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Being a Christian Is Not For Cowards

Brother Bob how can you say that? Do you not read Matt. 5:5, "*Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth*"? Yes I do, but I have also seen the meek little mouse stand up and fight when the need arose. The Bible tells us there is a time to be meek, but it also tells us that there is a time to stand up and follow the scriptures. If we live around each other long enough there is always going to be some kind of a problem that will arise. The Bible uses the word "Ought" but this is a word we do not use in the context the bible uses it. We use "wronged", or "problem with" most of the time but it means the same thing. Today we are going to study the problem of being wronged and see how it always requires action on at least one party's part. Furthermore if no action is taken a soul's salvation is in jeopardy.

Matt. 18:15, "*Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.*"

But you say, "I am intimidated by this person!" Herein often lies **the problem**. How many wars could have been prevented if action had been taken as soon as the problem started? How many churches would still be together and how many brothers and sisters would still be in the church, if only?

Eph. 4:25, "*Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.*"

Eph. 4:26, "*Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:*"

Oops, we are even given a time frame in which we are to take care of the problem we have with our brethren. Why do you think God put this in the Bible? Because He knew that problems that are not solved quickly are like cancers, they grow till they take over the whole

body. Look at Math 18:15 again, "*Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault* ***between thee and him alone****: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.*" Far too often what started out as just a little misunderstanding escalates into a sin by the accuser. How? Because they take it to a third party. Make sure you noted in Math 18:15, "***between thee and him alone***."

I was talking to a brother the other day about this and he suggested that a wife could take her husband. If she is not married take an elder. The only problem with this is that this is going against what the bible teaches.

Matt. 18:15, "*Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.*"

Matt. 18:16, "*But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.*"

Matt. 18:17, "*And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.*"

Step one is completely skipped if we take another person with us. Only after we have talked to the person that has wronged us can we take another person with us. Remember the title of this study "Being a Christian Is Not For Cowards". [continued on page 16]



Cards and Letters

Lorenzo, TX

Greetings from Lorenzo, TX:

With winter rapidly approaching we have had some in the way of fall storms with heavy icy rains and lightning with flooding in many areas of Texas.

Bro. Ellis Forsman, Bro. Jerry & Sis. Wynetta McCay attended the Newcastle, TX, meeting on Oct. 16-18. The guest speakers were Bro. Jack Warford and Bro. Larry Wood. Then Broken Bow, OK, had a meeting on Nov. 13-15. The guest speakers were Bro. Jack Warford, Bro. Robert Fuson, and Bro. Jerry McCay. Also attending were Bro. Ellis Forsman and Sis. Wynetta McCay. The sermons were uplifting and all present had a very good fellowship.

Recent visitors to Lorenzo, TX, include Bro. Dan & Sis. Karen Greenway from Creswell, OR; Bro. Russell & Sis. Reba Morris from Stilwell, OK; Sis. Rose Ann Wingfield from Yuma, AZ. And Kevin Forsman, Maria, and son Ayden from Seattle, WA, Bro. Denny & Sis. Suzie Davis from Yuma, AZ, and Sis. Phyllis Ferguson and her grand-daughter Rose. Hopefully, we didn't miss anyone.

Bro. Ellis and Bro. Evart Forsman recently traveled to Greenville, SC, where they assisted with the care of Bro. Felix Craft. His wife, Sis. Edith, is the sister of Ellis and Evart. Bro. Felix passed away on October 30th. Bro. Evart encountered a minor injury in a fall on the way there. At the time they thought he had cracked a

bone in his right shoulder, but further evaluation at a hospital in South Carolina showed that to be false. He is gradually recovering.

Sis. Earlene Jared of Valparaiso, IN, has been fighting cancer and has recently moved temporarily to Lubbock, TX, where family members can help with doctor appointments and care. Please pray for her in her continuing battle with cancer.

Bro. Jerry & Sis. Wynetta McCay are in the process of moving their belongings into the house across the street from the Lorenzo church property, previously owned by Sis. Olene Howe. Much needs to be done in this effort, but they plan to help take care of the church property as well as reaching out to the community.

In Christian love from the Lorenzo, TX, congregation.

Come and be with us anytime.

