

The Christian Courier

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FROM NOW ON WE REGARD NO ONE ACCORDING TO FLESH

I was reading my Bible yesterday when I opened 2 Corinthians 5:16. In this verse Paul wrote, "*Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him thus no longer*". Then I remembered the much comforting letter that I received from Bro. Paul Warford. He wrote, "My greatest joy and comfort is knowing that this life is temporary and that someday, I will get to see my son again and nothing will part us because there will be no more dying and no more tears. I hope that you can share in my joy because someday you will get to see your son again." Yes, those are the comforting words that the believed Christian's need to hear or be told.

At least one thing is clear from Paul's statement, he desires that we take our minds off the physical and seek to know both one another and Christ beyond the confines of this physical world. We must seek to know one another according to our spiritual relationship that we have in Christ. Our Lord, Jesus Christ is no longer with us physically, but we know him spiritually. Our brothers, children, and relatives who died in Christ are no longer with us physically. We know them and can remember them as if they are with us today. Bro. Paul's son who died 4 years ago still lives with him, my son who passed away one month ago still lives with me and my wife Florence. We are happy and comforted that one day we shall be together and nothing will part us again.

Paul exhorted, "*Set your mind on things above, not on things on earth.*" (Col 3:2). The Bible gives us direction concerning our origin. It reveals who we are and where we are going. You might ask "Why are we here?" To know why we are here is to understand that we are headed for eternity and this brings meaning to what we are doing here on earth. These "good news" can only be found in one book, "The Bible".

The word of God assures us that there is life after death. This gives meaning to life before death. If there is no life after death, then life on earth has no meaning. We should simply eat, drink and enjoy the most out of the brief life we have. (1 Cor. 15:12-19).

We believe in God who is able to sustain us beyond this world. Otherwise there could be no God and we could not waste our time to worship a God who is not there. The gospel is the Good News. It is good news because Jesus died, and he was buried, and that he was resurrected from the grave (1 Cor. 15:1-4).

God bless you, John kombo
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News From Abroad

Brethren,

I received news from Tanzania that Bro. Peter Odhiambo and Sis. Rachel Boaz had a baby boy named Peter Boaz, Jr., born on June 20, 2014. This was a difficult time for them as the mother and baby almost died together. As it is, baby Peter had to be returned back to the hospital to figure out why he was crying non-stop. Sis. Rachel has been sick for quite some time. Also, Bro. Sadat and Agrippina had a baby girl named Wilkister Lynell born on July 28, 2014. She was born while Sadat was away at a meeting in Mugeta. Sadat's first child, Christian Ellis, was also born while Sadat was away at a meeting in Mugeta. He is to be commended for putting the Lord's work first even though he missed the birth of his two children. Congratulations to these wonderful folks in Tanzania.

Prayers have been requested for the health of these babies and their parents as they deal with malaria and other maladies. Baby Wilkister is having trouble with water in her lungs and the doctor said it needs to be removed, but they have no money.

A revival gospel meeting was held in Mugeta, Tanzania. Visitors from several congregations attended the meeting. They also went from door to door encouraging visitors to attend.

Bro. Dickson Fabian and I are discussing plans for me to visit the Philippines for an evangelistic tour visiting the brethren throughout that country. We are currently planning on gospel meetings held in 10 major regions of the Philippines with the brethren in the various congregations in those regions coming to a meeting. It is estimated this will all take place in a one month tour. We will present more plans and information as they become available.

In Christian love,
Ellis Forsman

Report From Kenya - June

Glad to write this letter to you. I hope you are fine in the Lord.

The last time I checked for my mails was on June 20, 2014. I have not gone back up until this time. I am writing to you from my house. There is no cyber around here so I go to town whenever I want to see my mails. This is why I pray that one day I will have a laptop for using in my own home or check letters

Brethren, it is good to let you get information from us concerning the progress of the Church in Kenya.

We have not met as leaders to discuss all reports from other parts of the country. The only time we met (Laban, Situma and I) was during my son's funeral at my home. But we do communicate by mobile phones.

