

SERVICE IN A BIG WAY



David and Sylvia Ramaly, Texas Hub Coordinators

EVERYTHING'S BIG IN TEXAS

By: Sylvia Ramaly

You've heard, "everything is bigger in Texas." It certainly has been true for us at the DFW Hub. This past Labor Day weekend, David and I delivered a van to a missionary staying in the gulf coast town of Victoria, south of Houston. Normally we would meet a missionary in the DFW area or at one of our two international airports (DFW International & George Bush International). However, this situation proved to be a challenge for the missionary. Due to several family members having Covid-19 and her husband still overseas, it was becoming more and more difficult to come up with a plan to meet close to our hub for the release. The more we thought of different options, with some of those options falling through, the more God was prompting us with a different plan.

Texas is big! But not too big for us to take a road trip and deliver van #100 to a missionary in need. JT could hardly find enough words to express her gratitude. She was able to stay with recovering family members and not have to figure out the logistics of picking up her van. Serving is what it's all about!

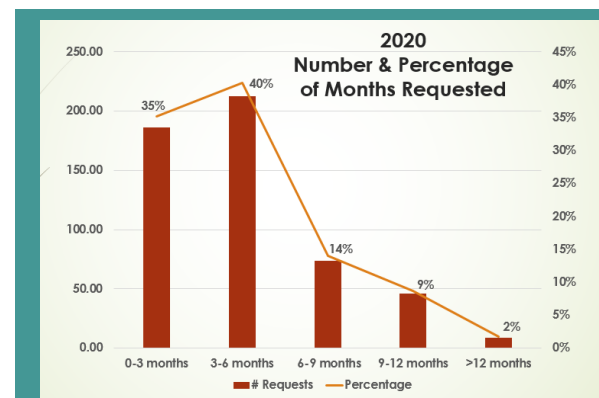
We appreciate our willing volunteers who usually take over half a day out of their schedules to deliver vans or pick them up. The Texas Hub will continue striving to serve missionaries in a big way!

COUNT ME IN!

When Texas Hub Coordinator Sylvia was asked what led to Ramaly's involvement with the ministry, she answered:

"Years before, Co-Founder Bret Byus had talked to my husband, David, about the idea of starting a ministry to provide transportation for missionaries on furlough and possibly having a Righteous Rides van in Texas. David told Bret, 'Transportation during furlough is one of the biggest needs a missionary has so whenever you start it I'm in!'

"Founders Bret and Mark asked David to be on the board because of his knowledge and experience in missions. We're both missionary kids and know firsthand how important supporting and caring for missionaries is. The rest is history! The main reason we serve is that we have a passion for supporting missionaries in any way we can. Righteous Rides is a practical way in which to serve them."



Last year, 35% of the 527 requests for RR vans were for 0-3 months usage, and 40% for 3-6 months. 12% of the missionaries requested a van from the DFW hub.