Pleasant View, OK

November, 2015

Brethren,

I have been lazy about writing, but will try to now. Our "Labor Day" meeting was a success. We had great attendance from several congregations. Thanks to the ladies and some gentlemen, we had wonderful food of Friday and Saturday night. Bro. Jack Warford spoke on Friday night; Bro. Jerry McCay spoke on Saturday night; and Bro. Jesse Phipps spoke on Sunday morning. We had lunch and singing after Sunday morning service. Thanks to you all that attended. Please mark your calendars for Labor Day, 2016. We will announce the speaker at a later time.

Sis. Retha Morris spent two weeks in rehab learning to get along a little better. Bro. Darrell Chastain underwent eye surgery and could not drive for a time, but he is getting better. Everyone else seems to be fine except for a few viruses.

Enclosed is a check to help support The Courier.

Bro. Gerald Buckner

Church of Christ at Pleasant View, OK

Yuma, AZ

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I have neglected my duties by not sending in a letter to the Courier in quite a while. I do apologize. Susie and I had the pleasure of attending some meetings this summer. It all started in early June in Yucaipa, CA, where we went to visit our son (Denny) but we also got to be at the graduation of our granddaughter Jennifer Davis. It's so nice to be able to be with those at graduation, for them as much as for us. Even better we were blessed with the opportunity to have her with us throughout the entire summer. About a week out we celebrated her 18th birthday, another blessing. Our son Robert lives in Fernley, NV, and celebrated with us. From there we went up through California

and on into Washington for the meetings there. I do want to thank the Port Orchard church for the invitation to speak at their meeting. Love you all there. We continued on to Colorado where we stayed with Terry and Debra Wilkerson, always great people to be with. New Mexico was next where we were able to spend a Sunday with the Aztec Church. Well on to Texas for the meeting there where I shared the meeting with Bro. Richard Johnston. He is a wonderful speaker and we enjoyed his lessons. I truly enjoyed the time spent there with all the wonderful people in Lorenzo, TX, and again stayed with two of the most wonderful people, Jim and Jaetta Loftis. If any know Jaetta she will fatten you up with the meals that she prepares. The last thing I remember from the Lorenzo meeting was a big hug from Olene Howe complimenting and thanking me for coming to Lorenzo. Sadly about three weeks later we received the news from Jaetta (her sister) of her death after surgery, a great lady, so patient, very gentle spoken; we are shocked. We visited Aztec once again to attend a birthday party for Tina Mickey. She turned 90 years of age and they had a surprise party for her, so many people were there to celebrate with her. The look on her face showed that she was really surprised by it all. Tiny and Rex are so important in my life. There was another there that had a 90th birthday just prior to Tiny and that was Jo Johnson, sister of Harry Dye. You wouldn't know 90 years had passed since they were born simply by looking at them, many, many more years to be with us. I think that about covers our travels over the summer almost 7000 miles. We enjoyed every minute of that time with all of the beautiful Christian brothers and sisters. We perhaps won't get to take our granddaughter with us anymore since she is now 18 and will be entering into the work force and further schooling. She helped to take care of us two older people, Susie and I; now I don't know how much she enjoyed being with two sedentary older folks but we loved it. She was busy taking care of all of our electronics that we couldn't figure out for ourselves.

Everyone here in Yuma are in fairly good health, about the same as can be expected. One change is that Carl Carlson has moved from the church to a home where he is taken care of and he really loves being there. So happy for him. A change for the list of ailing brothers and sisters, my mother in law's health has changed some; her cancer is in remission and her injured elbow is healed as well as it will get, she still suffers from Alzheimer's and is now staying with Susie's sister.

We have set our meeting dates for March 13th through the March 20th, 2016, that's Sunday through Sunday. We would love to have as many people here as can possibly make it. It is always better with more than less. We have heard there will be quite a number of those planning on being here. We are still on the short side of trailers but we do have trailer spaces for those that have and can bring motor homes or trailers. We love you all and are looking forward to seeing you all.

Dennis and Susie Davis
for the Yuma Church of Christ

News From Abroad

Harlingen, TX (Nov., 2015)

Appreciated brothers:

Our prayer is that the Lord Jesus Christ blesses you and the congregations and to continue forward in the Christian life for a day receive the life wreath that God has promised to all who have longed for His appearing, those who love and wait (James 5:7-8).

I comment that I have permanent communication with all of the evangelists and preaching brothers in the congregations, and also each month I continue visiting congregations to help all this work of the Lord.