Last week on Saturday (June 21st), Bro. Laban called me and informed me about the plan to have a seminar consisting congregations from Kakamega and Busia. They want me to go there to help in teaching, the theme for the seminar is "Encouragement". The concerned congregations have agreed to contribute towards food only so we only need transport.

Bro. Situma also called last week informing of the good work and the progress at Naivasha. However, both Bro. Laban and Bro. Situma did not report about baptisms.

From Machakos: Bro. Paul Mutiku called with sad news that he lost his mother. Bro. Mbithi also reported the same. Sis. Margret complained that we have not visited Machakos and therefore she would like us to organize a visit to this place. She said there is no growth since Bro. Gideon Mwangi, who was the preacher, left to go to Mombasa.

REPORT FROM NAKURU

When Bro. Ellis visited Nakuru for the first time there were congregations such as Baruesa, Sarambee and Mogotio. These three however went back to multiple cups doctrine. At present we have Ronda and Barut (Nakuru Town) and Naivasha that are now strongly doctrinated to one cup worship.

Although I have not regained much strength, the Lord's work cannot wait. I am resuming the work to attend to the 2 Bible classes that I started in Nakuru Town. As I informed you we need at least five Bibles per each class. Most student prefer Swahili Bible than English. The establishment of the Bible classes is very important as it works as a feedback to the congregations. I would also request if there is good Bible literature or materials which can be used. I would be happy to get them. Any brother who wishes to send me the preferred materials could do so through this postal address JOHN KOMBO NANDWA BARUTI CHURCH OF CHRIST, P.O.BOX 10250 CODE 10200 NAKURU KENYA.

Challenges: At Baruti the challenges is so great. We need to do something as from now. We don't have a place to worship. We worship in classroom at Hopewell secondary school. There are rumors that soon the school will be sold to somebody. We do not know what the new management will tell us. I am so worried of the congregation. Baruti is my home and my family will remain here throughout our life. Not to forget Bro. Benjamin Rono who has settled here and his family. He has now retired from the government as the chief of Baruti location.

Ronda churches have a title deed problem. They also have written a letter attached to this report.

You have informed me the financial shortage or challenges, but it is good to let you know what we are going through. We believe in God that one day he will open the doors. Let us all pray for these challenges so that the devil who would want to see Baruti church die may be defeated.

John Kombo Nandwa, Nakuru, Kenya.

CHURCH LEADER'S SEMINAR

VENUE:MATUNDU CHURCH OF CHRIST KAKAMEGA

WHEN: JULY – AUGUST, 2014

THEME: ENCOURAGEMENT

A MIND TO WORK – JOHN KOMBO

God's Leaders Cry and Mourn over the Incompletion of His Work.

Hanani come from Judah to Nehemiah in the palace of Shushan in Babylon with a report concerning the survivors of the captivity and the condition of the city of Jerusalem. The report was not good "*The survivors who are left from great distress and reproach. The wall of Jerusalem is also broken down and its gates are burned with fire*." (Nehemiah 1:3).

This might be the situation today among most congregations of the church of Christ where we live and work for the Lord.

The Bible says when Nehemiah heard this report, he "*sat down wept and mourned for many days*". (Neh. 1:4). He fasted and prayed. How many times have we "sat down and wept and mourned" over the conditions of our congregations, or the lost souls around us? How much do we care that souls are lost? Are we bothered?

The nation of Israel had gone the route of one thousand years of repetitive rebellions and restorations. Have we today done what the Israelites had done, so that, we like them need restoration? The answer is yes!

After confessing the rebellion of Israel the reason for their disbursement among the nations Nehemiah recounted before God his promise of their restoration to the Promised Land. God had promised. "*...If you return to me, and keep my commandment's and do them…I will gather them from there* (the land of their captivity) *and bring them to the place which I have chosen as a dwelling for my name.*" (Neh. 1:8-9).

