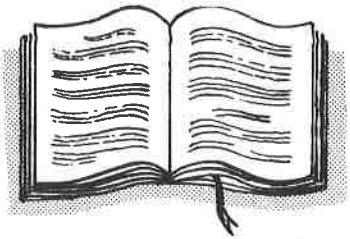
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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1987

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To give you a guide line as to how much it would take, per person, to put out the Courier each month, plus add to it, (ie 16 pages instead of 12) and to have 'Special issues', on various subjects, etc... It would take a mere .50¢ per month per person. The total expense to get out the Courer per year is now $2198.71. Sounds like a lot of money, doesn't it? But this is only costing us .32¢ per copy. I spend more than that on one cup of coffee. I think we are getting a bargain, don't you? There is no other expense. The printing includes the paper it takes for each month, and the expenses have been kept to a minimum. ($161.48) because I can get the supplies at below wholesale level. And the 'BROTHERS EM-2' word processor works great. It sure takes the burden off the typing job. It lets me view the word before it is printed on the paper, that way I can correct it before hand. The time it takes to log the letters and articles as they come in and then read them over, check out the Scriptural references to make sure they are accurate and etc... takes up a lot of the time, and then the layout for typing and the actual typing. TIME is the largest element. But time is free. It doesn't cost us anything. I usualy use early saturday morning, before everyone else is up, to go in and sit at the word processor. I can get a lot of typing done then. And then I use free nights to type too. All in all the time spent is well worth it. I can study as I work. Not to bad, huh? Then, besides getting out the Courier, I study for sermons and Bible study. All in all, its a great life, thanks to our heavenly Father, who has given me this labor of love.

Editor

SELAH, WASHINGTON

ARTICLE: Is marriage still a sacred convenant?

In a supposedly Christian nation, it is a shame that sin is so rampant. [Gal 5:19] This scripture lists all the works of the flesh. Adultry, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, withcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envying, murder, reveling, and such like. Also [Col; 3:5] and many others. When we look around us and see these things prevalent in our present society, we see that we are living in a world similar to the one God destroyed by a flood, also in cities comiting the same acts as Sodom and Gomarrah which God also destroyed and the list goes on and on of what happened to people who disobey God. Yet we feel God will be more merciful to us. WHY? Let us look at just one aspect as we don't have space for all. [Heb 13:4] "Marriage is honorable in all and the bed undefiled; but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." Marriage is an honorable institution created by God. [Matt 19:4-5] "He that made them in the beginnig made them male and female and said for this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and shall cleave to his wife, and they twain shall be one flesh." But now people no longer consider marriage a sacred institution and they divorce for every cause. The promise to stay together "till death do us part" is no longer a sacred covenant but is taken lightly. Over half of all marriages in the U.S.A. end in divorce. I have read that one-fourth of the marriages in the Church of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, end in divorce. WHY? Are the preachers falling down and not teaching the end of covenant breakers? [Rom 1:29-32] "They are worthy of death." In other places we are told "they can't inherit the kingdom of God." Also since we know the end results of these actions, in the 32th verse, we are not to associate and take pleasure with them. Is it because of our attitude toward covenant breakers that more and more are following this example? In these same lists [Gal 5 and Rom 1] Adultry is listed along with covenant breakers. [Matt 19;9] [Matt 5:32] "Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another committeth adultry. So not onlyare they covenant breakers but now compounds the sin with adultry. Brethren can this be allowed in the Church of our Lord and it still be pure? Do we add to the sin by condoning it? Maybe even calling on them, if it is a brother and not a sister, to take part in the service of our Lord? Are we fighting the good fight of faith, or are we condoning such things? Are we by our silence telling others that 'this is all right' therefore causing others to follow the same path? It is high time to allow ourselves to be led out of Sodom and Gomarrah as Lot was, or we too may end up in the fire of Hell. Brethren, think, study and cosider what our end will be. Remember the old adage 'silence gives consent'. In Christian love.....

Howard McCay - 3904 Knobel Ave #8 - Yakima Wa. 98902

BE YE FOLLOWERS OF ME!

[1 Cor 11:1] Paul Tells us, "Be ye followers of me, even as I am of Christ." Now Paul and Christ had a slow deliberate pace, traveling on foot. Therefore they are easy to follow. They did not have high speed cars that would run off and leave their followers. To follow Paul and Christ it takes a slow, deliberate pace. We cannot stop and rest or we will lose sight of them. [Rev 2:10] "Be faithful until death and I will give thee a crown of life." Don't rest, give up, or quit no matter what obstacles Satan and his servants place in your way. Keep sight of your goal at all times, Jesus Christ and a home with him, as we do not want to slow down or quit and lose sight of him. Neither do we want to rush onward and pass him by. Don't get so caught up in our fast society of false doctrines and worldliness that we pass him instead of following him. [Heb 13;5] "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." But do we leave Him? Is He to slow for us? Is ne not modern enough for us.?