The church in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, informs that two people obeyed the gospel and were baptized during the month of October (see photo).

During November I have plans to visit the churches in Green River and Queretaro, Mexico, to collaborate with the work in these cities.

Also, I inform you that the brothers in the area of Northern Guatemala (frontier with Mexico) have many problems with rain that has affected their houses, work, and families (almost all their agricultural work; please pray for these brethren).

Receive the affectionate greeting from all of us and I will continue to inform you of the work of the Lord in Mexico, Guatemala, and Colombia.

Your brother in Christ, Otto & Mariela Alvarez
P.O. Box 532514
Harlingen, TX 78550

Report from Kenya

Oct. 23, 2015

As we tell the simple story of God's love of the wonderful salvation through the gospel of the cross – we marvel at the thought that thousands of people all over the world can read the wonderful nature and fellowship of the church of Christ through the *Christian Courier* at web htt://churchofchristonecup.org.

I am indeed humble at the opportunity and the space given to me so that some of my articles can be printed and read by fellow brethren, workers in the Lord's church, denominational preachers, non- Christians and religionists like Muslims e.t.c, who get chance to visit the website or internet. They can now access the Good News about our Lord Jesus Christ.

Over 4 years ago, Bro. Ellis Forsman, a humble servant of the Lord, encouraged me to do this work of writing to the *Christian Courier* by making sure that those articles I sent were printed for others to share the word of God our Father. I

have had several friends who actually did respond toward the gospel articles and we can now communicate very well. Among them are two men from Philippines, Marcos Man and Mia Kayang. From Kenya are Alfonce and Meleksadack. Amwayi. Alfonce is living in Nairobi while Maledadeck lives in Western province in Kenya. All of them are denominational preachers who are very much interested in knowing the truth of the gospel and the church of Christ. I am at this time making proper arrangement to meet both of them at different times. Brother Alfonce is willing to travel up to Nakuru. We are yet to agree on which day. Besides the appointment to revisit Migori to meet with the Brethren at Suna, am so much committed to fulfill the mission above.

I truly admit that this is one of the most inspiring opportunities ever afforded me by my Lord. God bless those who contribute their means so that through the *Christian Courier*, the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ could go in the World.

I kindly pray and wish everyone who have participated in one way or another in this work, good health and abundant life.

John kombo
Barut church of Christ
Nakuru, Kenya

Kenya Report

November 17, 2015

You came to teach us the truth from the Bible, and you did a very good work. Now, as you said, it is up to us to go and teach those congregations who use many cups to convert them to the truth. I do glorify God for what we in Kenya have achieved. Below is what we have so far done.

- Two churches of Christ have been converted to one cup doctrine. They are: Ronda Church of Christ and Tumaini Church of Christ (Nakuru). Soon Nakuru East End Church of Christ will be joining us.
- A new congregation has been started at Suna in Migori through the effort I put by going there to teach. About 11 were baptized.
- The articles I have been writing through Christian Courier have done so well. Two men from the Philippines have shown an interest of learning or studying the Bible in order to know more about the church of Christ. They are Marcos Man and Mia Kayang.
- Brother Martin Amwayi at Butere learned about the one cup church of Christ when he came across the article "When was Saul saved?" in the Christian Courier. He wrote to me and here we are now. We are having a seminar at his home at Butere as am writing to you. About 19 people are attending.
- I have written to you about the Bible class in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Koech. I met Sis. Margaret more than three years ago, together with her husband. They welcomed me to their home to study the Bible with them. They invited their neighbors who joined us. The Bible class is doing so well. We have 4 baptized within the period of two years. I had written that we need money for Bibles for this class, but because I understand the problem of finances I believe one day things will work well.

To conclude I would wish that we build the spiritual church first and when time comes and there is money we can go ahead and build houses or shelters where to meet to worship. Also when it comes time to put up a building we, as members, should ask what do we have to start with? So that we don't entirely depend on missionary contributions. For example when I visited Laban, he showed me a piece of land that he plans to give to the church. Laban and his wife have agreed to give their land to the church. We in Nakuru have a problem about the church building. We have opened an account where money can be saved for future use on construction. We don't have land like Bro. Laban, so we need both land and funds to construct a building. Therefore what we need to do is first to understand that there is not enough money. Then, to be faithful and use the little we can get properly i.e. on evangelism and to make sure that the grape juice is supplied to member congregations wherever they are.