What did Nehemiah do? The Bible says he went to Judah. In the middle of the night, and in the company of a few trusted friends, he surveyed the destruction of Jerusalem. He then presented his vision to the officials. "*You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be reproach.*" (Neh. 2:17). After reassuring them that God would be with them, he urged. "Let us rise up and build." (Neh. 2:18). What happened is one of the most remarkable stories of history that is recorded in the Bible. It is a story of determination and accomplishment. It is a story that reaffirms how God made us, that is, if we are united in our goals, nothing will be withheld from us which we determined to do (Genesis 11:6). Just like God worked through Nehemiah to go and survey the destruction of Jerusalem and organize faithful men to build it, he still does the same today. He sent Brother

Ellis Forsman to Africa to help in restoration of the church. Nehemiah needed a company of a few trusted friends to help him to accomplish the work. My one question is, "Are we good friends who can be trusted to continue and finish the work left to us by Brother Ellis?"

Good work must continue in the face of all opposition. Nehemiah's mission to the Promised Land was to complete reconstruction of the city and to reform the spiritual life of the returnees. After surveying the exhortation to the residents, the result was that "*They set their hands to do this good work.*" (Neh. 2:18). They did the work against all opposition; they set themselves to the task of bringing into reality their dreams.

However, when good things are about to take place, we cannot expect Satan to stand and applaud. That is why the determined workers faced the opposition from Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem. Nehemiah said "*They laughed us to scorn and despised us.*" (Neh. 2:19). But he encouraged the workers by saying, "*The God of heaven himself will prosper us.*" (Neh. 2:20). Despite Nehemiah's encouragement, the workers' antagonism persisted. They mocked the zealous workers (Neh. 4:1). "*What are these feeble Jews doing?*" (Neh. 4:2)."

"*Whatever they build, if even a fox goes up on it, he will break down their stone wall.*" (Neh. 4:3). And so the opposition continued. There were threats, ridicule, and slander. There was even a conspiracy to kill Nehemiah (Neh. 6).

We too face opposition from the other group of those who oppose the one cup doctrine. They are many in number and their financial status is greater, but through the persistent encouragement and determination to work, we shall be able to continue against such great odds when we have the same spirit that Nehemiah generated in the hearts of the workers or the people. (Neh. 4:6). Good leaders had known how to stir up the group to love and good works.

God created every man with the ability to do great things. In Genesis 11 it is stated that God came down from heaven during the days when men sought to accomplish the misaimed goal of building a tower whose top would be in the heavens. Although their goals and purpose were wrong, God said this about them "*...Nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from.*" (Gen 11:6). We were created with this nature. If we make a plan, establish a goal, have a united mind to work, nothing will be withheld from us which we determine to do.

I was very much encouraged and interested in what Nehemiah accomplished and decided to write and comment on the 4 chapters of the book of Nehemiah so that we could at the end share with my fellow servants about the work of Nehemiah.

However, it is a challenge to all of us when we ask, are we leaders, in the Lord's church so insecure that we have no guts to stand against ridicules mocking, conspiracy, and slander? Have surrounding religions established the status quo to the extent that our desire to fit in is stronger than our desire to build the church of the Lord? Do we fear men more than God? Does our existing leadership fear the established religious culture of the society in which we are living more than they fear the God for whom they should be working in order to accomplish God's mission? We could ask questions again and again but the answers could only be found in the Bible.

Two months ago I was invited to attend the "PASTOR'S ASSOCIATION MEETING" (as it was named) organized by all dominations within Barut location where I live. I did not attend. When asked why I didn't attend, my answer was "I cannot agree to disagree. There are fundamental truths that lead to eternal life with love which you, the denominations, don't teach; and these would make it so difficult to agree with you. However, one "pastor" among the group

has invited me to go and teach in the denomination where he preaches. This will be on July 12, 2014.

I concluded by saying this to my fellow servants of the Lord, "True leadership must be willing to take the blows from a lethargic opposition. Don't fear, God is on our side."

In Christ love,
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Uganda

Warm greetings from all the brethren in Uganda and Congo. We do highly appreciate your support. We request you to continue with that spirit. It is through your efforts that many souls have been won for Christ and many are continuing to receive the true gospel.

