Amber Jones	Comanche, OK	Surgery on both feet (improving)
Carol Bauer	Gleed, WA	Fighting cancer
Robert Farley	Gleed, WA	Severe pain (not improving)
Don Hammett	Gleed, WA	Fighting cancer
Gene McKinney	Gleed, WA	Diabetes problems
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	Heart and leg problems
Brenda Casarez	Lorenzo, TX	High blood pressure, eye problems
Carolyn Hatter	Lorenzo, TX	Infected dog bite
Wynetta McCay	Lorenzo, TX	Ankle; surgery and rehab. (improving)
Borden Mullens	Lorenzo, TX	Fighting cancer (improving)
Joseph Davis	Mesa, AZ	Thyroid surgery & radiation treatments
Robert Fuson, Jr.	Pleasant View, OK	Spinal Bifida
Reba Morris	Pleasant View, OK	Serious Lupus
Renee Seaton	Pleasant View, OK	Automobile accident injuries (slow progress)
Myra Juarez	San Angelo, TX	Out of coma, still recovering
Jackie McCay	Spokane, WA	Intestine surgery (improving)
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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What Does Your Religion Cost You

We sometimes think of our religion as a source of comfort, or as a power which enables us to face the responsibilities and ordeals of life. We think of it in terms of dividends – or the inducements to live the Christian life. I know of some people who have gone around checking the cars in church parking lots to see which churches have the most blessed members, and then they attend those churches to have those blessings added to them.

We are not so apt to think of our religion in terms of what it costs us, but we should. That is our subject under consideration now – What does your religion cost you?

"And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver." (2 Sam. 24:24).

The scene of our text was the threshing floor of Araunah, king of the Jebusites. David had grieved God by numbering the people of Israel, and three things were proposed as punishment upon David: seven years of famine; three months invasion by David's enemies; or three days of pestilence.

David was offered his choice of any one of these three, but he was resolved to fall into the hands of God for mercy.

"And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of

the LORD; for his mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man." (2 Sam. 24:14). So the Lord sent the pestilence. "*… upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men.*" (2 Sam. 24:15).

In order to bring an end to this terrible curse, David was sent to raise an altar upon which oxen were to be offered as burnt offerings unto God. When Araunah understood the mission of David, he generously offered him not only the ground upon which to build the altar, but also the oxen for the sacrifices and the other things that might be needed in the service.

But David was resolved to pay the full price. "*Not so, Araunah …*" Araunah was very willing to give, but David was determined to buy; thus not taking a cheap way to serve God.

Service To God Should Be Costly

Service to God, if it is to count anything, if it is to possess any value, is a very costly affair. Those things worth possessing are never won easily. We seem to appreciate things more when we work the hardest to achieve it.

Education is costly. Students who have worked to earn their own money for their education have appreciated it more than those whose education was paid for by their parents. The financial cost of education is great, but not the greatest. Think of the demands made of the student in hours of study, classroom work, and student activity. To be a mere dabbler in school or college is to throw away one's chance to prepare himself for life's challenges.

Marriage is costly. Success here comes only when the husband and wife are willing to pay the cost of which such success demands. It is not a goal to be realized in a few weeks or months of adjustment, but as long as this partnership lasts, it is a constant challenge to the unselfishness of both the husband and the wife.

It costs something to become a proficient athlete. Where natural ability is necessary, it still takes hours and hours of training to be a really good athlete in any sport. Those skaters who make it to the Winter Olympics had to spend 8 to 10 hours every day on the ice since a young child. Of course, that decision costs them a normal childhood life with other children.

What I have illustrated in terms of education, marriage, and athletics is also true of our religion. The mere dabbler in religion is more of a disgrace to the Christian profession than in anything else. Personal sacrifice has always been an expressed command of God. Self-denial is a demand which Christ makes of his disciples: "*And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.*" (Luke 9:23). "*Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.*" (Mark 10:21). "*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, ac-*

Quick notes:

Glenwood, WA

We are celebrating that Andrew Tuttle was baptized Friday April 29, 2011.