Again thank you very much for your effort. From Butere, I would wish that I get an opportunity to go back to Migori as I had told you. I will update you on the result or the outcome of the ongoing seminar.

God bless you and yours,

Bro. John Kombo

Kenya Evangelism Report

November 24, 2015

Glad to write to you. Hope all is well with you in the Lord. We are all fine too in the Lord at this end.

I returned yesterday 23rd of Nov., 2015 from evangelism trip to Western Province. I went there to visit and have a seminar with one group called JESUS VICTORY TEMPLE CHURCH at a place called Shikunga in Butere. This place is very near to my home in Western 20 km from Bro. Laban's home in Kakamega.

We had good time with the group and I was privileged to study the Bible with them. Most of them agreed with the truth and accepted to follow it. I am sending you a list of the names of those who agreed to be converted and an X against those who requested to be given time to decide. We then discussed about baptism where they agreed that since they have been baptized in much water, they didn't see the reason to be baptized again. I opened the Bible and read from Acts19 which shows that a person could be baptized again. Bro. Martin Odindo, who is their preacher, requested that I leave everything to him. He will see to it that they accept to be baptized in order to be added to the church. I would require that you, (Brother Ellis) comment and give advice. [This is true that if the first baptism was incorrect, one should be baptized in the correct manner the second time. The baptism must be a complete burial in water (Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12) and for the remission of their sins (Acts 2:38) – Ellis]

I arrived at Shikunga on Wednesday 18th of November, 2015; I stayed there till Sunday then I left on Monday morning. We worshiped together on Sunday. I was given chance to speak. I dwelled very much on teaching about the true worship (John 4:23-25) I had carried two packets of the fruits of the vine I conducted the Lord's Table with a view. Bro. Martin Odindo (who is listed first) had before been baptized in the church of Christ eight years ago. So now he and his family have been restored to the church. They

gave the list which contains all the members of the denomination.

It is my prayer that we do spend most of our time and means to evangelize and restore men and women to the church of Christ One Cup. The apostle Paul exhorted Christians to "see then that you walk carefully, not as fools but wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. (Ephesians 5:15-16). We have no time to waste or wait. I am now preparing to go to Migori as I told you. I was to go there first, but because of the rain and the flood I changed and travelled to Western. Also the cost of the trip and the seminar would be $250.

I thank you for the support. As you can see, it has yielded the good result. God bless you all who contribute toward this work. I will send you some pictures.

Bro. John kombo

December 2, 2015

I received a call at 8.00pm tonight from Brother Alfonce who lives in Nairobi. We have been communicating very well concerning plans to preach the gospel to the lost. Now he says that he has a plan that we visit Rwanda (I and him). He has written the e-mail letter which I have forwarded to you today.

Meanwhile I am really concerned that Migori or Suna church of Christ get a follow up. Please I kindly request you to support this effort before the end of this month. I have given the cost of the trip. We need $250 to accomplish the work. They have kept on reminding me by calling every now and then. (We sent money for this trip – Ellis)

Kenya Orphanage Report

September 30, 2015

Glad to write to you this report regarding the orphanage.

I travelled to Kakamega on Thursday, Sept. 24th; I first went straight to attend my Aunt's funeral at my home in Butere. She was buried on 25/9/2015. On Saturday 26/9/2015 I left to go and meet Laban at Kakamega, Kenya. When I arrived there at 4:30pm I found brother Laban and other brethren waiting for me so that together we would discuss matters concerning the orphanage. We discussed the information that others wanted to know about the orphanage. Below is the outcome of the meeting:

- The vision - The future plan is to work out the plan in order to establish a home where all the orphans would be housed or accommodated. This would make it much easier to provide the care that is needed.
- The cost of maintaining each child per mouth was agreed by the committee to be as follows

  Food 28 children = $360

  Others = $140

  TOTAL = $500
- Meanwhile majority of the children live with their guardians, some of whom are very poor indeed. They cannot provide the necessary needs for the children. The most seriously affected are:

  Alex Induli

  Diana Mukasia

  Pauline Mwoyo

Brother Laban and his wife Josephine have decided to adopt the above three children to live with them in their family.