The funds we received we split into the number of congregations in Uganda and the Congo and each congregation got 50,000 Uganda shillings ($20) to help them in evangelism activities, the signatories were given 20,000 Uganda shillings ($8) each for their transport; and at the meeting we had lunch which cost 30,000 Uganda shillings ($12) (Total sent to Uganda & Congo: $320 – Ellis Forsman).

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours in Christ's service,

Julius Wandera

Kenya

Brethren,



I thank Almighty God and Jesus Christ, my Lord and savior. I am grateful for the prayers which my fellows servants of God and Christians everywhere did pray for me and my family at this trying and perilous moment in my life. However I still need even more prayers as I fight to recover and gain strength.

My beloved son was laid to rest on Wednesday May 28, 2014, at my own piece of land in Nakuru. It was a big day in my life and family at large. There were about fifteen preachers who represented all churches of Christ in Nakuru and other places. Bro. Laban, Bro. Situma, Bro. Mathews Otieno, Bro. Jeremiah, Bro. Peter Warutere, and Bro. Benjamin Rono were present to conduct the burial ceremony. Members of the community at Baruti turned up in big number. About one thousand people gathered in my home to pay the last respect to my young son. I didn't know how much people loved me and my family till this day. God bless them all Last Sunday we went to worship with my family. Bro. Alfonse, a young evangelist gave a very encouraging sermon to me as a servant of God. He read from Isaiah 41:8-10.

My family's regards to you all.

God bless you very much for being with me in spirit and prayer.

John and Florence Kombo

p.s. Attached is Moses's photo at the age of 4 years.

The Philippines

Dear brethren,

Eight people were baptized in Bayuganan and two were baptized at Bunawan; three families were converted from multiple cups to one cup worship. They agreed that this is the original church from the beginning.

Brother Dickson

The Philippines

(Pictured on the right is the new congregation at Bayugan, Bunawan, Agusan Del Sur, The Philippines)



Harlingen, TX (July 25, 2014)

Dear brothers in Christ,

We always thank God for you all and always mention you in our prayers.

I send regards and desires of the Lord Jesus Christ that He blesses and continues growing them in the faith and the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus.

I comment that thanks to the Lord, I am recovered in my health and I am making my personal activities and also preaching and teaching the scriptures to my brothers in the faith and to new persons.

Each Saturday several brethren are evangelizing in different areas of the city of Matamoros, Mexico. Also, in the cities of Brownsville and San Benito, Texas, they are visiting a day each week to evangelize, and several people are receiving the teaching of the word from God.

Evangelists in Mexico inform me that the churches there continue in the truth and are working in the predication. Also, I have information of the churches in Guatemala and the brethren continue firm in the faith.

I have plans to visit some churches in Mexico during August and September and also to visit some new people that have interest in the scriptures.

I send photos during the studies each Saturday of the church in Matamoros and with the group of people in Brownsville, Texas.

I thank you in the name of the Lord for the support that you send so that the evangelists can travel to preach the gospel.

The edification and maturity of the Christians in the churches and the new people that obeyed the gospel is the fruit of this work in that you are participating.

I hope God will continue to bless you in everything.

Your brother in Christ,

Otto Alvarez





Pictured above is the church in Matamoros and the group of Christians in Brownsville, TX. Pictured below is the attendees of the revival gospel meeting in Mugeta, Tanzania.





Sacramento, CA

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
We at Sacramento, CA, Church of Christ would love to share our wonderful news with all of you.

The Lord has blessed us with the opportunity to purchase a small building that we remodeled into a place to worship our God.

The remodel took many months and the efforts of many in the congregation. Thank you to Ellis Forsman for his long and hard work on the huge electrical job. God helped us overcome many building permits and requirement hurdles and blessed us richly through this whole process.

The Sacramento and Penn Valley congregations are worshiping together as one group. We meet at 10:30 Sunday mornings and enjoy a potluck the 2nd Sunday of the month. If you are ever in California we would love to have you worship with us. We are just minutes off I-80 and I-5 at 6818 4th ave, Rio Linda, CA. 95673

In Christian love, the Sacramento congregation.

