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"AS COLD WATERS TO A THIRSTY SOUL, SO IS GOOD NEWS FROM A FAR COUNTRY"
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LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brethren,

This letter comes to you and yours in Christian love, and I pray everyone is in good health. We at La Habra church are in pretty good health.

Sis. Ina Nunnally is feeling much better. She broke her left wrist, but is healing up nicely. Sis. Bernice Cavin is doing better now. She fell down a couple of weeks ago and hurt her hip. The walker she uses helps her get around a lot better. Sis. Florence and Sis. Hunt are doing fine. Bro. Nunnally has felt better and has been to Church the last couple of weeks.

We were very glad to have Bro. and Sis. Howard McCay visit us on December 25th. Bro. Howard brought us a fine lesson concerning "Faith". It is very difficult when I'm the only one giving lessons every week so, we welcome all the help we get.

Gary, Jane, Rick, Gary Jr. and Amanda Ferguson are all doing fine. Jane had an operation a few weeks ago and I believe she is healing okay. Little Amanda is growing fast and is getting smart as a whip. J.B. Nunnally is feeling better and continues to make progress after his heart attack a few months back.

Please pray for all of us here.

In Christian love,
Halo and Mary Serano

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We in Yakima send our love to the brotherhood. All here are well once again. We, and I'm sure as everywhere, have had our share of illness and misfortune. Brother Wilbur Reading is back among us after his hospitalization. For this we are very thankful. We must all try concentrating on our bountiful blessings which far outweight our tribulations.

The weather here has gone from -15 degrees to 45 degrees above in just a few days time. We look forward to warmer weather when we'll be able to visit with the brethren in Eugene, Seattle and Port Orchard.

We enjoyed the holidays with some good fellowship. Sis. Nora Loveland is doing very well. Thank you for your prayers and cards.

We invite any traveling this way to stop and worship and visit with us. We hope you'll be able to join us this year for our meeting.

Pray for us as we remember you.

In Christian love,
Bill and Cinde McCay

Dear Brethren,

I hope this new year will be a prosperous year in bringing more souls to the Lord. The Lord has been wonderful to us and we can't thank him enough.

It is getting hard for me to travel, but I hope that I will be able to visit most of the congregations of the Church before I am called away. I am 73 years young so, as you can see, I'm getting up there. I would like to hold a gospel meeting. It doesn't matter where as long as it isn't too far away.

We were able to be out to services this last Lord's day. It is so nice to read about the good work the Church of Christ in other places are doing.

As the apostle John said, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." I John 1:7.

In Christian love,
Wilbur and Lola Reading

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BROKEN BOW, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

So sorry we have not written in so long. We at Broken Bow are doing as well as expected. Bro. Lloyd keeps a cold and Bro. Doug is still going to the doctor for his back. We are a small group and need lots of prayers.

We had a wonderful surprise the week before Christmas. Bro. Gerald Buckner and daughter, Christina, were here. Bro. and Sis. Leroy Mullens and

Carla from Burkburnett walked in, then a few minutes later, Bro. and Sis. Robert Eldridge and family walked in with Sis. Lectie Ross who was visiting them.

We had a wonderful visit with all and had dinner on the grounds. Bro. Leroy gave us a very good lesson and we wish to invite anyone to visit us. Our services start at 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning and 6:00 p.m. Sunday night. May God bless you always.

With our prayers and Christian love,
The Broken Bow congregation

Dear Brethren,

I will write again after so long a time. I have been sick for quite a while and I still don't feel good yet. I have a bad case of a cold now and I can't get up before getting down again, but, the Lord's will be done. We have had a cold spell and lots of snow and ice.

We sure appreciate visitors. Matt. 6:33 - "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." We would like to have all in heaven.

Love to all,
Lloyd Treat

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SELAH, WASHINGTON

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Chrst,

The church in Selah is doing well and growing. Recently, Sis. Pauline Halloway came forward wishing to rededicate her life to the church and asking for the prayers of the church so that she may be a faithful member once more.

We have three new babies in Christ. Tina Best was baptized on November 27, 1983. Her brothers, Tim and Jim Best, were baptized on January 7, 1984.

Brother Lee Hammett is in the hospital again and would like to be remembered in your prayers. He has a chronic lung disease and other complications.

