Ericka Ferguson	Clinton, NJ	In prison
Lynn Iker	Duncan, OK	Heart Surgery
Amber Jones	Comanche, OK	Surgery on both feet
Carol Bauer	Gleed, WA	Fighting cancer
Robert Farley	Gleed, WA	Severe pain
Don Hammett	Gleed, WA	Fighting cancer
Gene McKinney	Gleed, WA	Diabetes problems
Stephanie McKinney	Gleed, WA	Back pain
Tracy Mouritsen	Gleed, WA	Fractured tibia
Ellen McCay	Glenwood, WA	Severe aching joints - age
Jeannean McSwane	Glenwood, WA	Severe infections, extreme pain, & life threatening blood clots
Bob Stacy	Glenwood, WA	Fighting cancer
Otto Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel & financial hardship
Mariella Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel & spinal problems
Joan Boling	Lorenzo, TX	Hospitalization, Heart problems & swollen legs
Brenda Casarez	Lorenzo, TX	High blood pressure, eye problems
Tony Bryant	Lorenzo, TX	Appendicitis surgery
Wynetta McCay	Lorenzo, TX	Broken ankle; surgery required
Borden Mullens	Lorenzo, TX	Fighting cancer
Joseph Davis	Mesa, AZ	Thyroid surgery & radiation treatments
Laverne (Nene) Harper	Penn Valley, CA	Broken hip & surgery
Robert Fuson, Jr.	Pleasant View, OK	Spinal Bifida
Reba Morris	Pleasant View, OK	Serious Lupus
Renee Seaton	Pleasant View, OK	Automobile accident injuries
Jackie McCay	Spokane, WA	Intestine surgery
Christine Burkhart	Springdale, AR	Health issues & financial need
Lawanda Durham	Tiner, OK	Serious health issues
Scott Johnston	Yakima, WA	Fighting cancer
Cinde McCay	Yakima, WA	Fighting Parkinson's
Florence Fuller	Yuma, AZ	Fighting throat cancer, diabetes, & Alzheimer's
Jean Orendorff	Yuma, AZ	In nursing home



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Ask For The Old Paths

The Old Testament is filled with many lessons for the Christians. It was written so that we may learn, "*For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*" (Rom. 15:4), and it was written for our admonition, "*Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.*" (1 Cor. 10:11).

One such lesson is that found in the days of Jeremiah. This was a time of religious and social turmoil. The nation of Israel was being pulled in many directions. The Lord wanted to offer them rest for their souls. "*Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.*" (Jeremiah 6:16).

Using the imagery of travelers who have lost their way, the Lord calls for them to...

Ask for the old paths.

The Lord makes His plea in this verse of Jeremiah above, "...*ask for the old paths, where is the good way*...". There is not just one path; there are many directions one might follow. The '*old way*' is often the best way. Such is certainly the case here. There are

many paths that men follow, but not all paths lead to the '*good way*'. In this case, the old paths led back to the Law of Moses: "*For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices: But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.*" (Jeremiah 7:22-24).

Jesus makes a similar plea today; to strive to enter the right path. "*Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.*" (Luke 13:24). He shows us a gate that is narrow and not easily entered where there is only <u>one</u> way to the Father. "*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*" (John 14:6). No other way is accepted by Him. "*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*" (Acts 4:12).

There are other, broad, ways that one might follow. "*Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:*" (Matt. 7:13). This is a way that many follow, but it is a way that leads to destruction.

Yet the way Jesus offers is a '*good way*'; one that likewise offers rest for our souls. "*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*" (Matt. 11:28). In this case, the way leads back to the words of Jesus. "*Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*" (Matt. 11:29).

The words of Jesus are relatively "old" by today's standards. What happened to Israel appears to be the case with many today. As described in Jer 18:15, they had stumbled, "*Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up;*"

From the ancient paths, to walk in pathways.