Feel free to call any one of us:
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Kevin Harper. 916 424 4845
Eric Harper 530 367 5194

HOW TO HANDLE BEREAVEMENT

I am so grateful to the editor of the CHRISTIAN COURIER for the good work by being so much concerned as far as Bereavement issue is concerned. We are able to read and learn of those who have lost their beloved ones so that we can pray and share the pain with them. I lost my son Moses Keya two months ago. I also read and learn of others who passed away, like Margie Ann Queen, Cheryl Darlene Warford, in the June, 2014, Christian Courier.

Since the pale of death pierces every mortal, it is necessary for all of us to learn how to handle bereavement. In my life I have admired with respect the courage that has been shown by many Christians through hours of sorrow. Below are some important things others have used in dealing with grief: -

Express Your Emotions

As a Christian you should not remain unmoved by the loss of a loved one. It is quite different between suppressing one's emotions and losing one's self-control. The Bible does not say," Sorrow not"; but it says, "Sorrow not as others who have no hope" (1 Thess. 4:13).

Seek the Aid of Your Friends

The presence of friends is very important because it provides encouragement. When Paul came near Rome, the brethren came to meet him, and he "thanked God and took courage" (Acts 28:15)

Compel Yourself to Be with People

Some people may prefer to retreat into the refuge of privacy; this might not help very much other than to associate with others. David did (2 Samuel 12: 19-23).

Avail Yourself of Spiritual Resources

Though you may not have time to realize the importance of scriptures and their comfort, how this can help in building your faith. Whenever there is need to comfort yourself during the time of bereavement read the Book of (Job 1:21-22).

Don't dwell very much on "What Might Have Been"

Both Mary and Martha said, "If thou hadst been here my brother had not dies" (John 11: 21-32). I have been thinking about this for the two months now, till I realized that whatever I may think or say or do nothing will change the reality.

Choose and pursue worthwhile tasks

Once you have recovered from the initial shock get busy at other things. Resolve like Paul to "reach forth unto the things which are before" (Philippians 3:13). We have the Great Commission to be fulfilled or accomplished (Matt. 28: 19-20; Mark 16: 15-17).

Be careful and Thoughtful when making decisions

Some people jump hastily into deciding what to do for their future rather than waiting until he has regained a proper perspective of life. Don't be in hurry but make prayerful decisions.

Increase Your Trust in God

Christians who have come through their sorrows with deeper faith can verify that God, who rules over all, truly does make all things work together for good (Romans 8:28).

After the crisis of grief, you can serve God more fully. Like Paul, you can also now thank God for the comfort received, knowing that it has now given you the ability and strength to comfort others who are in trouble (2 Corinthians 1:4).

Lastly, but not the least, I thank all Christians friends those who came personally, those who called through phones, those who sent e-mails letters, those who prayed for me and my family, those who supported me financially and finally those who provided material things like food, water and other things to accommodate many visitors who came in my home to mourn with me and my family.

God is great. He is the Everlasting Father.

Be blessed,
John Kombo Nandwa
Barut Church of Christ
Nakuru, Kenya

In Memory of Sis. Betty Wegley

Sis. Betty Gene Wegley, 84, was born on April 21, 1930 and passed from this life in Seattle, WA, on July 17, 2014. She was a longtime resident of Grants Pass, OR, but most recently of Newcastle, WA. Sis. Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Bro. Harry Wegley. Memorial services will be held August 18, 2014. She will be missed by many family and friends. Sis. Betty wrote the following poem.



"The Passing of Time"

Sometimes when I look back on all the years gone by,
Seems I must have had a dream, so quickly did they fly.

I'm sure there are others, who feel the same as I,
We're looking for the time we missed, as it went by.

My mind is full of many things, the happy times and sad,
The things I did and didn't do, good times and the bad.

As I look thru pictures in my mind, it's wonderful to see,
The many friends God sent my way and my precious family.