Brother and Sister Sage now have an apartment just a ½ block away from the hospital in Yakima. They would also like your prayers as their health is not very good.

The rest of the congregation is doing fine. We have some who are traveling and visiting with other congregations. We are looking forward to their safe return.

Please remember our congregation here in Selah. If you are traveling this way, plan on worshipping and visiting with us. Remember us in your prayers as we will remember you in ours.

In Christian love,
John R. McKinney

LOCO, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We at the Loco congregation sends our love and thoughts to all. Most everyone seems fine except for colds. Sister Smith is able to be back at church, but still has to have more tests. During our recent icy spell, Sis. Karla Jones fell and broke her leg. She will be in a cast for about six weeks.

Brother and Sister Matt Wiggins from Furnish Canyon congregation worshipped with us Christmas Day.

In Christian love,
Audley Barnes

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GOSHEN, ARKANSAS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We still have lots of sickness here. Sister Lawson and Sis. Kathy Campbell have both been in the hospital another time each. That makes four times for each one. Both are home now. Sis. Kathy is back in services all the time and Sis. Lawson has gone the last two Sunday mornings. That's the first time she had been in about two months.

Sis. Margie Andrews fell on the ice and broke her hip. She has had one surgery and is home now but is going back to the hospital for another surgery. They are going to have to do a total hip replacement.

Bro. Isaac Ferguson missed one Sunday night service with chest pains, but is feeling better now. Bro. Melvin Daniels was admitted to the hospital Sunday afternoon. I haven't learned his problem at this time, due to being tied up with my own problems.

One Sunday morning almost everyone was late for services and some didn't make it at all, due to the extremely cold weather. Most had frozen water and some couldn't get their cars started.

It doesn't seem like we have all been in services together all winter. We hope and pray that everyone else gets well and no one else gets sick.

Anyone passing through this area is welcome to stop and visit with us, and worship with us.

In Christian love,
Paul Andrews

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"Salt is good; but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Luke 14:34-35

YUMA, ARIZONA

Dear Ones in Christ,

Just a few lines to say hello and wish everyone well in 1984. Everything is quite well here in Yuma. We have had several visitors in December and it is always a pleasure to see our dear ones in Christ.

Tom and Charlene Broadway from Grants Pass, Oregon were here the week before Christmas. They came to be with his folks, Earl and Zelma Broadway, then went to Tucson, Arizona to see Charlene's people. He brought two fine messages for our morning and evening services.

Harry and Lou Dye from Parker, Arizona were here the evening of Christmas Day, he brought us the lesson for that night.

Virgil Roberts of Aztec, New Mexico has been with us also. Brother and Sister Baumgardner of Oregon are spending some time in the desert, and come worship with us. The three Kellems families of California and Oregon have been with us a number of times.

We have had some sickness among our members, Aunt Mary Davis was in the hospital, but is out now. Sisters Ruth Duncan and Arzella Renick have both had problems, but seem to be better.

If any of our brothers and sisters in Christ live where it is cold and would like to come our way, we have facilities at the church for motor homes or travel trailers. You could enjoy the sunshine and have a place to worship.

In Christian love,
Bill Nelson

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HUMBLE, TEXAS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Courier arrived in time to be passed out at Church yesterday. We were very happy to see the news from so many places this time. This issue, compared to last months, just shows how much can be accomplished with a little cooperation. Brethren, this is what we need. A united effort to reach out will get results, but we need everyone working together. Satan's forces are united and we, brethren, must unite and work together to prevail against the forces of evil. We need unity now, more than ever before to hold forth the truth. Let us all continue to work and serve together, laying aside our personal opinions and ideas, and put Christ first in all things, that God be glorified by His children, walking in unity and in love.

Everyone is well here at present. The recent cold spell caused us some damage. Our bathroom and water pipes froze up at church and had to be replaced, but everything is back to normal again now.

Several of our members visited out of town during the holidays. Dennis and Ryioko Bedingfield visited with relatives in Aztec, New Mexico. Stanley and Judy Goodwin visited with Judy's grandmother at Vernon, Texas.

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Sis. Jenny Herrin is visiting back east, but we expect her back soon. Sis. Ruby Akins from Antlers, Oklahoma visited and worshipped with us last Lord's day. Yesterday (Jan. 8th) a young couple, Bro. and Sis. Ragsdale, recently from Illinois, found our place of worship and met with us. We hope to have them with us regularly from now on.