Israel had stumbled. Why? Because they had forgotten God. "*Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up;*" (Jeremiah 18:15). Though God had revealed Himself and His will long before, He had established a "path" for them to follow. They, instead, had turned to many of the side "pathways".

God's people face similar dangers today. Jesus established a "path" for us to fol-

we found out we would not be able to attend. As so many have discovered, the older you get, the more times you can't do what you would like to do. So we will stay at home and pray for the success of the meeting and think of all of you who we will miss.

The meeting dates in Washington have been confirmed starting with Glenwood, July 24th, Yakima July 29th, and Gleed, August 3rd. You all have an open invitation to attend any or all of these meetings. We would love to have all of you. Please keep us in your prayers.

Bill McCay

Glenwood, WA

We received a message from Fern's niece, Myra Juarez, today that her granddaughter , Ashley, is in a coma in critical condition in San Angelo, TX. She is asking for prayers on her behalf.

J.D. Logan

BULLETIN BOARD

Meetings

March 13-20, 2011	Yuma, AZ	Guest speakers
June 19-26, 2011	Broken Bow, OK	Cypress Lake Camp - guest speakers
July 3-10, 2011	Lorenzo, TX	Bro. Roger Walkingstick and guest speakers
July 24-28, 2011	Glenwood, WA	Bro. Dennis Davis
July 29-Aug. 2, 2011	Yakima, WA	Guest speakers
August 3-7, 2011	Gleed, WA	Bro. Rick and Bro. Chris Carter

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Jackie Brown	Baron, OK	Serious lung problems
Jim Brown	Baron, OK	Lung infection
Jake Hollan	Baron, OK	Lip cancer
Darlene Warford	Baron, OK	Low sodium
Doyle Wilson	Baron, OK	Severe headaches
Synda Swain	Bellflower, CA	Arthritic problems
Al Way	Bellflower, CA	Heart problems
Minnie Davis	Broken Bow, OK	In nursing home
Ruth Johnson	Broken Bow, OK	In nursing home
Louise Brister	Citrus City, AZ	Health issues
Lou Dye	Citrus Ciry, AZ	Health issues
Tony Schell	Cedaredge, CO	Heart irregularities

II Peter - Gene Barrett

I John - Don Taylor

II John - Leroy Mullins

III John - Al Way

Jude - Harry Davis

Revelation - JD Logan

Gentlemen please do not think I am putting anyone on the spot. I realize that not all of these men want an undertaking such as this and I also realize that I have not visited all the congregations and know all wise men of the church. Another way to do it would be to have the different congregations do a book, but thought this might be harder on congregations. But what if instead of Wed services or Bible study each congregation did a commentary on a Bible book. I have gotten a CD commentary from a digressive Church of Christ at Ardmore Ok. I listen to them often but have to watch what they say on certain issues. Wouldn't it be great if we had one that we could trust & learn from.

An undertaking such as this must have a beginning, take this article as such. Before we lose anymore wisdom lets find a way that the younger can hear this wisdom everyday. Might help keep some of the younger in the church if they had answers from the wiser men that they look up to. To do it as a recorded verbal commentary might be the easiest way to give & receive it, with todays lifestyles. I know for a fact that while driving down the road I would much rather have my family & myself listen to a commentary from brothers that I love & trust, than to listen to Rap, Rock or Country music. David says in **Psalm 101:3**
"I will set no **wicked thing** before mine eyes"

Maybe….. just maybe that having a work such as this to listen to often would build the knowledge & faith of a young one to the point it would be easier to stay pointed on the right path, help keep the wicked away.

Written in Love for the Truth

Paul Warford

P.S. To the men listed or anyone else that might like to help with this work, please feel free to call or write me.

