

Week of May 4, 2008

This Sunday, May 4th, we celebrate our involvement in missions as we continue to reach out from Plum Grove to touch the world. We currently send monthly support to over 35 ministries, including U.S. Missions and World Missions in at least 21 countries around the world. I believe the main reason God has blessed this church is because of the willingness of the people to support missions through prayer, giving, and going on short term missions trips. May we continue to grow in our missions giving as we continue to trust God to meet our needs here at Plum Grove.

Our guests for today's service are Mark and Sandra Palmer. Sandra is the Women's Ministry Director for the South Texas District and the driving force behind the effort to establish a Home of Hope-Texas; providing a place of refuge for victims of human trafficking. It may be hard to believe that modern day slavery exists, but the enslavement of human lives through human trafficking, especially women and children, for the purpose of sexual exploitation is quickly becoming the world's fastest growing industry and most profitable criminal activity. "The U.S. Department estimates that as many as 18,500 men, women and children are trafficked into the United States each year, many for sexual exploitation. 20% of those are found in Texas."

As we close out today's service, we will receive "faith promises" to continue supporting missions here at home and around the world. We will also receive an offering for Home of Hope-Texas. May the Lord bless our efforts and multiply the offering to meet the need so this ministry can go forward without delay. Thank you so much for your prayers and support in this matter.