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
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
Ashley Ditch	San Angelo, TX	Recovering from Coma
Jackie McCay	Spokane, WA	Intestine surgery
Christine Burkhart	Springdale, AR	Health issues & financial need
Lawanda Durham	Tiner, OK	Serious health issues
Cinde McCay	Yakima, WA	Fighting Parkinson's
Florence Fuller	Yuma, AZ	Fighting throat cancer, diabetes, & Alzheimer's
Jean Orendorff	Yuma, AZ	In nursing home

And all Those who are traveling to meetings this summer.

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What Matters!

Ecc 5:15

15 As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand.

Ecc 12:7-13

7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.
8 Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity.
9 And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs.
10 The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth.
11 The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd.
12 And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.
13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

On Sept 9th 2010, I finally realized what the preacher in Ecclesiastes was talking about. It was on this day that my son left this world and I realized what REALLY MATTERS!

What dosen't matter!
Lets begin by finding out what dosen't matter.
Ecc 1:12-14

12 I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem.
13 And I gave my heart to seek and search out

by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith.
[14]I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

1 John 2:15-17

[15]Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
[16]For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.
[17]And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

We can understand from this that NOTHING from this world matters. In our reading it states that we can take nothing from this world that our hands have done. None of the possessions that we earned with the labor of our hands; houses, lands, vehicles or any personal property. What we spend our lives laboring for will not go with us. The thousands of dollars spent and years spent for education are not really important in the grand scheme of Gods plan.

Ecc 1:16-18

[16]I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all they that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.
[17]And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit.
[18]For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

How about the comforts of this life? Are they really important?

Matt 6:25-30

[25]Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?
[26]Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?
[27]Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?
[28]And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:
[29]And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
[30]Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

I'm positive that we are not really supposed to worry about the comforts of this world but instead I'm supposed to trust God to provide these things. (but this is no excuse for laziness)

So What does Matter?

Ecc 12:13

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

Our entire life should be spent serving God and keeping his commandments, this is what we were created for.

Matt 6:31-33

[31]Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

for continued healing of her.

In Christ, Our Lord,

Myra Juarez

Editors notes: Apologies to Don Lewis. We did not add an address to his April letter in *The Courier* for the request for help he made on behalf of Lynn Iker. Her address is: Rt 1 Box 135 Duncan, OK 73533. His latest letter to us will be in next month's issue, as it came in too late to be included this month.

Also, I am finding out fast how tirelessly Ellis has been working for the Lord, in taking over just one of his endeavors, and he has moved on to one that must be 100 times more trying. Please keep him in your prayers!

BULLETIN BOARD

Meetings

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
Jay & LaWanda Durham	Broken Bow, OK	Surgery, illness, falls
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
Amber Jones	Comanche, OK	Surgery on both feet
Carol Bauer	Gleed, WA	Fighting cancer
Robert Farley	Gleed, WA	Severe pain

ing and her husband Bruce hold it every year at their home and they do a great job getting things taken care of and of course Diane cooks for days getting ready so along with her and the things that others bring we have enough wonderful food to feed a small army.

I said that there wasn't much to pass along and look how I always manage to get long and wordy. I will speak of some that aren't feeling all that great; my Aunt Ruth is feeling the pains in her body, my mother-in-law still goes to the doctor about her cancer but it hasn't caused her any problems in a good long while, though she is suffering with her Alzheimer's. She had been staying with us but will now stay with Susie's sister while we are gone to the meetings. I think that some of us are going through the allergies that come with the spring and summer. I guess that is about it. So, God be with you all.

Denny and Susie Davis

for the Yuma Congregation

Late Update from Ellis

6-17-2011

Time has been scarce to work on the updates and most of the time we are not in range of internet service.

We have traveled into Kenya and Uganda and back into Kenya the past few days and have gained 6 congregations on this part of our journey.

Tomorrow we will be working in Kenya a few miles away from where we are currently spending the night, then the next day we will work in Nairobi, Kenya.

Our schedule is packed tight through August. When we first heard from Bro. Boaz there were 5 loyal congregations; at this writing there are 18. Boaz believes that when we complete this road trip we should have at least 40 congregations, and he believes that by the time I go home in a year that we will have over 100.

All of this traveling and lodging gets expensive but I believe it is well worth it with all of the results we are getting. Because of the bad road conditions we have had many car problems as well. Once in the middle of the night the road dropped out from under us suddenly; we were air born and the car dropped two full feet into a washout and then back out again. I was worried that we may have busted something serious, but everything was okay that time. The car problems has impacted our schedule somewhat but mostly in areas that affect our rest. We have been late to some meetings (we did call ahead and let them know) but managed to keep ourselves at least on our daily schedule.