I saw the beauty all around, as He took me by the hand,
And guided me along my walk thru-out this land.

I guess in thinking back, He was trying in His way,
To show me that the world wasn't here to stay.

I now no longer wonder about the fleeting past,
For it was just a moment, leading to "His" time at last.

Betty Wegley
August, 1994

In Memory of Buell Lindley

Bro. Buell Lindley (86) was born Oct. 25, 1927 and passed from this life on June 2, 2014 in Alamogordo, NM.

Buell was not well known throughout the church community, although some may have met him at the church camp in Colorado. He was a faithful Christian and an excellent preacher. He was an avid historian as well as a bible scholar and this made his sermons interesting as well as inspiring and edifying. I really enjoyed listening to him preach and visiting with him.

He spent the last several years in a nursing home after he developed Alzheimer disease.

Buell was baptized at age 12 and began preaching soon after graduating from high school. He was instrumental in starting some of the churches in California and then moved to New Mexico to work with the churches there. Unfortunately, Satan was able to disrupt the congregations there so when the church at the White Sands Ranch dissolved we started meeting in Buell's home.

The church lost a valuable worker when he developed Alzheimer's disease and had to move into a nursing home. Now our loss is Heaven's gain.

Your brother in Christ,
Gene Boling



Cards and Letters

Lorenzo, TX

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We here at the Lorenzo Church of Christ salute you in Christian love.

We Have just finished a very good meeting. And WOW, what great lessons and fellowship. Bro. Richard Johnston from Yakima, WA, spoke for us the first half and Bro. Mark Perigen from Oakdale, CA, finished up for us. We had some really good messages presented and we were greatly uplifted.

We had quite a few visitors through the week. Bro. Richard and his wife Sis. Monica brought their 2 granddaughters, Sierra and Katie, with them. It looks like some new great friendships were formed. Bro. Mark's wife, Sis. Tammy, flew in ahead of him for the meeting. We had visitors represented from Georgetown, TX; Broken Bow, OK; Oklahoma City, OK; Aztec, NM; Yuma, AZ; Ringgold, TX; Yakima, WA; Chico, CA, and Dallas, TX..

Health-wise we are as a general rule doing well. Sis. Wynetta McCay has had a few issues, and we pray she will get back to her usual self. Olene Howe has finished her cancer treatments and seems to have responded well. She had fallen and broken a bone in her hand, but is pretty

well healed up from that also. Other than a few minor things we are well.

We have had a few members traveling to other meetings this summer and we are glad they are home except for Sis. Bethany Wood who is going to school in Iowa. It seems so different when brothers and sisters are missing.

We continue to support the African Fund and we encourage the other congregations to do the same! They are in such need over there and we have such bounty. The Lord wants us to help other Christians.

I do not want to forget Bro. Alvarez and those in the Philippines. Their work also is so wonderful. We really need to help where we can.
In Christian Love

The Church of Christ in Lorenzo, TX

Pleasant View (July 28, 2014)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from Pleasant View! Most of us are doing well. However we have a few that have been going through a rough patch. Sister Nettie Walkingstick is currently in the hospital (Now released – Editor). Sister Jessica Chastain recently had surgery with some complications but is doing well now. Sister Retha Morris is struggling with her Parkinson's. Brother Darrell Chastain broke his foot but that is on the mend. Please keep them all in your prayers.

We have had two baptisms recently; Wyatt Alverson and Anna Thompson. Brother Wyatt married Sister Courtney Moncravie (granddaughter of George and Retha Morris) on Saturday. We wish them all the best.

The cookbook for the fundraiser to help the Delta Campmeeting 2015 has finally been submitted. Thank you to everyone who took the time to send recipes and encouragement. And thank you to those who helped type. As soon as the books come in we will set the price and shipping and let everyone know.

We will be having our weekend meeting on August 29-31 with various speakers. We will be having potluck at 6 p.m. followed by services at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. On Sunday morning we will have service at 10 a.m. followed by lunch and another service at 1 p.m. Please join us! Everyone is welcome!

