

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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Divine Appointments

Remember the Bible story: Philip and the Ethiopian (Act 8:26-39)? Well, today we have similar divine appointments to share . . .

Divine Appointments take place when you are at the right place at the right time, with the spirit of openness.

As Hollas, Robert Fowlkes and Pete Tompkins made a trip to far west Texas, they had several divine appointments. They encountered three different individuals who were desperate to tell their story. It is beautiful to see how God places each of us in settings that allow us to minister. In our busy, fast paced world, we often miss those key opportunities. Without breaking confidence by sharing details or names, we were able to listen, learn and provide love to those who were hurting. All were so thrilled to have our guys stop and take time to pray for them.



Bro. Gordon Cox of Bethel Baptist Church in Monahans (*photo on left*), took time for our team to share about how we minister in the oil patch. He told us of a man in his church known as “Duck Tape”. Duck Tape is already sharing Jesus wherever he goes, but may well become one of our volunteers in the near future. We left a case of Bibles with him and

we will be following up in the near future.

At a noon gathering on February 25, our men shared with pastors (*pictured below*) from Wink, Kermit, Monahans and surrounding towns about how we



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might assist them in reaching out to those hurting. Bro. Dudley Mullins, Director of Missions, set up the meeting for us. There was one layman in the group named **John Taylor** (photo on right). John has been handing out Bibles and ministering for several years, but will now be part of our team. John is a Drilling Consultant and is able to get to sites that we might never access.



Divine Appointments occur in God's perfect timing.

Two years ago we met Nora Lee Ladd at the WMU Missions Celebration/Annual Meeting in Georgetown. She invited us to share the Oil Patch story at the Trinity River Association Missions banquet that following



February (2015). However, when that date neared, she notified us that a missionary couple would be speaking, but she invited us to speak in 2016.

Yes, this year was God's appointed time! We spoke to 116 individuals! (photo on left) This group lives in oil patch country and know the needs. We gave out *God's Word for the Oil Patch Bible* to many who know specific individuals to whom they plan to give this Bible.

Our Biggest Need



Since our inception, we have not solicited funds for this ministry. However, contributions have lessened and we need your assistance. We have given out nearly 12,000 Bibles in the past two years (\$4/Bible), almost \$50,000. We continue to travel and share statewide and speak in churches, associations, and other gatherings. Your donations afford us the opportunity to minister in the lives of many across the state. At present, we average 24 cases of Bibles each month. If you or your church can assist us, we would be deeply grateful.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)