Baron, OK

Steven D Baird wrote:
"Ellis I just wanted to let everyone there know that Makayla Anne Baird, was Baptized this afternoon at Baron. We had it around 1:45 this afternoon and Paul performed the service.."

BULLETIN BOARD

Meetings

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
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
Ericka Ferguson	Clinton, NJ	In prison
Lynn Iker	Duncan, OK	Heart Surgery



Boaz Auma Agutu: age 59 lives in Bunda, Tanzania.

Opening email to *The Christian Courier* 2-8-2011 *:*

"Brethren I am a preacher of the word of God here in Tanzania. I knew of the Lord early 1978 and till today I have been serving him. Though I have been serving the Lord there has been something that I missed for all this time. All the time that I have been preaching in the whole of East Africa I did not stick to the WORD as it states. For this matter when I desided to start preaching the truth my fellow brother from many cups threw me away and today I am preaching in my home village where I have opened already 5 congregations. Brothers I need your support in preaching this gospel as there are a lot of hinderance from our fellow brother. If you can send preachers to come and preach here with us we will be glad. Much greetings to fellow laboures over there. Any materials please send though Bunda Church of Christ 165 Bunda Musoma. Yours in Christ,

Boaz"



ceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." (Rom. 12:1).

Few people are willing to make the sacrifices; they want to go along with the world. The same is true in our worship. We have too much tolerance in religion today. This has caused our religion to seem too cheap to us.

What does your religion cost you?

What does your religion cost you in actual money? If you have given as the Bible teaches, your religion has not been without cost "*Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.*" (1 Cor. 16:2). "*Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*" (2 Cor. 9:7).

How young Cyrus Hamlin settled it. When Cyrus Hamlin was ten years old, his mother gave him 7 cents to celebrate a great holiday. The money was for gingerbread and buns. They went to church first, and then afterward the boy went to the store to get these items. In church when the collection plate was being passed, he thought within his mind, "Shall I put in 1 cent, or 2?" He decided on 2. Then his conscience said: "What, 5 cents for your stomach, and 2 cents for the Lord?" So he thought, "4 for gingerbread, and 3 for the Lord." When the plate arrived, he dumped in all 7 cents, and had no more bother about it. Later, his mother asked him about it, and he explained to her of what went through his mind. She had tears in her eyes, and gave 7 cents to him again so he could have a holiday dinner.

The poor widow serves as an inspiring example in sacrificial giving. "*And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:*" (Mark 12:41-43.

God blesses those who serve Him. There is a blessing in giving. "*I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, <u>It is more blessed to give than to receive.</u>*" (Acts 20:33-35). "*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*" (Matt. 6:33).

What does your religion cost you in time? When there is some deed you should perform in your function as a Christian, is your attitude, "I don't have time", or "I have this and that to do"? We all have been given the same amount of time in a day. Isn't it a question of priorities? Which is more important, doing God's service, or doing that of our own self interests? We have only once to live; therefore, let us live to some purpose. Each given day that has dawned will never dawn

again. The opportunities that came with it have all passed behind. If we fail to fill each with our service to God we will not be able to return to that day and live it over again. It's as if the wheels of time's chariot have ratchets on them; they move only forward.

What does your religion cost you in the use of your talents? When someone is sick, do you visit or minister unto him? Most of us have this ability. Why not put that talent to work? It cost the Samaritan something to help the wounded stranger.

Most people have a talent to teach in some form or another. Have you talked to your friends, neighbors, fellow workers, or classmates? Why not put this talent to work? He has a soul worth saving as much as yours.

What is a religion really worth that costs nothing?

It is unreal. It is a mere name and pretense. Real religion begins and is maintained at the cost of much thought, study, and prayer. Where this exists it must also move the heart to zeal and generosity in the service of God.