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Yakima, WA

Dear Brethren: As mentioned in the February Courier, our granddaughter, Mikaela Lamb, was married to Brent Wyatt on Feb. 12th here in Yakima. Brent plays baseball for the Erie, PA Sea Wolves, a farm team of the Detroit Tigers, and will be leaving shortly for spring training in Florida. Mikaela will join him in Erie after spring training. It was nice to have Brady, Kyla, and Ty here for Mikaela's wedding. On a sadder note, our nephew, Scott Johnston, passed away last week after a long illness, culminating in his bout with cancer. He lived in the Burlington-Mount Vernon Washington area. He is the son of Bro. Oren Johnston, and brother of Richard Johnston. Please pray for us, and his family.

It is with sadness we write that we will be unable to attend the meeting in Yuma this year. We always look forward to meeting with so many of our loved ones in the spring. Veda had started to gather up our clothing for the trip when

low. He gave us His words, His doctrine, His commandments. "*Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*" (Matt. 11:29). He communicated His message to us through His apostles. "*Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*" (Matt. 28:20).

The apostles were aided by the Holy Spirit. "*I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*" (John 16:12-13). The early disciples were careful to follow the things the apostles taught. "*And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*" (Acts 2:42). The Christians were commanded to follow the teachings of the apostles. "*Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.*" (2 Thess. 2:15). "*Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.*" (2 Thess. 3:6).

Yet there are man "pathways" that would lead us astray, such as doctrines of men, "*But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.*" (Matt. 15:9); and the philosophies of men, Col. 2:8, "*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*" (Col. 2:8).

Often packaged as "new!" and "improved!" such doctrines and philosophies fail to deliver what only the Lord truly offers ("rest for your souls"). To ensure that we are not led astray, we need to…

Set up signposts, make landmarks.

This was the solution for Israel; to set up road marks that would direct them back to the right way. "*Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps: set thine heart toward the highway, even the way which thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities.*" (Jeremiah 31:21). For them, these "signposts" and "landmarks" was the Law of Moses to which they were not to add or take way. "*Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you. Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.*" (Deut. 4:1-2). They were to teach these things to every generation. "*Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they*

depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;" (Deut. 4:9).

This is the solution for us today; to set up road marks which lead us to the right way. For us, these "signposts" and "landmarks" are found in the apostles' doctrine, which is God's Word. "*And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*" (Acts 2:42). "*If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.*" (1 Cor. 14:37). "*For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.*" (1 Thess. 2:13). The things the apostles taught contained the doctrine of Christ, without which we cannot have God. "*Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.*" (2 John 1:9).

Do you desire to have rest for your soul; freedom from sin; freedom from guilt? with inner peace and tranquility in the midst of outward turmoil? The path to such rest is an old path, found only in Him who lived and died for our sins nearly 2000 years ago, whose doctrine has been faithfully preserved by His apostles in the New Testament. If you are stumbling around in life, then "Ask For The Old Paths" that will lead you back to God!

Written in Christian love,

Ellis Forsman

Why are you a Christian?

I was supprised when I asked this question at the answers I received.

I want to make it to heaven.

I don't want to go to hell.

Are these the right reasons?

I don't think so.

1 John 7: 7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.*

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.*

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.*

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.*

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.*

Bro. Al Way, I have you in my prayers and miss your whole family. Bro. Serrano (age 75) is still kicking and says hi.

In Christian love,

Sister Christine Burkhart

P.S. Mom, Mary Serrano, passed over 7 years ago, She's sorely missed.

Stilwell, OK

Dear Brethren,

I have just finished reading Bro. Ellis's article on "The Christian Exodus". It is a great article with a lot of valuable information. He says it is for the younger people of the Church because so many younger people are leaving the Church for different reasons, but I feel it is mostly because of lack of knowledge. Even at 43 years of age it is still hard for me to find all the answers I am looking for on a daily basis. Although I can always call one of the (older) wiser brethren and get the answers I need, I think it would be beneficial to be able to read, or listen to, the Bible with a wiser man's understanding. There are many commentaries on the market today but which one would you trust enough to turn over to your children or grandchildren. We have lost a lot of, what I consider to be, wise men. Such as JW Bedingfield, Rex Mickey, Lloyd Treat, Sammy Boen, Edwin Crowell, Howard McCay, just to name a few. Wouldn't it be great if the WISER men of the church would make a commentary for us that are not as wise. We could have each man do a book of the New Testament, of their choosing.