Brethren, let us slow down and follow Christ. If we get ahead of Him we may take a wrong turn and miss heaven.

Think on these things!

In brotherly love - Howard McCay - 3904 Knoble Ave. - Yakima, Wa. 98902
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WHAT IS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD!

[Rom 3:21]

"But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law of the prophets;" (verse 22) "Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: (23) For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God;" (verse 31) "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law." (verses 25-26) What is the righteousness of Christ? (v 27) (Faith in God's Word) by doing what God said; Therefore [Rom 2:26] if the circumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumscision?" But what is the righteousness of the law? IT is God's commandments under the law.[Psm 119-172] There is a difference between God's Law and Moses' law, which is contained in ordinances. [Matt 5:11] Christ came to fulfill Moses' law. It was to a specific group of people. The Jews. His law was called ordinaces, but God's Law went to all that was of the faith of Abraham. This is the righteousness for which Christ lived. [John 4:34] Christ said he came not to do his own will, but the wil

of him that sent him. Paul said: [Col 2:14] that Christ forgives all your trespasses. Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross. So we see here that the ordinances of Moses and the Jews was taken out of the way. An ordinance only applies to a certain people inside a certain zone; and to those that come into that zone, they have ordinances, and they apply to the people inside that city. and to those who come into that city. The state law applies to all who live or pass through that state. So it is with Moses and with God. The law of faith [Rom 3:27] applies even to Abraham before Moses was born. For it was counted unto him for righteousness. Abraham believed God and then God gave him what he wanted him to do. As it is to us in [Matt 28:18-20] and [Matt 11:28] But not so with Moses' law. For they were given his law and then they must believe it. "but not so with us." We are to first believe God. [Heb 11:6] [John 8:24] Then taught what to do. [Matt 28:20] [Rom 3:28] We conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. Which was added because of transgressions. [Gal 3:19] But to what was it added? Was it not added to the law of faith that God preached to Abraham of which the Jews did not believe? [Heb 4:2] For it was not mixed with faith in them that heard it. So we see that the righteousness of God (His commandments) which is by faith of Jesus Christ, was preached long before Christ came into the world. Therefore the righteousness of the law is fullfilled in us: (which God commands) who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. And all of God's commandments are righteousness. [Psm 119:172] and should be fulfilled in us.

Yours for the truth.

Lloyd Treat
13 N Bock, Broken Bow, Ok. 74728

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PROVERBS 25:25
"AS COLD WATERS TO A THIRSTY SOUL, SO IS GOOD NEWS FROM A FAR COUNTRY"

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PENN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brethren In Christ:

The summer of 87 will be long remembered by me and my family. It was the summer we "packed up" in June and left Penn Valley, Ca. and departed for Lorenzo, Texas. We went there for their one week meeting and did we ever enjoy it. What fellowship: what singing and Christian love. We had the opportunity to renew friendships and make new ones. My Mother-in-law, Sister McCluskey went with us and unfortunately she had a flare-up with her heart, and ended up in the Lubbock hospital. But the Good Lord was with her. She had her medicine re-regulated and

is doing fine. The family and I spent two more enscheduled days in Lorenzo, Texas and became more aquainted with our Brothers and Sisters there. Then after the release of Sister McCluskey, it was off to Colorado, for the Delta Meeting. We traveled part of the way with our dear Christian friends from Lorenzo. And OH what a fine time was had by all at Delta. Our three sons, Eric, Bret and Kurt, who could only get 2 weeks off from work, met us at Delta. They traveled in, what turned out to be a caravan which started in California. Brother and Sister Bryant and Tony: Brother and Sister McKinney and Becky: & Sister Johnson. Also the Harper sons were with them. The Delta meeting was the grandest one I have ever attended. Bible studies daily: Wonderful preaching every evening followed with the best singing I have heard. It had to be, with all the Howe family there. I think between the Lorenzo meeting and the Delta meeting, there were [5] five people baptized, and [22] twentytwo people came forward for the prayers of the church. What joy, oh how my heart swelled with joy and I know that there was rejoycing in Heaven by the angels. Again it was the greatest time for renewing aquaintances and a wonderful opportunity to meet Brothers and Sisters you had only heard about. Brother Homer told you about the baptism at night high in the Rockie mountians in the light of the Coleman lanterns and I will add no more.