A religion that doesn't cost us anything is unacceptable unto God. Instead of accepting it, He abhors it; it is contrary to His will. "*Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible. And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts. And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: will he regard your persons? saith the LORD of hosts. Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.*" (Mal. 1:7-10).

Hence, God's children are required to offer what is valuable, not that which is worthless; they are required to offer that which is their own, not that which is another's. Offering something that is worthless is, therefore, fruitless of good, now and hereafter. It does not elevate and improve the worshipper. It can hardly secure even the approval of men.

God Will Reward His Faithful Children

We are assured of a recompense for our labor in the Lord's service. God will not let any man be a loser in His service if he is faithful. "*And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.*" (Matt. 10:42). "*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*" (1 Cor. 15:58).

He gives valuable rewards now to those who expend their energies or substance for Him; talents employed in His service will be multiplied. "*For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.*" (Matt. 25:29). "*And God is able to make all grace abound toward*

Getting to know Tanzania



Two of Five Churches in Tanzania

Points of Reference

Price of gas: $6.536/gal.

Distance from Dar es Salaam (where Ellis will first land) to Bunda: 692mi.

Time zone: EAT (Eastern Aferican Time) which is GMT +3, which puts Bunda 8 hours ahead of Lubbock, Tx CDT (GMT –6 +1 for DST) (Sources: www.travelmath.com and www.timeanddate.com)

ly want to be there if at all possible.Keep us in your prayers as we will keep you in our prayers. God be with each and everyone of you.

Denny and Susie for,

the Yuma Congregation.

[Editors note: Sorry this was a month late]

Bedford Hills, NY

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
First I would like to say God Bless all of you. I wanted to inform you that I have been transferred from New Jersey to New York. Thank You to all of you who have sent me literature, and Lessons. However, in my transfer I was NOT allowed to bring anything with me. If anyone could be so kind as to send me more literature, it would be greatly appreciated.
I also would like to ask for prayers. Thank you so much. God Bless and know that you all are in my prayers as well.

Your Sister in Christ,

Erika Ferguson

Please send Literature to:
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Complete the Verses

1. "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil _____."
2. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is ___."
3. "I am Alpha and Omega, _____."
4. "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against _____."
5. "Children, obey _____."
6. "Be ye doers of the word, and not _____."
7. "I can do all things through Christ which ___."
8. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee _____."
9. "It is more blessed to give than _____."
10. "Pray without _____."
11. "For all have sinned, and come short of ____."
12. "Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ sake _____."
13. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by _____."
14. "My God shall supply all your need according to his _____."
15. "I beseech you therefore, bretheren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holly, acceptable unto God, _."
16. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ _____."
17. "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 _____."
18. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing _____."
19. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is _____."
20. "Jesus ____."

you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)" (2 Cor. 9:8-10).

Great is our reward in heaven. "*Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*" (Matt. 5:12). "*For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*" (2 Pet. 1:11).

Let us not give the Lord the scraps of our time, talent, and means. Let us make our religion cost us something.

Our religion cost God something. "*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*" (John 3:16).

It cost Christ something. "*For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.*" (2 Cor. 8:9).

Hence, we ought to be willing to "*present our bodies a living sacrifice; holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service.*"

Written in Christian love,

Ellis Forsman

African Project Update

Re: African Mission

We would like to bring you up to date on Bro. Ellis Forsman's trip to Africa where he plans to work in the field for at least a year. He has completed all of his vaccines, has his Passport updated, and has his working Visa waiting for his arrival in Tanzania. He has sent money in advance to secure an unfurnished apartment ($250/month) in Bunda and also to purchase a used Toyota Land Cruiser ($14000) which was necessary because of the extensive travel over rough terrain throughout Tanzania, Uganda, and Kenya. The roads in much of east Africa are not really roads like we are familiar with, no blacktop highways, or even graded dirt roads, but 4-wheeling over rough ground. A typical car that is used to drive in the cities is not fit for country travel; it wouldn't take long to have a broken suspension. Bro. Ellis was originally planning to travel with Bro. Boaz Auma, but all the transportation he has is a motorcycle.