For instance:

Matt - Bill Taylor

Mark - Ellis Forsman

Luke - Jim Brown

John - Bill McCay Jr

Acts - Terry Warford

Romans - Harry Dye

I Cor - Bill McCay Sr.

II Cor - Stanley Goodwin

Gal - Doug Ferguson

Eph - Larry Pollan

Philippians - Dennis Davis

Colossians - Jack Warford

I Thes - Jerry McCay

II Thes - Roger Walkingstick

I Tim - Jerry Perigen

II Tim - Gerald Buckner

Titus - Mark Perigen

Philemon - Gerald Brockman

Hebrews - John McKinney Sr

James - Richard Johnston

I Peter - Eric Harper

is not a simple trip the Brother is taking. There are dangers over there. There are hardships over there. There are challenges over there. He will need our prayers.

If there is anyone that would consider helping Ellis in mission, please contact him to discuss if this is something you are able to do.

I am asking that ALL of the Congregations, dig a little deeper and commit some funds to support this effort. What Brother Ellis is doing will cost money. There is no financial structure to support the trip. So we have the opportunity to support this trip and help out with some funds. So many of us cannot go BUT we, can help. Even if it is just a little per month. It will be a work for the Lord, from you. Please MAKE the commitment and help out any way you can.

Your Brother in Christ

Larry Wood

Lorenzo Church of Christ

[Editor's note: Bro. Tony Bryant from Lorenzo had surgery for Appendicitis on the 13th of April, and is home recovering, so please remember him in your prayers.]

Stilwell, OK

Greetings from Stilwell OK.

We here at Pleasant View are still struggling with very few attending services.

Bro. Bill Ross, is spending time in the hospital, (Hill Crest Hospital, Tulsa), He has cancer of the throat, He is taking treatments. Please remember him and his wife and children in your prayers.

Sending a donation so you may carry on!

Pleasant View Church of Christ

Springdale, AR

Dear Brethren,

Your overall response to my situation has been heart whelming and so much the more that to walk in faith and not by sight is so proved the trust the brethren across the Churches of Christ as one Godly unit of family through Christ Jesus' the best blessing, I pray every day of my life for the body of Christ to grow, strengthen in faith, and find that will to still go forth and teach and let the worldly things go to the side and you all know to walk by faith and do the Lords will and don't give up trials and tribulations.

The reward at the end will be realized and all the world handed us will pass away and nothing but shine, happiness and warmth of love forever in the Lord's Kingdom will prevail.

Don't let the Prince of darkness dismay you. Strive, fight and you'll win Heaven.

Thank you all for the donations to me. I had another surgery in January this year so all the help kept me afloat. God bless you all.

13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.*

I can find no place in the scriptures where it tells us to become a Christian so we could go to heaven and not hell.

Ec 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.*

Can love and fear abide together?

As a child I feared my father and what he could do to me. But it wasn't this fear that made me do what he wanted me to do, it was my love for him.

This is the way we are to love God, not out of fear of being punished for what we may do wrong but because we love him.

If a child has to have a reward dangled in front of them before they will do something is it love of the person that gives it to them or is it the love of the reward?

If it is the love of the reward, one can always be distracted by the others around you.

But if is the love of the person your love always be there.

Submitted by: Robert Farley, Gleed, WA congre-

African Project Update

At this time Bro. Ellis Forsman is continuing to prepare to go to Tanzania; including home repairs, medical physical, legal paperwork, etc. He has his Passport updated and has received all of his shots. He is currently awaiting a Visa (necessary for more than a 90-day stay plus working in that country), but has a long list of materials, study books, etc. to also get ready to take.