We had a troublefree trip back home and as I stated, the summer of 87 will be long remembered. Praise the Lord.

In Christian Love
The Harpers

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LORENZO, TEZAS

(Sept 21,1987)

Dear Brethren:

Not much news from Lorenzo this month. We are anxiously awaiting our mini-meeting with Brother Terry Warford (Oct 17-18). We would like to house and feed any and all of our brothers and sisters who can make it this way for the weekend. We have asked a speaker, but it is not set. If he can't come we'll have guest speakers. Please call and let us know if you would be interested in helping us. I would like to encourage all, young and old, to support Brother Homer's effort on <u>our</u> paper. Pick someone each month to write news to the Courier. It is all of our responsibilies, not just brother Bryant's. Guys, take one of your lessons and turn it into an article. Don't keep it to yourselves or for just your own home congregation. Spread God's Word to all of the faithful. We must do our part to spread the Word. [Matt 28:20] We need to get busy and write letters for the "SPECIAL EDITION" and "SOCIAL DRINKING" issues of the paper. Lets get busy and work while we still have time and opportunity. In Christian Love;

David McCay for Lorenzo congregation. Box 110 Lorenzo, Tx. 79343

GOSHEN, ARKANSAS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

There is not much news to report from here, but it has been too long since I have written. Some of us attended part of the weekend meeting at Baron. We saw lots of visitors from several different congregations. Also Brother Roger gave some real good lessons. Last Sunday, Oct 24th, we had the last singing for the season at Goshen. We had a few visitors from the Baron congregation but we didn't have a real large crowd. That didn't keep us from having an awful good singing.

Brother Jim and Sister Kathy Brown and Bro. Terry Warford stayed for the night services. Brother Jim gave us a real good lesson. It was worth feeding them to get that fine lesson. We will feed him anytime to get a good lesson like that. We are real proud of some of our younger brothers. They are growing and taking more part in the services all the time. They are doing a fine job too.

We welcome any and all visitors anytime. We meet at 10:30 and 6:00 each Sunday.

In christian love:

Paul Andrews - Rt. 2 - Hindsville, Ark. 72738 - (501) 789-5878

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LORENZO, TEXAS

Dear Loved Ones In Christ:

We at Lorenzo are fine. We have had another good weekend meeting. This one was with Brother Terry Warford. We are all very thankful to Brother Terry for coming down from Tulsa to hold this meeting. He is a very able speaker, well versed in the scriptures, and also very interesting to hear. We also thank those who came to help and support the meeting. Leroy, Darlene and Carla Mullins from Randdlett, Ok.; Howard and Leola Taylor; Tony and Tracy Normile; Kristal Barnes from Loco, Ok.; Jimmy and Joretta Loftis from Newcastle, Tx.;

These weekend meetings we have been having are a big lift. Hearing from younger preachers that we might not hear otherwise. We have another meeting coming up thanksgiving weekend (Nov 26-29) with Brother Bret Harper from Grass Valley, Ca. congregation. (Bret also attends services at San Pablo, Ca. when in school) All are welcome who wish to come to these meetings.

We had a surprise this Lord's Day. Larry and Gerald Brockman stopped by on their way home from a business trip to the southeast. Brother Gerald brought us a very good lesson Sunday morning. Their stay was all to short as they had a 4:00 P.M. flight out. All here send their love, and if anyone comes this way, just drop in. We would love to have you. Earl and Olene Howe will leave in a few days to fly

to Seattle to be with Amy when she has her baby. Our prayers go with them for a safe journey, and for God's care during the birth of the baby. We are real proud of our new young members. They have jumped right in, giving lessons, leading prayers, readings, and anything else we ask of them to do.

In Christian Love
Errol & Chris Forsman
(for the Lorenzo congregation)

P.S. We are sending a donation for the paper. It has been suggested that a fincial statement of the account be printed so others may send in donations too.

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YUMA, ARIZONA

Dear Brethren in Christ:

I have never written to the Courier, so I thought it was time to do so. We here at Yuma have just finished our meeting, and I believe it was a success. Brother Donald Dabbs and Brother Rex Mickey brought forth some very good preaching. It was very uplifting and edifying. We had good attendance each night, forty and more. We enjoyed lots of visiting and good singing. Had good support from congregation that meets at Cirtus City. Also from Parker, Az., Washington, Colorado, Oregon and New Mexico. We hope to do the same next year, Lord willing. Due to everyone's support and effort this meeting, we at Yuma salute you.