- The cost of mattresses and shoes for all children is = $550
- YES, IT IS POSSIBLE TO SEND THINGS or items to Kenya. But we agreed, first of all to open postal address box and then visit the Kenya Revenue Authority in order to get more information as to what is required to be done. [Note — We have looked into sending things to Africa and found it to be extremely expensive and most of the time the package never arrives at the intended destination — Ellis]
- Brother Laban has kindly requested for $100 to purchase a bicycle to help him on his daily work which involves moving from home to home to visit the children who are still living with the guardians. The bicycle could, in addition, help in evangelism.

Kenya Orphanage Report

October 31, 2015

Brethren,

We are so delighted to write to you and to thank you very much for the funds to support the orphanage at Kakamega in Kenya.

We received the money you send through Bro. John Kombo. God in heaven will always remember those who give their means to help the needy children. Some of them did not know or even see someone from anywhere who could love, pray and give them what to eat, put on, and sleep on or a blankets to cover themselves at night when it is very cold. But now we thank God who has touched your hearts at this time they (the children) have uniforms, blankets mattresses etc.

Attached to this letter are pictures showing children with new mattresses. One of those pictures is a special case. The child is suffering from autism, the disease that has caused the child a lot of suffering as you can see. He cannot understand himself. His senses are completely impaired. His name is Bryton Manguya. His mother Jackline Mmbone Kombo (my daughter) she died three years ago and the father also died later. The boy is supposed to be taken for treatment.

Brothers John Kombo and Laban Ambogo
Kakamega, Kenya

Arusha, Tanzania

Many greetings to you, hope you do well working hard for the kingdom of God. I & the Lord's family are doing good.

I like to share with you some report for the past months as may review some attachments for some better understanding.

On August 2nd we had some good meetings. There I could provide some sweet words to everybody that attended (see the group).

On August 3rd I preached in Dar es Salaam to the denominational sect called World Changing Ministry; the lecture was about Tithing / Church History / Roles of Ladies in the Church and answering several questions; the meeting was

real good, I was invited there and spent my pocket for this trip,

On November 27th we had some baptisms; three students became disciples of Jesus Christ and were converted to the Lord's church.

Finally, in December something bad happened to me and affected my physical family and the church for the future development, I was given unfair employment contractor to my working place (Veta HOTEL & Tourist Inst.) and lost my job where I used to earn some daily bread.

Asante sana (Thank you very much, English) for understanding.

Bro. Caleb-Evangelist

From Peter in Tanzania

I hope you are fine in the Lord. We are doing fine too, Jr. is doing fine too thanks to you for the assistance we got from you. Rachel is as well doing fine except I with my back. There has been 8 baptisms in Mugeta; no pictures yet. We had arranged to do open air meeting here in Dodoma but due to lack of funds we have not managed this. Mabaya's daughter had cerebral malaria and still is keep her in prayer. They really need special assistance too. We also ask those who have clothes that are fit for kids please send we are running an orphanage here in Dodoma; very difficult situation. On the meeting we need to do thorough job here in Dodoma, the Capital of Tanzania, and we need a strong congregation. We pray all this may go as the Lord wills.

In Christ, Bro. Peter

From Sadat in Tanzania

October 23, 2015

We left our homes on October 17th to go to Arusha and the following day we met with the lawyer and helped us on doing the registration. This is the person responsible for registering Non-governmental Institutions (NGOs). We were a group of five people plus two lawyers. They have really helped us on this; according to them if someone wants to follow the procedure of doing things like registration by his own it will take him time and money for him to get the certificate.

Yesterday we were working on the papers and the church constitution which was not complete, we completed it and handed it to these lawyers and now they are going to take these documents to their fellows in Dar es Salaam and after that we will come back to collect our certificate for registration after three (3) months. We thank God that we have succeeded on that.

We came with Brothers Kachege, Suleiman, and Tenye. Here we met Bro. Caleb and a new brother in Christ, David

Bro. Sadat.

Report From Liberia

November 26, 2015

Brethren,

My greeting comes to you in the precious name of the Lord and hope that everything is going well with all of you together with the brethren.

Thank you very much for my assistance of $200 you sent to me through Money Gram which I received on Tuesday, November 24, 2015. The amount will be used for the intended purpose for the glory of God.

