to keep this date for the first Oil Patch Wedding. Anson Nash, Director of Missions for Corpus Christi, had told us, "If you ever need anything, just call." So that's what we did! When we contacted Anson, he recommended James Barber, who worked in the oil field and had just graduated from Logsdon School of Divinity. God arranged for James to be off that Saturday afternoon and he and his wife, Cyndi, met with the couple Friday night. New friendships were developed between these four.



Casey & Tiya Searcy's Wedding

From the Oil Patch Bible in the Holiday Inn, to a young man getting married, through a Director of Missions, to a recent seminary graduate, God's Wonders were performed for the first **Oil Patch Wedding!**

You Can Help By . . .

- ⇒ Praying for the safety and protection of our missionaries and chaplains as they minister in the oil patch.
- ⇒ Giving to purchase Oil Patch Bibles.
- ⇒ Volunteering to represent your church in the oil patch.
- ⇒ Going to individuals new to your community and building a relationship.

Join us in the Oil Patch!

WOW! WOW! WOW!

Can you believe we distributed 480 Bibles to 66 motels, 10 cabins and, of course, many different individuals? It has been a marvelous month. Now simple distribution, you may think isn't much; however, we are getting calls and responses as people read the Bibles and brochures. **"His Word will not return unto him void!"**

This month, FBC of George West, FBC off Gonzales, Harwood Baptist, Believers Fellowship of Corpus Christi and many wonderful individuals contributed toward our Bible fund. If you would like to be a part of sharing God's Word, the cost is \$120.00 a case for English Bibles and 192 for Spanish Bibles.

We have a new distribution point in Gonzales. We will be furnishing Bibles for **Lodges and Garages** (photo on right). These units are designed for oil field workers and will have two Bibles in each room.



Chaplains Chat . . .



A soft answer turns away wrath." (Proverbs 15:1)

The day had been long and hard as Stan finished dropping off some oil field equipment. Now, he was ready to call it a day. As he attempted to back onto the highway, he looked both ways and proceeded out. However, he missed an oncoming vehicle flying out of nowhere. Several miles down the highway, Stan saw the vehicle stopped by the roadside. He pulled over with the thought, "I hope he's not looking for a fight, but I need to apologize." The man approached Stan and asked, "What do those Oil Patch signs on your truck mean?" Stan started telling him about being a chaplain and

being available to help people through difficult times in their lives and during times of crisis. Stan asked, "How may I help you?" and he replied, "Please pray for me. My passion is wounded warriors!" Stan told him that he would have his Monday night men's Bible class and Sunday School Class pray for him.

What could have been a tragedy turned into a friendship. They have talked by phone several times and have become encouragers to each other. **This is how we build relationships in the oil patch!**

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