Much work has been done in East Africa in advance of Bro. Ellis' arrival. There are now seven congregations in Tanzania and two in Uganda, with a strong possibility of having two or three more soon. The existing congregations are growing rapidly. Just last weekend

there were 17 baptized at Bunda, and 3 more at Mugeta, a town east of Bunda. There is a genuine thirst there for Biblical knowledge.

Bro. Ellis will be leaving San Francisco the evening of May 25th and after a layover in London for a few hours will arrive in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania the morning of the 27th (evening of the 26th in USA).

He will be using Facebook to keep everyone abreast of what is going on over there; and he will use Skype on his computer for communication whenever he is near Internet connection. For anyone needing communication with him by phone, that will also be through Skype; the phone number is **806-589-0171** (Lubbock local call). A message can be left whenever he is not available, just as with any normal phone; but he cannot make a return call until he has Internet which is not available in many areas of these countries.

Thank you for all your prayers and support, both spiritual and financial. This endeavor would not be possible without the generosity of the many congregations out there.

Lorenzo invites all to attend our gospel meeting this summer, July 3-10, with Bro. Roger Walkingstick from Oklahoma. In fact there are a number of meetings this summer. Plan to attend one or several this year.

In Christian love,

The Lorenzo, TX, congregation



News from Abroad

Bunda, Tanzania

Brother Ellis I have been trying to give you the good news but unfortunately there has been network problem. We had a very great worship on Sunday where we in Bunda baptized 17 new converts while in Mugeta three were added into the Lords church my brother Mabaya informed me making a total of 20 souls. We hope all of the new converts will get good food of the soul when you arrive here. On 15th we shall be having a Gospel meeting in Utegi where reaching there is not easy so I asked Peter to come and assist us.
May God Bless you

In His service
Boaz Auma

Harlingen, TX

For all the faithful in Christ.

I hope that on receiving this letter you are enjoying all the rich blessings of God.

I inform you that from April 27th until May 1st, I visited the city of Pachuca, Mexico, to work with the brothers in this new congregation and when there is a soft breeze. It won't be too long till the A/C will stay on day and night, those electric bills will sky rocket. We all thank God for the pleasant weather that we had during our meeting, the days were comfortable and the evenings and mornings got pretty cool. We thoroughly enjoyed our time with those that were able to attend. We feared that the crowd would be extremely small due to the rise in fuel costs but many still came. The crowds were actually a little smaller than normal but we were comparable to those meetings of years past. We probably averaged from 41 or 42 most nights and they stayed at that level throughout the week. The size of the crowd in attendance is not the important thing but that people of like minds come and receive God's Word. Texas was well represented, Georgia had a representative, guests from California, Colorado, Oregon, New Mexico and Washington as well.

