

**Melissa Houston**  
Missionary to the Children  
(817) 395-2553  
meli.joyh@yahoo.com



*Sent Through The*  
**Independent Baptist**  
**Fellowship International**  
724 N. Jim Wright Frey.  
Fort Worth, TX 76108  
817-367-3422

Dear Praying Friends,

The year 2025 is coming to a close soon, and I have been reflecting on the year. It was a year of excitement for us! We had our first dinner-drama during Easter, and we had our first year of VBS with over 120 in attendance! One day we had around 130! We had 8 saved as well.

In September, we had our annual missions conference and international dinner. We were able to vote and add 4 more missionaries to our group of supported missionaries. I'm thankful for a church that loves and supports missionaries.

In October, we celebrated our pastor, Missionary Daniel Jones, for his 70th birthday. Many people from Monterrey, Mexico, traveled to celebrate with us, and I was able to reconnect with great friends from my time working there. I had not seen some of them in nearly 15 years. It was a blessing to discover that, despite the time apart, our love and fellowship remain, and we share the joy of serving our Great God, even in different countries, at the same time.

We continue our ministry work and are now preparing for Thanksgiving. On Tuesday, the 25th, we will gather for dinner, bringing turkey and traditional dishes prepared at home to share with one another at church. This celebration will feature special choir music about God's sustaining grace, as well as a sermon. This dinner replaces our usual Wednesday prayer service for the week.

Our most recent blessing occurred just last week! Fourteen of our people went out on Saturday to distribute pamphlets and share the story of Jesus with others. We give thanks to God for 4 people who put their faith in Jesus during this time.

Please pray for Danny and Michelle, who have been having some health problems. Also, pray for the work here, as there are always challenges in the ministry.

Please pray for my parents, who have also had some health challenges lately.

I always appreciate your continued prayers for me. I have been struggling with endometriosis.

Thank you all for your prayers and support! May you have a very blessed holiday season this end-of-year time. Attached are a few pictures from Pastor Jones' birthday service, as well as one with Monterrey friends reuniting at my house.

In Christ,

*Melissa Houston*

**My Sending Church:** Worth Baptist Church  
4900 Campus Drive • Fort Worth, Texas 76119  
817-534-0787 • [www.worthbc.org](http://www.worthbc.org)  
Tyler Gillit, Pastor