He had to send a 6-month deposit to reserve an apartment as well as a deposit to help find a used, but serviceable Land Cruiser vehicle. (Bro. Boaz who originally contacted us lost the use of a car and his primary income when the multiple cups brethren withdrew from him. They are currently meeting for church services at Bunda under trees (even in rainy season).

Many thanks to those of you who have given or sent support for this project already. It has taken a lot just to get started, but please know that your gifts of love, prayers, etc. will not go unrewarded by the Lord.

When you get this paper, it means Bro. Matt Matlock successfully published this issue and will continue to do so while Bro. Ellis is gone.

If you so desire to know more from Tanzania, click on Ellis' facebook to read messages from Bro. Boaz & his son Peter. After Bro. Ellis gets to Tanzania he will post pictures on his facebook for all to see. Feel free to add them to your own facebook or to get updates from Ellis.

If any brother is interested to go to Tanzania at a later date or for a 3-month stay, please contact Bro. J. D. Logan at 360-874-8741.

Church of Christ

Cypress Lake Camp Meeting 2011
(JUNE 19-26)

LOCATION

- Cypress Lake Campground is located on Highway 259 between Idabel and Broken Bow, Oklahoma and across from Tyson's Processing Plant. Look for the sign that says "Treats".

FACILITIES

- Full hookups for RV's and trailers.
- RV spaces, rooms, and dorms available. To reserve a RV space, room, or dorm space, please call

Dan & Sherry Treat (405) 436-9636/(580) 212-8855 or **Doug & Phyllis Ferguson (580) 981-2243**.

THINGS TO BRING

- Bring your own sleeping bag, bedding, pillows, and flashlights.
- Bring your own personal hygiene items, bug spray, towels, and washcloths.

POLICIES

- As representatives of Christ, we ask that all clothing for men, women, and children be modest and appropriate.
- Covers should be worn over swimsuits. No muscle, spaghetti, halters, strapless, or transparent tops. Shorts and skirts should be longer in nature.

  (*"We prefer knee length-after all this is church camp."*-Dan & Sherry)
- Please dress appropriately for all church services.
- All rules will be clearly posted. To ensure that all guests enjoy a pleasant experience at Cypress Lake, please be respectful and adhere to all camp rules.

ACTIVITIES

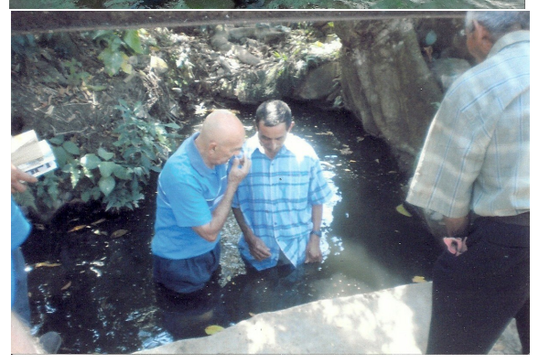
- Bible study, singing, games, fishing, swimming, boating, sports, hiking, tours, crafts, auction and much, much more!!

Alejandro and Mary… Rio Verde

Genaro Flores……...Huichihuayan.

Your brother in Christ.





Bro. Otto Alvarez.

Lorenzo, TX

Hello Brothers and sisters in Christ,

We here in Lorenzo salute you. As of the time of this letter everyone here is of good health. We have had a few who had some definite bumps and ailments, but they are basically past that and moving around better.

We have been blessed with some travelers this spring. Bro. Bob and Sis. Wilma Farley, along with Bro. Wilfred Farley. Bob gave us a good word while they were here. It brought back some old memories of lessons he touched me with when I was just starting out as a young Christian in Port Orchard, Washington.

We did have lite attendance in March a couple of weekends. Yes a good portion of our congregation attended the Yuma meeting. Being over Spring break, several of our younger members were also able to go.