Keep us in your prayers,

Ellis



Dear Editor:

I recieved my copy of the Courier today and there is a wrong listing of a prayer need. You have my name listed as out of a coma and recovering but it is my granddaughter, Ashley Ditch, that was in the coma. Ashley is now home and doing much better, still has some underlying health problems to be resolved. To all who prayed for her, I give many thanks and much gratitude. Ashley is my oldest granddaughter and has been baptised for several years. I know that our Lord saved her life as He has a greater purpose for her. Please pray

[32](For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
[33]But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

When I read this passage it reminds me of another that says, What father is there that if his son asks a fish, he will give him a serpent. Our heavenly Father knows what we need.

It is said in the scriptures that John the Baptist wore a clothes of camel hair and ate locust & wild honey. Sometimes in my wisdom I think that I would need more than this, but it's only because I'm spoiled to the comforts of this life.

Philippians 4:19

[19]But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

My God will take care of all my needs. If God can create the universe and all the things in it, why would I not trust him enough to supply all my needs? He did Johns. Maybe not in a way that I am accustomed to, but his needs were supplied none the less. You see John understood that what was meant by seeking the Kingdom of God, and that is what he spent his life doing.

I was talking to a man about the length of this life and he made a parable about it that I want to share. "This life is like purchasing a new set of tires expecting to get 70,000 miles from them. Our life here would only make ONE rotation." The length of this life is nothing compared to the eternity that awaits. Bro Stanley Goodwin (whom I love dearly) in his article on "A Stone Speaks" says "death is simply a doorway into His eternity" so its not this small life that's important, but rather Eternity that awaits that is important!

On Sept 9th 2010 I knew that my son would see God some day. He wasn't perfect, but Christ took care of the imperfections by nailing them to the cross.

I Peter 2:24

[24]Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

He was a child of God, and believed that God rewards those that follow him and he spent his time telling people about his Lord. I had a young man once tell me that the only reason he came back to church was because Jack asked him to.

What Matters is getting my children to heaven.

I would gladly go to hell, if I were guaranteed my children would all go to heaven.

The training that we are giving today will last them a lifetime.

Prov 22:6

[6]Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

I had a man tell me one time that he had a drug problem as a child, he was drug to church every Sunday. I believe he had more training than this because he is still very faithfull.

But how are we training are children? Are we showing them the joy of living a Christian life? Are we singing to them in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Are we inspiring them to follow God? Are we creating in them the desire to be in eternity with God?

Eph 4:4

[4]And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

I find it very interesting that the bible tells me first "not to provoke my children to wrath" before telling me to "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Almost like a

warning to keep in check my anger so it dosen't flow over in my teachings that they learn from me. (And they are always watching). Sounds like God knows me. I think I need to put me aside and put my children first while they live in my home. I also believe that in so doing I will grow and learn myself.

I Tim 5:14

[14]I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

Titus 2:3-5

[3]The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

[4]That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

[5]To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

I am assured by these verses that the wives are also responsible for raising our children in a Christian home. But the spiritual leader in the home is me, the man of the house.

Ecc 1:2

[2]Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.

Ecc 12:13

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

What matters in this life is preparing the ones I love to go to heaven!

It's the only thing with real meaning.

Written in Love
Bro. Paul Warford
Pine Mountain Congregation



News from Abroad

African Update

I arrived in Dar es Salaam on May 27th and was greeted by Bro. Boaz Auma Agutu and Bro. Peter Odhiambo Boaz. I later met Jemimah (Peter's sister), Bro. David Mulokozi, and Bro. Samwel Kanjala. My first Sunday there we met in David's home. After services we had a discussion about the communion and other things. David and Samwel were convinced and they decided to start a church in Dar es Salaam. Peter had wanted this to happen for some time. He had already purchased property near his new home. He is planning to build a church building.

On Friday we (Boaz, Peter, Jemimah, and I) drove all night to Arusha arriving after 6 a.m. I first met privately with a Bro. Mwita, a digressive church of Christ brother, with whom we have known since 2008 after he discovered our website. After 45 minutes of discussion with him he stated I have told him many things concerning the communion that he was not taught in the Church of Christ Bible

Yakima, WA

Dear Brethren: Well, there is not much news from here but as we said so many times when we were publishing the "Fruits of The Spirit", just write something to let everybody know the congregation is still functioning. We are, for the most part, fairly healthy except for the usual aches and pains that go along with being alive.