My dear brethren, there is an outbreak again of Ebola Virus into Liberia which killed about 15, 000 people in the past. This break out started last week and there are about 139 diagnosed cases along with 35 Ebola Nurses with the death of one infected Ebola patient.

Therefore, we have gone again under a serious travelling restriction as a precaution for everyone in the Republic of Liberia. Though I have some trips for Monrovia and Rivercess but will have to wait in a while until we can get a good response concerning this issue. Please remember us in prayer for our safety from the deadly Ebola disease and that it may go out completely from Liberia.

Thank you for your usual consideration and may God richly bless you in all efforts to bring Liberia to the truth.

In Christian Love,
Bro. Suahgba
Liberia

Report From Uganda

October 16, 2015

This to inform you about the disaster our brethren in Congo and Kitoma, Uganda, are facing as I had written to you before They again called me yesterday at evening pleading for help. I encouraged them to trust God and informed them about the typhoon which our brethren in Philippines are facing. I also gave them these Bible scriptures to encourage them:

- Matthew 6:25, "*for this reason I say to you do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat what you will drink nor for your body as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing"*
- Luke 12:25, "*which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?"*
- Matthew 6:26, "*birds of the field have no barns but the lord of heaven feds them.*"

Brethren, I request you if there is any way to really help these brethren they need help and whatever help is very essential. They informed me that they can go without food sometime more than one day and sometime they boil water with tea leafs only .

Thank you.
Your's in Christ's vineyard,
Bro. Wandera Julius

October 11, 2015

We completed well our gospel meeting, it was very wonderful, two souls obeyed and were immersed.

We got many questions from denominational preachers; we were able to answer them and we gave them some Bible material which we had downloaded from the Christian Courier Web. The Christian Courier helped us very much because of many lessons and we can chose one we needed for our prospects.

We appreciate you for the quarterly funds; it made our gospel meeting very colorful. i.e. all people attended were given a songbook, notice for all 7 teachers who taught in the seminar ,food, (break and lunch, evening tea and supper). We did not afford to hire public address system due to limited funds.

I am here to inform you about the report I received from Charity Nursery and Primary. The director, Bro. Juma Peter called me and informed me that the school latrine broken down because of the flood and that the local counsel where the school is located summoned them, warning the counsel was to close the school due to lack of latrine, but since it is examination time they warned them and said that latrine construction should be done in holiday which is a period between December 11th, 2015 – February 8th, 2016. We therefore plea for your help as we had said it before that the school is consisting of orphans and some children of the needy Christians who cannot afford to pay fees in time.

December 1, 2015

We are doing well, no bad report I have got so far. The churches here in Uganda and Congo through communication and visits to near and distance congregations they informed me that they are doing well, plus the congregation where I minister.

When you post The Christian Couriers we ask you if it is good to publish our plea for construction of Lumino Town church of Christ being the first congregation to be converted to the correct observance of the Lord's Supper and the plea for latrine construction at Charity Orphanage Nursery and Primary school so that whoever may read the journal is able to help can help.

Thank you for Christian love and help toward the Lord's work in Uganda and Congo areas.

Your's, Bro. Julius Wandera

Report From The Philippines

October 14th

Dear brethren;

Greetings in the name of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We have been very busy for our work. I have decided to make this report along with a summary and some pictures and updates.

We started January, 2015, by visiting several areas in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao which were flooded during typhoon; several towns were almost completely under water as we visited people. We provided food and spent time conducting gospel meetings and Bible studies. All these areas are places we have contacts and they are all areas we hope eventually to plant churches. I returned to Manila and Luzon, provided relief and helped rebuild the church buildings that were destroyed as a result of the Super Typhoon.

May we request for our upcoming gospel meeting tomorrow. We need 20,000 PHP ($425). [Money sent – Ellis]

Bro. Dickson













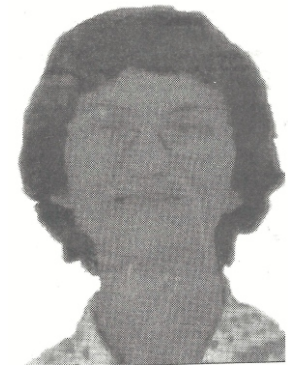
- Top left & right: Kenya Orphanage with new mattresses
- Middle left: Meeting in Arusha with Bro. Caleb
- Middle right: Meeting in Liberia with Bro. Suahgba
- Bottom left: Meeting in the Philippines with Bro. Dickson Fabian
- Bryton Manguya (has autism) at Kenya orphanage; his parents had died; he is John Kombo's grandson