We are getting more excited about our Meeting this Summer, now that the weather is heating up. The dates of our Gospel meeting are July 3rd—10th. Roger Walkingstick from Oklahoma will be our primary speaker for the event. I can tell you that Roger is a very good speaker and will put a stir in your heart.

We will also have a few guest speakers to round out the week.

Lastly, I am sure that most of you have heard that Bro. Ellis Forsman is about to embark on a wonder mission for The Lord. Ellis is going to Africa to work with some Churches that are in need of assistance. He is going into some pretty rough conditions and resources will be thin. So we are putting a call out to the Faithful Congregations of Jesus Christ for support.

I would like to ask that each and every one of us, consider Ellis in our prayers each day. This

tacts in those areas. We have many opened doors to teach the gospel, but to make this work we need your assistance, your collaboration, participation and any other help you can give.

All the brothers are very thankful by your communion in this work and for your help with evangelists in Mexico,
Central America and Colombia. For the work of the Lord Jesus.

And my God will meet all your need according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus… (Phill 4:19), (all you effort and participation in the work of the Lord.)

I am sending photo of the new brothers in City Fernandez, Mexico.

Your brother in Christ,



Bro. Otto Alvarez.

For more information please write to:

Otto Alvarez (956-364 0095)

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Harlingen TX 78550

Harlingen, TX (March 29th)

Dear brethren in Christ.

I greet you cordially in the name of Christ. I hope that you are well along with our esteemed brethren in the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Desire to comment to you that during March, I had plans to visit during a week the church in (Huichihuayan Mexico) and the church (in Rio Virde Mexico) and after to travel (Pachuca City Mexico) to work during a month with these new brothers.

When I worked in Huichihuayan we converted a person and they were baptized; after we converted two person in Rio Verde and they were baptized. During these baptisms it was cold and I had problems with my health and I need to return immediately to Harlingen TX because I was sickened with a strong pneumonia and I was in the hospital during 6 days.

Thanks to the Lord at this time I am a little better in my health but I need two weeks to recover me and I have confidence that the Lord help me so that after 15 days I travel to work in Pachuca City with these new brothers.

These brothers have new contacts in this area of Pachuca City and wait so that I visit to teach the gospel to these persons.

Thanks for all of your prayers and participation in the work of the Lord in these places.

I send photos new brothers:



Precious Memories

***It Is Written*, March, 1951.** * Bro. Peel, Crosbyton, TX, announced they had purchased a lot there, and moved a building on it for meeting purposes; all were invited to worship with them.

***The Christian Courier*, March, 1971.** * The Somerton, AZ, congregation reports on the following: Sis. Earl Broadway (86) was injured in a car accident; Bro. Earl Broadway got some soreness after falling while working; Bro. Horace Orendorff was hospitalized for injuries to his back and leg; and Bro. Ken Baldwin got sick while visiting from Colorado. * The La Habra, CA, congregation wrote that Bro. & Sis. Dayton Clouse had been ill with the flu. * The Modesto, CA, congregation wrote that Bro. Carter's wife had been hospitalized. * The following passing's were reported: Sis. Mary Daniels, Stilwell, OK, March 1st; and Sis. Lucy Condor, Stockton, CA, Feb. 16th.

***The Christian Courier*, April, 1971.** * Marion Warford, Baron, OK, reported on the passing of Sis. Mary Daniels. They also announced the marriage of Bro. Bolin and Sis. Lovetta. * Sis. Becky Forsman, Lorenzo, TX, announced that her husband Evart will be discharged from the Army April 17th. * The Bellflower, CA, congregation announced Bro. Tom Broadway would be holding their meeting in August. * The Grants Pass, OR, congregation announced the baptism of Loretta Janes, March 27th. * Bro. Robert McCay, Glenwood, WA, announced Bro. Ellis & Sis. Lynell

Forsman & family had moved nearby; they were in process of building a new place of worship. * The Modesto, CA, congregation reported on the passing of Bro. Renzo Stephens; they also reported on their meeting with Bro. Harry Dye.

