

## Mina Everett: To Love God Completely

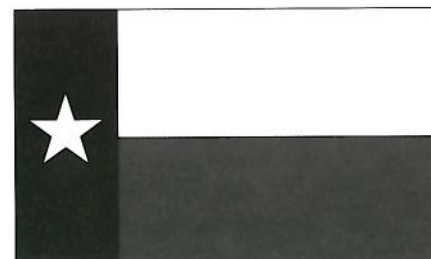
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**S**he suffered heat stroke on the way to a missions meeting in Cotulla. She spoke from the pulpit for the first time while delivering a missions address at Honey Grove Baptist Church. She began industrial schools for Hispanic girls in San Antonio so they could learn to support themselves. She helped raise money for Mary Hardin-Baylor. She taught school to Hispanic kids in El Paso. She took regular mission trips to Mexico. She began Texas Sunbeam Bands, helped found the BYPU in the state, and organized women's missionary societies in churches throughout the Lone Star State. Mina S. Everett, although she was born in Missouri and died in California, epitomized the commitment Texas Baptists have for missions.

Becoming a Christian as an adult while teaching school in Dublin, Mina went on a trip in 1885 to witness the dedication of the first Baptist church building in the Mexican state of Nuevo Leon. She observed the need for a Christian witness and dedicated herself to provide funds for missionaries to take the gospel to the lost. On her return home, Mina sold her jewelry and her horse, and gave the proceeds to the Foreign Mission Board. Her love for missions and her complete commitment to spreading the Gospel never waned or wavered.

She went to Brazil as the first single woman Southern Baptist missionary assigned to South America, but Mina caught yellow fever and beri beri and had to return to the States. She began touring Texas, raising money for missions. Speaking at associational meetings, churches and the state convention, Mina presented the need for missions support to every Texas Baptist she encountered. Although she could not return to Brazil, her heart remained committed to missions.

In 1889, the Texas State Mission Board, the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board hired Mina S. Everett to organize and expand the women's missionary work in the state. Receiving \$25 a month from each Board, she traveled thousands of miles organizing missions groups for the Texas WMU. Until her death in 1936, Mina S. Everett loved Texas Baptists and their work.



From her meager retirement income she sent regular gifts of \$1 and \$2 to Texas Baptist causes.

**Mina Everett loved God and loved Texas; she spent her life for the causes of the Kingdom.**



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