Yours in Christ
Marvin Boling

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BARON, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We have more terrific news to report from Baron. We have two more children of God here. Sister Stephanie Johnson was baptized Oct. 18th, 1987, and Brother Booney Morris was baptized one week later on the 25th of October, 1987. Also Brother Doyle Wilson returned to the fold. A lot of rejoicing is here and in heaven. Sister Ruby Brown has been counting and told me that in the past few months we have had thirteen (13) people either baptized or returned to the service of Christ. We had a great weekend meeting the second, third and fourth of October. Brother Roger Walkingstick did a great job. He delivered the Word of God simply, boldly and clearly. We appreciate his time and talent very much. We also want to thank all of our visitors. We had visitors from Newcastle, Tx; Lorenzo, Tx; Goshen, Ark; Bohannon Mountian, Ark; Stilwell, Ok; Loco, Ok; and Randalett, Ok. We also thank the Four Corners, Ok. congregation, who visited and learned.

They are a local digressive congregation. I also want to thank all those who visited the Lorenzo meeting. Most of all I thank the wonderful people of that congregation. That was one of the best weekends of my life. We want to thank Brother Melvin Daniels for his visit yesterday, Nov. 1, 1987. He gave a very good lesson on the "Bride of Christ". He was visiting with his wife, Rachel, and his son Mark. I hope I have not left out anyone in this report. Please remember the Church in your prayers.

In Christian love
Terry Warford
for the congregation at Baron

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STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brethren in Christ:

Just a few lines from here in Stockton, Ca. where we've been having very beautiful warm weather, but we need rain which we have not had since early last spring. We all are blessed now with beautiful leaf colors and lovely flowers. However, the past few months has brought us some sadness. We are grieved deeply to hear of Brother Earl Atchley passing, also Sister Bumgardner: And on Sept 29,1987 my step-mother Sister Jewell Cadwell passed away. She has meant so very much to all my family. She was a very special Christian lady and will be missed by so many. There have been several brothers and sisters very ill in the past few months and need our prayers. Fern's sister, Sister Myrtle Lee Clouse of Bellflower congregation; Sister Laura Parker of El Monte, Ca.; Sister Ida Kellog of Clements, Ca.; Sister Shelia Baker of Turlock, Ca.; Brother and Sister Loyal Hurley and Brother Lee McDonald of Olivehurst, Ca. congregation. We know there are many more, but this is just a few we have in mind. Our family has been blessed with several visitors in our home recently, among whom were Brother and Sister Gerald Warner of Springfield, Or.; Brother and Sister Randolph Kellems of Cucamonga, Ca. and Brother and Sister Howard McCay of Yakima, Wa.. We were very happy to have them all in our home. We have worshiped with Olivehurst, Sacramento, San Pablo and Penn Valley congregations in the past month and enjoyed good fellowship at all four congregations.

With Christian Love
J.D. And Fern Logan

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ECCLESIASTES 9:10

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor divice, nor knowledge, now wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."

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CEDAREDGE, COLORADO

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

First we want to say how much we injoy the Christian Courier and the new 'face lift'. It is very attractive. Also for the "Special" edition of the Delta Camp Meeting, and the big spruce tree on the front. It is very well edited. We all enjoy getting it each month.

Again, we here in Colorado, at the Happy Hollow congregation, wish to say many thanks for everyone that attended our meeting, and for sending in contributions making it possible to have our meeting. And for just being here helping to support it. Please do plan your vacation so you can be with us again next year. (July 2 - 11, 1988)

We have had many visitors thoughout the year. We say thanks to all that visited us on Lord's Day. Sister Movelle Wilkerson had surgery Nov. 24th. I know she would enjoy cards from all of you. We pray for her complete recovery and request the prayers of all of you. Brother Ken Baldwin is in Phoenix, Az. undergoing tests with the Doctors, and has to have Aneurysm surgery as soon as possible. Please pray for Ken's recovery. In between doctor appointments, we were fortunate enough to be able to attend the Gospel Meeting at Yuma, Az.. It was the best meeting that we have attended at Yuma in a long time. Brother Donald Dabbs and Brother Rex Mickey brought very uplifting lessons every night and on Lord's Day. It was so rewarding to all of us. A very happy week spent. We met Brother and Sister Howard McCay and Brother Gearld and Sister Anna Lee, Bro. Howard's sister, and her husband. Ken and I enjoyed parking at the church house with Brother Dabbs, and with Brother Mickey and families. Brother Howard and Sister Nell; Brother Gearld and Sister Anna Lee, and all of the Brethren. It was all so great and uplifting to be with all of them.