***The Christian Courier*, March, 1981.** * Bro. Bill McCay, Yakima, WA, reported on the passing of Sis. Eleanor Guyer and Bro. Elmer Hunt. * Bro. Homer Bryant, San Pablo, CA, announced the marriage of Bro. & Sis. Keith Boen.

***The Christian Courier*, March, 1991.** * The San Pablo, CA, congregation announced the birth of Jacob Louis to Bro. Louis & Sis. Melody Glynell on December 9th. * Bro. Don Lewis, Duncan, OK, announced a meeting in April with Bro. Howard McCay. * The Cedaredge, CO, congregation invited all to attend the Big Spruce Camp Meeting in Delta, CO, in June.

***The Christian Courier*, April, 1991.** * The Randlett, OK, congregation announced a meeting in May with Bro. Jim Brown. * Also reported: Bro. Ken Baldwin, Cedaredge, CO, passed away. Bro. Ken will always be remembered for the work he did at the Delta Family Camp Meetings.



Cards and Letters

Duncan, OK

It has been quite a while since I wrote a letter to *The Courier*. Just wanted everyone to know that the Church in Duncan, Oklahoma is still hanging in there, trying our best to serve God and keep his commandments. We have lost several of our members, but I guess it is that way in Churches all across the country. In the twenty years we have met here, we have had three of our members pass away. Several of our young people have decided that they don't need God or the Church in their lives anymore. All we can do is hope and pray that the will be like the Prodigal Son, and come to their senses and get back into the Church before it is to late for them.

We are all doing pretty good physically except for my sister, Lynn Iker. She has had about twenty mini strokes in the last year. None of the Doctors could figure out what was causing the strokes till last week. They did a MRI on her heart and found a hole in it. The hole was causing blood clots to go to her brain. They have scheduled surgery for June. Lynn has had it so bad that she is about to give up. She feels like God has turned his back on her. She hasn't been able to work in over a year and has had to draw out all her retirement to put food on the table and pay the bills. If anyone would like to help her out financially, I'm sure the good Lord would notice it.

Don Lewis

Chico, CA

Dear fellow Christians,

It has been quite some time since I have sent a contribution to help defray expenses for sending the Courier packets to us at Chino, (not to mention the expenses and effort to compile them). We are very pleased to hear about the activities of other congregations, also their presentations (little sermons) that first get our attention. I really appreciated Bro. Terry's piece in the latest copy. It is recent enough that I can remember it better. I keep my copies but don't often enough go back and read them. All of our elderly, middle aged and young are able to attend services regularly and we praise God for his guidance and care. Our prayers are with all the brethren, whether ailing or actively occupied in living and spreading the word.

Blessings to all,

Eunice Bentz

Harlingen, TX (Feb. 23)

Dear Brethren in Christ,

I greet you in the name of the Lord, I hope you are well along with your family and our esteemed brethren in Christ. Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I communicate that this year the Lord opened several doors to preach the gospen in new places in Mexico and Central America. In the city Fernandez, Mexico two persons obeyed the gospel and were baptized. These two new brothers are very happy to follow the Christian life; and they are for the time meeting with other brothers in that area.

The new brothers in Pachuca Mexico that were converted during January, it is visiting their families that live in the city Querentaro and invited me to study with these persons and possibly is established a new Church in this city. To visit the brothers in Pachuca the trip is over 20 hours from Harlingen TX and to Queretaro is two hours more… My wife and I are making plans to visit in March (Pachuca and also Queretaro).

When the new brothers in Pachuca City obeyed the gospel, understood the plan of salvation but do not know more of the scriptures. For the cause is necessary to work with them during some time for the edification. The brothers know only the elemental things of the scriptures (plan of salvation) but already are speaking to other people.

Also we are making plans to visit during April some congregations in the

South of Mexico and Guatemala. We consider necessary to visit the brothers to encourage in the faith and also to work with the new con-