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There's an interesting interaction between Jesus and the disciples of John the Baptist in the seventh chapter of Luke. Jesus had been giving sight to the blind, healing lepers, restoring those who were deaf, raising the dead to life, and preaching good news to the poor. Therefore, John sends his followers (from jail) to ask Jesus one simple question, "Are you the 'Coming One,' the one we've been expecting?" Jesus' response was simple, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard." In other words, "Let this stuff speak for itself." Jesus did not spread his message of hope and restoration through force but through fascination. He was known for his ability to drop jaws not for his propensity to shove down throats. As I approach seven years with Mission Waco, I continue to be fascinated with how God transforms lives, and you don't have to look very far to see God's thumbprint all over our efforts. I invite you to dive in headfirst with us in 2024 and experience God's powerful presence in a fascinating way.

John Calaway
Executive Director



Rev. Dr. Leroy Barber

MISSION WACO ANNUAL BANQUET

When: Thursday, March 28th, 6 pm

Where: Extraco Events Center, The BASE

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leroy Barber,

*Executive Director of Neighborhood Economics
& Co-Founder of The Voices Project*

Event Underwriter: \$10,000

Production Partner: \$5,000

Patron Partner: \$3,000-\$4,000


Caring Partner: \$1,000-\$2,000

Faith Partner: \$500

(Churches, Nonprofits, or Individual Table)

Individual Ticket: \$65



 Banquet 2024

Register or sponsor by scanning the QR Code, calling 254-753-4900, or emailing JBrammer@missionwaco.org. RSVP by March 18th!

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RACE ONE

When: Saturday, April 27th

Where: Jubilee Park, 1308 N. 15th

Join us on Saturday, April 27th, for a 1-mile Fun Run and/or 5k! This helps fund a number of programs and brings together neighbors, the Waco community, and college students. This year will be our 12th year and we're actively looking for sponsors. Visit missionwaco.org/raceone for more information.



JUBILEE THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

Adult Acting Workshop

March 2

Rabbit Hole

March 15-17

Miss Electricity (Children's Theatre)

April 26-28



WELLSPRING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Fernando Valez, Jr.

Electronic Systems Engineering Technology

Texas A&M University

Graduated December 2023

"Initially, I never planned on pursuing education higher than an associate degree, which I was already going to earn from MCC before I graduated University High School. I had always figured I just wouldn't have a way to pay for it all. Mainly because to this day, my family has always lived paycheck to paycheck. I was the oldest out of my siblings, and I was hoping to become a role model for them. I believe they are even smarter than I am, and I didn't want them to limit themselves the same way I was initially doing. Being a first-generation graduate, there wasn't anyone I could turn to when it came to questions about college, so I also wanted to become that person for them. So, I decided to apply to Texas A&M but even with a good financial aid package, it was becoming increasingly difficult to believe I could afford it. After some encouragement, I decided to apply for Mission Waco's Wellspring Scholarship, and what do you know, I got it! Fast forward four years, and I'm a proud graduate with an engineering degree. This scholarship played a big role in my life, and I am truly thankful."





MISSION WORLD | HAITI

We have been serving in Haiti since 1984 and this year marks 40 years of investing in relationships! A Mission World team just returned from visiting our partners, Leve Kanpe, in North East Haiti. In 5 days, we witnessed: 100 women thriving in microcredit; 250 children going to school because of sponsors; 135 children receiving weekly food stipends; 6 new water wells used by 700 people daily; 5 broken pumps earmarked for immediate repair; and a new church plant - Redeemed Baptist Church.

You ask why would we continue to travel to Haiti all these years? Because "The God of hope fills us with joy and peace as we trust in Him, so that we overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13. Celebrate 40 years with us by: Sponsoring a Child \$35/month. Repairing a Pump \$40/month. Investing in a micro credit loan \$100.



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URBAN REAP COMPOSTING

Food waste is a big deal – about 25% of everything that goes to the landfill is food. Our composting program offers an alternative that turns food waste into nutrient-dense fertilizer that grows healthier plants and helps repair soils. In 2023 we composted over 28,000lbs of food waste!

Subscribe to our Bucket Program for a bucket, 24/7 drop-off access, and subscriber discounts. We have two bucket options – Compost Classic Green Bucket (\$6/month) for traditional composting, and Compost Plus Blue Bucket (\$8/month) for the option to include meat and dairy. Visit urbanreap.org to sign up today!



VOLUNTEERS

Have you ever thought about volunteering but didn't know where to begin? We rely heavily on all the wonderful people who give faithfully of their time, talent, and treasure. In 2023 alone, we had 1,332 volunteers adding up to 17,500 hours of service. We'd love to talk more with you about how to get plugged in. A great place to start is missionwaco.org/get-involved, or by calling our 254-753-4900 to learn more. You'll be amazed how your life is transformed as you participate in the transformation of others.





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Carlos Hinojosa started as our Associate Executive Director of Advancement this past December. Carlos is a native Texan who was born and raised in Harlingen, TX. After high school, he attended the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and

earned his Bachelor's Degree in Biology and then a Master's degree in Information Systems. After graduation, he spent some time working as a software developer, and then transitioned into the nonprofit sector with a role at Habitat for Humanity International. After his time with HFHI, he spent time trying several different types of work like teaching high school, running the technology department for a small school district, and even worked in the legal field. He then returned to the nonprofit sector at Waco Habitat for Humanity and fell in to fundraising. Carlos has been working in fundraising ever since. After working with Waco Habitat, he served at Waco Family Medicine as Development Director. During his time there he

helped usher in a new brand identity for the organization and was instrumental in launching a capital campaign for their new building on Colcord. Carlos comes to Mission Waco eager to help raise funds and awareness for all the great work that has been going on for decades. In his spare time, Carlos enjoys spending time with his wife Emily, and their three young boys, who are currently 6, 4, and 2. You may spot him on Saturday mornings at Brazos Park East, or the Waco Downtown Farmers Market where he spends most Saturdays with his boys.

You can contact Carlos at 254-753-4900 and/or **CHinojosa@missionwaco.org**.



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