We are happy to report that Kelly's eldest daughter, Colleen Graham, has made him a Grandpa with the birth of Aria Jane. They live in the San Francisco Bay area, and are planning to visit us around the last of June, or first of July. We are anxiously awaiting their visit.

We invite all who can to come to Washington for any, or all, of the three meetings here. The dates have all been published, also the speakers for Glenwood and Gleed. We have settled on J.D. Logan, Bill Taylor, Greg Stacy, and Terry Warford, all of Glenwood, and Dennis Davis of Yuma. All are welcome and we will do our best to make this time, a very happy occasion. Please keep us in your prayers as we do you.

In Christian love,

Bill McCay Sr.

Yuma, AZ

Hello to all, There's not much to pass along this month. We are all doing pretty much the same just a few days older and hopefully a bit wiser as this world slips ever closer towards it's judgment. The news on television never seems to get any better but we watch it anyway. The weather has sure held up for us here in Yuma with some pretty cool days and especially nice in the evenings. I know that I shouldn't brag about the weather cause as sure as I do it will change to real Yuma weather.

Our meeting is over and we are looking forward to the summer meetings to start and they are getting closer and closer. It was good to hear that Brother Ellis has made it safely to Tanzania and held his first service. Bro Ellis has given much of himself to do this and we need to support him in any way that we can. I'm looking forward to getting some reports from him soon. I have downloaded "Skype" on my computer and hopefully I can figure out how to use it. Skype is a tool that we can use for telephonic communication with Ellis and it's a free service.

As I mentioned the summer meetings are about here and God willing Susie and I will be able to attend some of them. The fuel prices have risen dramatically and depending on who that you listen to in the news, the prices could go up even higher, but we're hoping that the ones that are claiming that the prices will go down soon are the ones that are accurate. I would like to thank Brother Matt Matlock for taking on the responsibility of "The Christian Courier" and the whole Church there in Lorenzo since they help him to put the paper together and then send it out to all of us. It is a time consuming job. I know that I'm one of the worst for missing editions of the paper but I will try to continue sending in letters updating our health and activities here in Yuma. Any that are out there please send in a short note and let us know how everyone is doing in your congregations, it's so uplifting to know that others are out there battling Satan just like we are down here. It doesn't have to be long and involved, just let us hear from you.

Every year I mention our family re-union here in Yuma and we held it over the "Memorial Day" weekend. It is always nice to visit with the family and hear how they are faring, how many new grandchildren they have, who's graduating and such; things that we don't normally hear during the course of the year. My sister Diane Cum-



Cards and Letters

Broken Bow, OK

Hello,

We hope all is well with our brothers and sisters in Christ. It has been a few months since the Broken Bow congregation has made a news contribution to the Courier. So we would like to send a few lines to update everyone on events and happenings in our part of the country.

On August 21, 2010, Brother Jesse Phipps and Katie Mosley were united in marriage at the Cypress Lake Campground. Despite the August heat, many friends and relatives of the couple attended the outdoor celebration. Brother Gerald Buckner of Stilwell, OK performed the ceremony.

We would also like to announce the birth of Evan Charles Isaac Fogg, son of Brother Charlie and Sister Julie Fogg of the Ringold/Wright City, OK area. Evan was born January 22, 2011 at McAlester, Oklahoma. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz., and was 20 inches long. Evan has three siblings- Claire, Lilly, and Drew.

Sister Amber Warford and son Eli would like to thank all the congregations for the love, support, prayers, gifts, and donations they received in the days, weeks, and months following the death of husband and father, Brother Jack Warford. Your expressions of kindness were greatly appreciated. We are truly thankful for each of you!

Recently, Brother Doug Ferguson had surgery to replace veins in his legs in order to increase circulation in the lower extremities. The surgery was a success and he is doing better. Bro. Doug and Sis. Phyllis would like to thank everyone for the prayers and support during this time. They would also like to thank Bro. Roger Walkingstick for being at the hospital during Doug's surgery. His support was greatly appreciated!

Also, Brother Jay and Sister LaWanda Durham of the Tiner congregation have had several months of illnesses, operations, and falls. Please keep Brother Jay and Sister LaWanda in your prayers.

Hopefully everyone will begin feeling better and have their much needed health restored.

The Cypress Lake Meeting is fast approaching. We are beginning to prepare for a wonderful week of Christian worship and fellowship. This is a very uplifting week, with many opportunities to visit with old friends, meet new friends, study God's Word, and participate in a myriad of activities. If at all possible, please make plans to attend Cypress Lake or any one of the many meetings across the country this year.

