



## HILL COUNTRY DAILY BREAD MINISTRIES 2015 END OF YEAR REPORT

Hill Country Daily Bread Ministries (HCDBM) moved to our new campus at 38 Cascade Caverns Road in Boerne at the end of December 2015. This new state of the art, 38,192 ft<sup>2</sup> Regional Resource Center means we will be able to grow our programs in order to meet the increasing needs in our eight-county service area, resulting in more transformed lives and individuals or families who will break the grip of poverty.

### 1. AGENCIES MISSION AND GOALS

The mission of HCDBM is *"to help unite and equip the Body of Christ with the food, resources and training necessary to transform our communities and the lives of those in poverty and need through the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ."* Founded in 2000 by David and Agnes Hubbard, HCDBM, a 501(c)(3), is a unique and effective faith-based ministry committed to breaking the cycle of poverty and bringing hope to those in need through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. HCDBM not only provides for basic physical needs but also addresses underlying spiritual and emotional issues that keep families individuals and children in the cycle of poverty and crisis. **We believe there are no short cuts out of persistent poverty and the pathway out begin with a commitment to long term Christ centered mentoring relationships empowered by the Holy Spirit.** HCDBM has created a partnership model that unites, equips, trains and supports the local church to serve as mentors to individuals, and families in need and children. HCDBM demonstrates the love of Christian partnership by linking arms not only with churches but by collaborating with more than 100 organizations, dozens of non-profits groups, and thousands of volunteers who are serving and developing relationships with the poor. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, over 45,000 impoverished individuals live in the underserved rural Hill Country. In Northern Bexar county thousands more are in need. Our service area includes: Bandera, Comal, Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, Uvalde and Northern Bexar counties.

## 2. NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED:

In 2015, HCDBM assisted 741 families or 2,312 individuals, which included 929 children through our Family Mentoring Resource Program and an additional 18,000 through our Community Resource Program.

## 3. NUMBER OF PEOPLE TALKED TO OR TAUGHT ABOUT JESUS:

As a faith-based ministry, all of HCDBM programs have proclaiming the Gospel as their primary goal. According to our statistics, **85% of the clients that register at HCDBM report that they are unchurched.** Therefore, HCDBM offers every impoverished household seeking help not only physical assistance but opens a doorway to discussions about the part Jesus can play in their lives. As Case Managers meet with individuals or families to determine the depth of poverty and their physical needs, they discuss their spiritual needs as well. The Case Manager then matches the individual or family with a trained Family Mentor from a partner church. The Family Mentor is a parishioner from a church that has partnered with HCDBM, received poverty training, and has a desire to be a disciple to an individual or family in need. The Family Mentor develops a Christ-centered relationship with the individual or family; encouraging them to pray and go to church. As volunteers from local churches join HCDBM in serving our neighbors in need, we are able to demonstrate and talk about Gods' love. We were blessed with **over 3,024 volunteers, including 1,493 children during 2015,** so our outreach into the community about our Lord and Savior is immense. **In 2015, HCDBM talked to or taught over 2,000 impoverished individuals in eight Texas Hill Country counties about Jesus.**



Often children of impoverished families have no access to the Gospel nor do they understand the love of God. To address this urgent need, FMRP provides other support services such as our Hill Country Kids Program (HCK). **HCK served almost 1,000 children in 2015 by presenting the love of Christ to these children** through age-appropriate Bibles, teen devotional studies and Christian literature. We also include Christ-Centered booklets and coloring books in our annual Easter Baskets to children in HCK. We want them to know of the Resurrection and Saving Grace of our Lord.

We work closely with the at-risk youth in our Stand By Me program. **Of the 69 children enrolled in SBM in 2015, all were introduced to the Gospel either by their mentor or the SBM Case Managers. This year, 22 at-risk students in grades 6-12 attended HCDBM Summer Academy.** This unique program provides academic remediation in Math and Language Arts, but more

importantly, shows at-risk youth a bigger, more enlightened world and introduces them to the Gospel. Our SA staff utilizes this time with the students to invest in their lives spiritually and lead them toward a relationship with Jesus. This involves group discussions about prayer, practical teaching about life, and team-building activities. As students embrace this concept, they began to share their stories of improved relationships with their siblings, attending church together with their family, and especially touching, **eight students stated that they had accepted Jesus as their Savior.**

#### **4. HOW MANY PEOPLE HCDBM PRAYED WITH:**

HCDBM recognizes God’s presence in our everyday lives and begins each day with a prayer as staff and visitors join hands and lift the day up to the Lord. **In 2015, HCDBM assisted 2,312 individuals, including 929 children, 292 seniors, and 615 mentally/physically disabled, through FMRP.** Our compassionate Case Managers and members of the staff pray with all individuals and families in need, whether they are coming for the first time to our ministry, picking up an emergency food box, or enrolled in our mentoring programs. Family Mentors offer to pray with the households as they deliver food boxes to the home. Because of the close relationship that develops between impoverished households and the Family Mentor from HCDBM, many are moved to return to church and prayer.



Every day of the week, HCDBM is blessed with volunteers from local Churches and the community. **Often, while they are assembling food boxes or helping load a box for a person in need, they will stop, join hands, and lift the person up to the Lord in prayer.**

Since prayer is a primary part of HCDBM mission, **we begin every meeting, including our Vision Dinner Fundraiser, which brings together over 1,000 individuals, with prayer.** The power of prayer is referenced in Philippians 4:6-7 *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

As we willingly share prayers with all we come in contact with, those we serve are especially appreciative of our prayers in their behalf. As one client’s wife commented, *“...the prayers when you give me the box have made a difference. Every prayer prayed has been answered, and my husband notices.”* **Yes, we believe in the power of prayer at HCDBM!**