Ken and I are back at Phoenix doctors getting Ken in shape for surgery. Brother Dabbs son, grandson, Ken and I, Sister Verda Nelson, meet at Star Valley with the congregation there each Sunday. That is where the Shepherds meet. We are trying to find a church in Phoenix, but so far not able to. We plan to drive to Citrus City and to Yuma some, as long as Ken is able to travel that far. Of course when he has surgery, it quite serious, so we will be meeting at home. If anyone knows of a church in Phoenix, please let us know. Our love and prayers goes out to all the Brethren and please pray for Bro. Ken and Sister Wilkerson. May God bless all and remember our meeting in July, 88.

Bro.& Sis. Ken Baldwin

for the Happy Hallow congregation

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Note: Brother Ken Baldwin's address in Phonex, Az. is;
400 n. 40th ave. Phoenix, Arizona 85009

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DEATHS

On Dec.23, 1987, I was called to preach at the funeral of our dearly beloved Sister, Hope Arnett, of the Waterford, Ca. congregation. I have known this steadfast, faithful Sister all of my life, and can attest to the fact that she was indeed a faithful Sister in Christ.

Hope Arnett 12/21/87 Turlock, Ca.

Age: 96 years, 6 months, 11 days; She was named rightly, HOPE, for her whole life was one of HOPE, which is in Christ Jesus.

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On Dec. 24, 1987 I was called again, to preach at the funeral of another beloved, faithful, steadfast Sister in Christ. She also witnessed a faithful life before me from my early adulthood. I learned very much about the Word of God from her, and will miss her very much.

ALICE LUCY WEAKLEY 12/20/87 San Diego, Ca.

Age: 88 years, 5 months, 10 days; Sister Alice Weakley was the wife of Brother Bert Weakley, and she was an accomplished artist also. She will be remembered as being faithful to our Lord while teaching others.

Homer Bryant Editor

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BAPTISMS

Sister Stephanie Johnson	Oct. 18, 1987	Baron, Oklahoma
Brother Booney Morris	Oct, 25, 1987	Baron, Oklahoma

RETURNED TO THE FOLD

Brother Doyle Wilson	Oct. 1987	Baron, Oklahoma

We welcome these new 'babes in Christ' and also the one who has returned. May God be with you as you begin and as you take up the cross of Christ. Put on the whole armor of God that you may stand in battle until the end. Put your hope in Christ and look to him as the author and finisher of your faith.

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Brother and Sister Baldwin also have heard from Brother and Sister L.C. Barker, and Brother Barker has had surgery, and is not well as of this date, and not able to work. Please remeember them in your prayer along with those who are grieving their loss. I'm sure Brother Barker would enjoy cards and letters of eccouragement. Their address is:
L.C. Barker, P.O. Box 27, Gardendale, Texas. 79758.

Please remember the daughter-in-law and grandaughter of Brother and Sister Cooper of San Pablo, Ca. Their Grandaughter has to have a kidney transplant, and her mother is the donor . The operation is on Tues. Jan 5, 1988.

Editor

A FRIEND IN NEED

Some time back, Brother Ken Baldwin received the following letter. Due to his poor health, he could not respond and has passed it on to me to try to locate a congregation or to aquire some assistance to this brother. If there is anyone that is close to Clovis, California or anyone who wishes to send information to Brother Bryson, please forward it to him.

"Dear Brother Baldwin:

My wife's aunt, Flossie Bayne, sent us a letter that you had written to her and in it you asked about the true church of Christ. The one that has one cup and breaks the loaf (in two or more pieces), contribution, no instrumental music, or classes, or paid preachers. I agree that this would be the Lord's true church. I have been a christian for a number of years and meeting with churches that uses individual cups and do not break the loaf, has classes and paid preachers. (some cases 2 preachers per church) These things have bothered me for a number of years so I started attending with one group because I felt they were the closest to the truth but they refuse to break the loaf in two and I am not fully accepted by the church because I believe and insist to be scriptural, that the loaf must be broken in two before christians partake of it. So I was wondering if you have any material on the "Breaking of the Loaf" written by you or anyone else?

I have Alexander Campbell's book; "The Christian System" in which he states that the loaf must be broken, before the saints partake of it. If you know of any other material on this subject, I would appreciate information where I can order it from or if you have any to mail to me I will be glad to pay you for it. Must close for now. It is encouraging to know that there are others such as yourself who believe as I do on the loaf."

In Christian Love
John Bryson
P.O. BOX 1520 Clovis, Ca. 93613

This is a good opportunity to help someone who desires to worship in Spirit and in truth. So let us get those articles, Bible assists, etc. to brother Bryson, and help him find, or even start a congregation close to where he lives.

HOW ABOUT IT? CAN YOU HELP??????

Editor

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