We were all saddened by the passing of Bro. Brockman and Bro. Bishop, but were all made happy by the news of the two young couples who were united in marriage, and by the news of the births of three little ones into these Christian families. Our sincere congratulations to all of you. Again, we invite all who can, to come and worship and visit with us.

In Christian love,
J.W. Bedingfield

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SAN PABLO, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I just arrived home, finished with dinner and visited a while with our children, and now I have a quiet moment, and I thought I would read the Christian Courier over again. I am reading about good news of gospel meetings that are coming in the future and about those that have come and gone and I would like to urge you to read again Bro. Wayne Orendorff's letter. His letter is so refreshing to me. We all should humble ourselves each and every day, giving thanks to our God for the growth of the Church. We should let our joy be known all across the land, as did Bro. Wayne, who has reminded us that there is joy here on this earth. Joy because we have backsliders comingforth, receiving forgiveness, and others turning to Christ. We have joy here because of our Lord and Saviour and what he did for us. Let us be refreshed also when we meet brethren from afar or near, realizing that "they give us much comfort and consolation in the Lord". These are beautiful words, and thoughts each and every one should practice when we meet one another and "hope that all would enjoy the fellowship and communion in the Lord." Thank you, Bro. Wayne, for your letter.

Now for the news here in San Pablo. We have a sister who needs the prayers of each and every one. She is Sis. Kathy Maddox's daughter, Sis. Marcelle. She has cancer of the liver. Please pray for her healing and for the comfort of her family. We also attended the funeral of Bro. Clifton Brockman known to us as "Grandpa Brockman". He was 89 years old. There is not enough room on these pages to tell of Bro. Brockman's devotion toward teaching the gospel and helping others. We pray for the consolation of his family. We have had the pleasure and have been blessed with his presence in San Pablo a few times. We will miss him very much.

I guess that is all the news for now. May God bless each one of you and may he keep you in good health.

In Christian love,
San Pablo congregation

!!ATTENTION!!
A Message from the Big Spruce Church Camp!!!

Since our congregation is small, we need you help and opinion--so we are sending this survey to get your opinions. Would you like to help with the Camp meeting or shall it be cancelled.

Please fill out the survey and mail it back to us as soon as possible because we have to sign the Camp agreement (Users Agreement) and make a deposit in order to rent the camp for July 1-8, 1984 and also for 1985. Hoping to hear from all of you by return mail.

Happy Hollow Church of Christ
541 Howard Street
Delta, Colorado 81416
Ken Baldwin (303) 874-4581

Please Clip and Mail Back As Soon As Possible

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1. Shall we continue the BIG SPRUCE CAMP MEETING? Yes____ No____
2. Would you like to help with and plan the camp meeting? Yes____ No____
3. Do you plan to attend July 1-8, 1984? Yes____ No____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

CONGREGATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS, Please let us know if you would like to help support the Camp Meeting financially; it would greatly be appreciated. Please sign in the space provided below and mail as soon as possible.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

We MUST receive a reply from you; if not, we will have to cancel.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Dearest Brethren,

When we first took the Courier we planned on having it for no more than two years. We are now well into our third year and feel it's time the paper moves to a new home. The April issue that will be mailed in May, will be our last issue. We pray that a faithful congregation will come forward and accept the responsibility so this good work can continue.

Wake up and get involved!

In Christian love,
Al Way

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"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

Eph. 4:11-12

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1984 MEETINGS

Broken Bow, Oklahoma	April 15-22	Bill McCay, Sr.
Stilwell, Oklahoma	April 22-29	Bill McCay, Sr.
Baron, Oklahoma	June 10-17	Richard Johnston
Waterford, California	June 17-24	Sammy Boen
Goshen, Arkansas	June 24 - July 1	Al Way
Cederedge, Colorado	July 1-8	Camp
Bellflower, California	July 15-22 (tentative)	Audley Barnes
Yakima, Washington	July 22-29	J.W. Bedingfield
Yuma, Arizona	November 18-25	Camp

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BAPTISMS

Tina Best of Selah, Washington
Tim Best of Selah, Washington
Jim Best of Selah, Washington