We always need to thank the speakers that visit with us for their time and effort. We know the time and work that is put into doing a lesson and then doing the lesson on the road in front of a congregation filled with other than those of your home congregation isn't always easy. We had Sunday morning covered by Jerry McCay who gave us a lesson on "The Rich Fool". Brother Jerry got us started with his ability for his usual great lessons. Then on Sunday evening we received a blessing from Brother Bo Forsman who actually gave a lesson titled "Blessings", how we sometimes don't realize or are we always thankful to God for those blessings, we're not always cognizant or aware that a blessing was received. And the lesson on Monday was brought to us by Brother Larry Pollan, we were so happy that he was able to drive down and visit with us and bring cousin Maxine home for us to visit with also. Brother Ellis brought us a two part lesson on consecutive nights about "The Passover and the Lord's Supper", very informative. Brother Shiloh Boling was there and gave us a lesson that surely is a major part of everyone's life, he titled it "Stress Filled Life". Stress affects us all on a daily basis. Brother Matt Shepherd gave us a lesson on "Memory Verses". The lesson about stress may have pertained to Matt and Kelly as they were in the process of deciding on a college for their daughter to attend. And finally Sunday the last day of the meeting brought us two lessons from Brother Bob Farley, Sunday morning the lesson was on "Anger" and the evening lesson from Brother Bob was "It's What's On the Inside". Wonderful lessons to end our meeting on. We were lucky enough to get Brother Bob Farley one more time as they continued to travel, anyway they left Yuma and went to Lorenzo, Tx and gave a lesson there and on the way back He and his wife, Sister Wilma and his Father Brother Wilfred Farley came back through Yuma and he gave us another lesson before continuing on back to Washington. We thank all of the teachers that were there in attendance as well as those that came to hear and participate in the singing, visiting and general all around fellowshipping. We truly enjoyed the meeting. God willing, we will be doing it again next year.

We are all doing pretty good yet. No different ailments to tell you of. We are looking forward to the rest of the summer meetings and hearing of or even attending some of them. That old saying "God Willing and the creek don't rise" we intend to visit everyone, we have to add to that old saying now "if the price of fuel doesn't rise too much" we certain-

Re'Elle Elizabeth Crowell on January 12th to Jonathan & Lacey Crowell. * The Cedaredge, CO, congregation invited all to come to the Delta family Camp Meeting in end of June. They also announced the marriage of Joseph Schmidt and Crystal Schell on March 9th. * Bro. Andy Barnes, Randlett, OK, announced three new baptisms: Tammy Hancock, Jody Brown, and Robyn Little. They asked for prayers on behalf of Bro. Otto Elliott who was hospitalized with a light stroke. They were also saddened by the loss of Bro. Preston Barnes on October 2nd. * The Sea-Tac, WA, congregation reported the delay of the May, 2001, issue was due to problems caused by an earthquake that caused computer problems for a month and a half. They reported that Sis. Lynell Forsman had hip surgery and would have to use a walker for 5 weeks. Sis. Jeannean McSwane had fractured her left shin just below the knee. * The Yuma, AZ, congregation reported on their meeting with guest speakers.



Cards and Letters

Lorenzo, TX

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Preparations for Bro. Ellis' trip to Tanzania continue here in Lorenzo. We have taken some of our older song books and repaired them so Bro. Ellis can take them with him on the plane, since in Bunda they currently only have four song books. Along with the books we recorded many songs during a Wednesday night singing to give them a head start on learning new songs.

Bro. Ellis is also teaching Bro. Matt Matlock how to publish The Christian Courier, which is going well, but he will get his first real test after Bro. Ellis leaves this month and Sis. Lynell goes to the West Coast to visit family. Just a reminder here, there were not many letters to the Courier this month so, if you want to keep receiving Couriers full of the latest news from congregations you love to hear from, you all have to keep sending those letters, so everyone else can hear from you.

In other news, Sis. Carolyn Hatter is suffering from a dog bite that has gotten severely infected. Please keep her in your prayers. Sis. Olene Howe, Lord willing, is planning to visit her daughter Earlene Jared (and Bill) up in Indiana at the end of May. Bro. Keelan Chadwick and Sis. Sadaf Maredia were able to visit us twice in the last month, which was a welcome surprise.

We are looking forward to having Bro. David and Sis. Brannan Marsh and their three kids move here from Georgia. We know the folks at Canton Ga. will really miss them, but we are excited to welcome them to our congregation.

In Christian Love,
The Lorenzo Congregation

Yuma, AZ

Greetings Brothers and Sisters, Today is the first day of April, no-fooling. Boy has the weather warmed up for us here in Yuma. I've already had to use the air-conditioner a couple of days in the mid-afternoon. It still is nice in the evenings especially

teach more of the scriptures and to confirm them in the faith (Acts 4:22). Since that church began, the brothers worked in speaking the truth of the scriptures to several people. Both Catholic and Evangelical; and when my wife and I arrived at the city, the brothers already had several people ready to study the Bible.