- Left: Baptisms in San Luis Potosi, Mexico
- Right: Baptisms by Bro. Caleb in Arusha (they have to dig in the water sometimes to get it deep enough to baptize)

In Loving Memory of Pat Reed



Pat Reed, 65, of Broken Bow, OK, passed away November 21, 2015, at Idabel. She was born April 19, 1950, in Mena, Arkansas, the daughter of Robert and Carrie McCulley Roberson. Pat had lived in McCurtain County, OK, all of her life and was a member of the Tiner, OK, Church of Christ. She had worked for many years for Broken Bow Public Schools and enjoyed gardening and taking care of her dogs, Jack and Jill. Pat and Doug Reed were united in marriage on January 20, 1969, in Clarksville, TX. Doug and 3 children survive as well as siblings and many of her loved ones.

The loss of my sister, Pat Reed, will leave an empty spot in my heart; she was my baby when our mother went to work with our daddy in 1951. I took take care of her in the summertime. I also watched my brother, Ed Roberson. They were 4 and 7 years old when I married and left home. I know Pat is in a far better place than we are. This world is a scary place anymore.

Thank you with love from
Sis. Rachel Troxler
& the church at Goshen, AR

Bulletin Board

Meetings

March 13-20, 2016	Yuma. AZ	Guest speakers
July 17-24, 2016	Delta, CO	Family Camp Meeting
Sept. 3-5, 2016	Pleasant View, OK	TBA

Passings

Nov. 21, 2015	Broken Bow, OK	Pat Reed

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Laban Ambogo's family	Matundu, Kenya	Malaria
Peter Boaz, Jr.	Tanzania	Severe Malaria, blood loss, UTI
Peter Boaz	Tanzania	Back problems
Rachel Boaz	Tanzania	Severe Malaria, blood loss
Mabaya's daughter	Tanzania	Severe Malaria
JFelomina Mendoza's son	Kidapawan, Philippines	2nd degree burns on face & body.
Jay & LaWanda Durham	Broken Bow, OK	Surgery, illness, falls
Pam Berry	Canton, GA	Severe headaches
Tony Schell	Cedaredge, CO	Heart irregularities
Robert Farley	Gleed, WA	Severe back pain
Gene McKinney	Gleed, WA	Diabetes & heart problems
Jeannean McSwane	Glenwood, WA	Severe infections, pain, blood clots, & falls
Otto & Mariella Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel
Retha Morris	Pleasant View, OK	Fighting Parkinson's disease
Darrell Chastain	Pleasant View, OK	Eye surgery
Alaina Warford	Stilwell, OK	Broken arm
Jason Warford	Stilwell, OK	Allergies & ashma
Gerald Buckner	Stilwell, OK	Cancer in remission
Reba Morris	Stilwell, OK	Severe kidney complications & Lupus
Earlene Jared	Valparaiso, IN	Lung & cancer issues & treatments
Al Burtis	Waterford, CA	Radiation treatment for cancer
Cinde McCay	Yakima, WA	Fighting Parkinson's
Alice Davis	Yuma, AZ	Lower back pain & advanced age
Florence Fuller	Yuma, AZ	Fighting throat cancer, diabetes, & Alzheimer's
Iris Stewart	Yuma, AZ	Heart problems

And all those who are aging or in nursing homes.

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So how can a person get resolution to their problem if it is not in them to just let the problem pass? For this I do not have an answer. But this I will tell you some sort of action must be taken.

#1 Go and talk to the person that has wronged you and do it soon, do not wait.

#2 Forgive the person and then forget it. Read the following then ask yourself how long do you want God to remember the transgressions you have committed against him.

Mark 11:25, "*And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.*"

Mark 11:26, "*But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.*"

Let us look at another place it takes courage to be a Christian.

Prov. 20:19, "*He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.*"

Prov. 20:22, "*The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.*"

How many times do we hear things that should not be spoken and do nothing about it. When we do not say something to a talebearer we might as well be saying "I do not love you enough to help save your soul." If being a talebearer is a sin and you do nothing to stop your brother or sister what does that say about you? It tells me you are a coward or just don't care, I'll let you answer the question which.

Robert Farley