Sincerely,

Costilow Street Church of Christ

Broken Bow, Oklahoma

School in Arusha; for this he was upset at them. He said he wants to talk with his wife before deciding a course of action. I believe he will change.

Then we met with the loyal congregation at Arusha where I presented them with the condensed version of my two-part lesson on The Passover and the Lord's Supper as we needed to rush to get to Mugeta in time for Sunday morning worship. We didn't make it in time because of tire problems because of the bad road, having not gotten there until late after dark. We ate with the congregation late after dark (they all waited for us and had a meal ready) at the home of one of the members. They had no power, as I was to discover later that few homes had power anywhere in this part of the country. Boaz told them we would come back later for he wanted them to hear the message I was bringing.

On June 8th I met one of the two loyal congregations in Bunda and spoke on the first of my two-part lesson. The second part was to be presented to them on the 12th.

On the 9th Boaz and I met privately with an old man who was unhappy with the ways of the younger generation of the church of which he was a member (Church of God). I was told in advance not to open my Bible for he could not read and believed you were not good if you could not quote the Bible from memory. This became a problem for what he had learned from memory over the years was incorrect, and did not trust anything else. We have scheduled a continuing discussion on late Sunday afternoon.

On the 10th we drove back to Mugeta where I gave parts 1 and 2 on my lesson with a dinner break in between, followed by a question and answer period. They accepted readily what I had to say about the communion but had many questions concerning Christian/Muslim relationships and laws and well as government/church issues. Since I was unfamiliar with these issues, Boaz tried to address them; I was thankful for that. After the discussion period it was announced that two people requested to be baptized, one a Pentecostal with whom Boaz has been teaching for some time, and the other a teenage son of one of the members. Bro. Boaz baptized them in a local river near the location where they plan to build a new church building. They already own a two acre lot (which is very large for Tanzania unless you own a farm); the property was donated by the local government, but they have to pay a fee (probably taxes).

Today (the 11th) I will met the other congregation in Bunda where I am to give part 1 of my lesson.

Tomorrow (Sunday) both of the Bunda congregations will be together to hear part 2. Then in the afternoon Bro. Boaz and I will return to the old Church of God man to continue our discussion.

On Monday, lord willing, we will depart for Kenya to meet some people Bro. Boaz knows, then go to Uganda where Bro. Boaz and I have been invited to speak at their gospel meeting. Then we will go back to Kenya for discussions at several congregations (worship services at one), before returning to Tanzania (expected to be the 27th of June). There are a number of congregations in Northern Tanzania on our list to visit, but not yet scheduled.

Bibles (they all use Swahili translation) are very few; some congregations have only one or two that is shared. All the Bibles I have seen are very worn,

dog-eared, and missing the jacket.

Attached are pictures of some of the congregations and people we visited plus the baptisms.

Written in Christian love.

Ellis Forsman



Samwell Kanjala, Peter Boaz, and David Mulokozi



Church at Arusha



Church at Mugeta



Baptisim at Mugeta



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Information of Churches in Spanish (Mexico, Guatemala, Salvador, Columbia)

Appreciated Brothers in Christ.

I comment that during some days of May, we make work of the evangelization in the city of Reynosa Mexico. Several Brothers collaborated to distribute booklets in the houses and to obdtain persons that have interest in the gospel. Some persons accepted that we continue visiting to deliver more information of the word of God.

Also from 18-25 May I traveled to San Francisco CA to have a studies with the Brothers in this city and and three new persons obeyed the gospel and were baptized. All the Brothers in this new church are making a great work of evangelization in that area.

I have inform that the Brothers of the Churches in the South of Mexico (states Veracruz, Chiapas, Oaxaca) continue firm in the faith and they are opening new fields for the predication of the gospel. The Church in Juxtlahuaca and San Jose, ended the construction of a small local for meeting of the Church. If the lord permit me I am making plans to visit during July Church in Juxtlahuaca and again to the Church in Pachuca City to continue confirming in the faith to these new brothers.

Also have information that the Churches in Mexico, Guatemala and Columbia to continue firm in the faith and I continue making plans to visit during this year Guatemala but still I do not have a date exactly.

I comment that each day increases the number of persons that I send studies Biblics in CD's in Mexico, Guatemala, Salvador, Columbia. Each month I send by mail a total 200 CD's, and each CD contains 2 or 3 studies of the bible. Some Brothers have suggested me that put this material on the Internet so that the Brothers take of the information. The problem is that 90% of the Brothers do not have computers (they are persons very poor that live in areas rural of farms)

Thank you very much by their prayers.

I send photos of the new Christians in San Francisco CA.

Your Brother in Christ.

Otto Alvarez.