Love and Prayers,
Robert and Christina Fuson
Pleasant View Church of Christ

Yakima, WA

Dear Brethren;

It's a little bit early to report the news from here, but I want to get this information to you. Our meeting officially started on Tuesday, July 15th, but we had a great introduction to it on Sunday, July 13th when Dakoda Bauer made that Good Confession and was baptized. Dakoda is the son of Bro. Bryan and Sis. Tammy Bauer and the grandson of Bro. John and Sis. Carol Bauer. This day was also John and Carol's 40th wedding anniversary. What a special gift!

The weather has been in the 100's for the last couple of weeks, but is supposed to be back to the 80'by the end of this week.

It will be a great relief. However, the heat hasn't had much effect on the meeting

attendance, for which we praise the Lord. I'll close for now and possibly write more later. Please keep us, as well as the rest of the brethren, in your prayers.

Love to the brethren, Bill McCay, Sr.

(July 21, 2014)

Well, the meetings here in the NW are over, as ours ended yesterday.

Veda and I were able to be at the Gleed meeting for 2 nights; but were sorry to miss out on Glenwood.

As originally planned, the brethren from Glenwood were supposed to do all the speaking in Yakima, but as complications arose, Brother Terry Warford was the only speaker from there and he spoke for two services. However, we were truly blessed that we had visitors from Lorenzo, TX who filled in competently for three nights, Brother Jerry McCay spoke twice and Brother Shiloh Boling once.

We were well supported by the Gleed congregation in attendance, and Brother Jason Christianson and Brother Kevin Lamb each took a turn on Wednesday and Thursday.

We were sorry that some of the "Old Faithful" couldn't be here this year, but thankful for those who could. We are happy that Sister Wynetta was recovered enough that she and Jerry could be out this way, and they brought a daughter-law (Sylvia) and granddaughter (Samantha Hudson) with them whom we met for the first time. It wouldn't have seemed to be the Yakima meeting without Al and Charlotte Burtis from the Waterford congregation being here, but thankfully, they were.

We had good attendance at each service and we would like to thank everyone for making this meeting a success, both our visitors, and our home congregation. The preaching was great, the singing was joyous, and the food was delicious and abundant

Please remember the sick and hurting.

Yours in Christ, Bill McCay, Sr.

Yuma, AZ (August, 2014)

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Hope all are well or recovering. I haven't written in quite some time. Denny normally sends our news but he is away for the summer. I will try to fill in with a bit of news from Yuma.

We have had a lot of illness and still do. Both Bruce & Diane Cummins had quite a scare from cardiac tests, but things are looking up for them. Bro. Bill Wallen had a stint to his heart and is doing well now. Sis. Betty Wallen had a knee replacement and has been in pain, but seems to be doing better now. Sis. Iris Stewart has had problems lately and has tests for her heart scheduled. Sis. Verda Nelson is scheduled to have a heart valve replaced the 5th of August. Sis. Ruth Duncan has been in rehab for about two months; she may be released the 4th of August. Sis. Alice Davis has serious back problems and is in constant pain. She has had injections by a pain management specialist, but has no relief. Sis. Debra Davis is doing better now, but missed church for two weeks with swelling and severe pain in one of her knees. Sis. Susie Davis' mother, Sis. Flo, fell and injured her elbow and has had a bad time healing. She has finally begun to heal.

We are experiencing some hot and humid weather. It has reached 120° + and the temperatures are mostly 110° +.

Our numbers in church are low due to sickness and some being away for the summer.

We still have our first Sunday of the month dinners and Bible studies on Wednesday evenings.

We hope all the meetings this summer go well and wish we could be there.

This is about all I can think to write. May we all keep our eyes focused on things above and pray one for another.

Bye for now.