During this time in Mexico the people were on vacation because of the celebration of the holy week (both Roman Catholic and Evangelical), and the people attended every day to study the scriptures (from 10-14 hours to 17-22). After one week of study, 10 people decided to obey the gospel and were baptized Saturday, April 30th. At this time the church has 15 members and several others visit on Sundays.



Some people mentioned their desire to obey the gospel and invited me to visit next July. I have confidence in the Lord that others will obey the gospel in this city. I also have an invitation from a family to teach them the scriptures in the city of Queretaro (two hours from Pachuca).

This Monday, May 2nd, I traveled to the Rio Verde City to study with a teacher of the university of that city. This person was an active member of the Pentecostal Church, but was having many doubts, and he invited me to visit and explain things that he had trouble understanding. I studied the scriptures with him for two days and he obeyed the truth and was baptized and the Lord added him to His church.



I send photos of the ten who were baptized in Pachuca (Dominique, Francisco, Elena, Juana, Wendy, Blanca, Ixtlazihualt, Paola, Popocatepetl, and Cristina) and of the new brother in Rio Verde (Humberto). I also send a photo of the new congregation in Pachuca City.

During May 19-25, I have plans to travel to San Francisco, CA. I desire to study with them more on the scriptures to prepare for them to continue their work in this city. Also other people have shown interest in the scriptures, and it is possible they will obey the gospel.

I comment that I have information that the churches in Mexico, Guatemala, and Colombia continue forward in the work of the Lord.

Again, thanks in the name of the Lord for your prayers. Your brother in Christ,

Otto Alvarez

It's good to hear of such effort in spreading the gospel in other parts of the world is so fruitful — The editor.



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!!



Precious Memories

***It Is Written*; May, 1951.** * Bro. Farrar, Reydon, OK, gave the sad news of the passing of Sis. Hiatt. * Bro. Eulon Taylor, Sunnyside, WA, reported on their meeting with Bro. G. Earl McCay in which one family converted from the Sunday School Group.

***The Christian Courier*; May, 1981.** * Bro. Homer Bryant, San Pablo, CA, reported that two had returned to the fold.

***The Christian Courier*; May, 1991.** * Bro. Don Lewis, Duncan, OK, reported on their meeting with Bro. Howard McCay. * Bro. Larry Pollan, Ringgold, TX, announced a gospel meeting in July with Bro. Dan Teague. * The Randlett congregation invited others to attend their gospel meeting in May with Bro. Jim Brown. * Bro. Howard Taylor, Loco, OK, announced their gospel meeting in June with Bro. Tom Broadway. He also announced the birth of Hali Shacole Normile to Tony and Traci Normile. * Bro. Harry Davis, Yuma, AZ, announced the baptism of Cissi Doherty on January 20th and Clara Freeman on March 31st. * Bro. Ken Williams, Waterford, CA, wrote that they have made some improvements to their building, and that he would be sharing a meeting in Yakima, WA, with Bro. John Bedingfield. * Bro. Robert Eldridge, Baron, OK, invited others to attend their weekend gospel meeting over Labor Day weekend with speaker to be announced later. He also mentioned the baptism of Terry Remington. * The Selah, WA, congregation invited others to attend their gospel meeting in July with Bro. Jim Brown and Bro. Brian Ross. * The Happy Hollow congregation invited all to attend the Big Spruce Camp Meeting near Delta, CO. * Bro. Jerry Perigen, Bellflower, CA, announced their meeting in June with Bro. Jim Brown.

***The Christian Courier*; May, 2001.** * The Broken Bow, OK, congregation announced they were sharing their first annual camp meeting at Beavers Bend State Park with the Tiner and pleasant View congregations. They also announced the birth of