The Brothers & Sisters in Christ in Yuma, AZ

BULLETIN BOARD

Meetings

August 29-31, 2014	Pleasant View, OK	Guest speakers

Baptisms

Wyatt Alverson	Pleasant View, OK	July, 2014
Anna Thompson	Pleasant View, OK	July, 2014
Dakoda Bauer	Yakima, WA	July 13, 2014
Sarah Phipps Davis	Broken Bow, OK	July 16, 2014
Trinity Lamb	Gleed, WA	July 17, 2014

Births

Peter Boaz, Jr. to Peter & Rachel Boaz	Arusha, Tanzania	June 20, 2014
Wilkister Lynell to Sadat & Agrippina Alex	Gaita, Tanzania	July 28, 2014

Marriages

Wyatt Alverson & Courtney Moncravie	Pleasant View, OK	July 26, 2014
Jared Lawson Fresh & Jessica Erin Carter	Glenwood, WA	August 2, 2014

Passings

Buell Lindley	Alamogordo, NM	June 2, 2014
Betty Wegley	Newcastle, WA	July 17, 2014

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Musa Kimani	Arusha, Tanzania	Cerebral malaria
Rachel Boaz	Arusha, Tanzania	Extreme malaria, Typhoid Fever, & Urinary Tract Infection
Peter Boaz, Jr.	Arusha, Tanzania	In hospital for evaluation - extreme crying
Wilkister Lynell Alex	Gaita, Tanzania	Water in lungs

Nina Bixler	Aztec, NM	Esophagus repair, serious complications from surgery
Tina Mickey	Aztec, NM	Extreme dizziness
Linda Wilson	Aztec, NM	Extreme anxiety
Synda Swain	Bellflower, CA	Strock, now in rehab
Jay & LaWanda Durham	Broken Bow, OK	Surgery, illness, falls
Pam Berry	Canton, GA	Severe headaches
Tony Schell	Cedaredge, CO	Heart irregularities
Mary Shirey	Douglassville, PA	Fractured ankle
Carol Bauer	Gleed, WA	Fighting cancer (in remission)
John Bauer	Gleed, WA	Back surgery
Robert Farley	Gleed, WA	Severe back pain
Gene McKinney	Gleed, WA	Diabetes & heart problems
Ola McKinney	Gleed, WA	Age related problems
Betty Simmons	Gleed, WA	Shoulder surgery
Ellen McCay	Glenwood, WA	Severe aching joints - age
Jeannean McSwane	Glenwood, WA	Severe infections, pain, blood clots, & falls
Suzie Warford	Glenwood, WA	Stage 1 breast cancer
Otto Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel
Mariella Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel & spinal problems
Gary Calhoun	Hillsboro, OR	Brain tumor
Robert Lane	Hillsboro, OR	Recovering from stroke
Olene Howe	Lorenzo, TX	Fell & broke a bone in her hand
Jerry McCay	Lorenzo, TX	Eye treatments for Macular Degeneration
Wynetta McCay	Lorenzo, TX	Back troubles & dizziness
Joseph Davis	Mesa, AZ	Thyroid surgery & radiation treatments
Bo Forsman	Pine Mountain, OK	Heart attack - still recovering
Darrell Chastain	Pleasant View, OK	Broken foot mending
Retha Morris	Pleasant View, OK	Fighting Parkinson's disease
Ken Harper	Sacramento, CA	Recovering from stroke and paralysis
Gerald Buckner	Stilwell, OK	Stage III Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma
Reba Morris	Stilwell, OK	Recovering from 2 surgical procedures
Lawanda Durham	Tiner, OK	Serious health issues
Cinde McCay	Yakima, WA	Fighting Parkinson's & gall bladder surgery
Kelly McCay	Yakima, WA	Hernia surgery
Alice Davis	Yuma, AZ	Lower back pain
Debra Davis	Yuma, AZ	Swelling & pain in knees
Ruth Duncan	Yuma, AZ	In rehab
Florence Fuller	Yuma, AZ	Fighting throat cancer, diabetes, & Alzheimer's, fell & injured elbow
Verda Nelson	Yuma, AZ	Sheduled for heart valve replacement
Iris Stewart	Yuma, AZ	Heart problems
Betty Wallen	Yuma, AZ	Knee replacement
Bill Wallen	Yuma, AZ	Stint put in his heart

And all those in nursing homes.

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