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| Brenda Casarez | Lorenzo, TX | High blood pressure, eye problems |
| Ellis Forsman | Lorenzo, TX | Dangerous & costly African travels |
| Joseph Davis | Mesa, AZ | Thyroid surgery & radiation treatments |
| Reba Morris | Pleasant View, OK | Serious Lupus & kidney failure |
| Renee Seaton | Pleasant View, OK | Blindness |
| Christine Burkhart | Springdale, AR | Health issues & financial need |
| Gerald Buckner | Stilwell, OK | Stage III Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma |
| Lawanda Durham | Tiner, OK | Serious health issues |
| Gerald Warner | Waterford, CA | Stroke complications and age |
| Cinde McCay | Yakima, WA | Fighting Parkinson's & head injury from fall |
| Florence Fuller | Yuma, AZ | Fighting throat cancer, diabetes, & Alzheimer's |

And all Those in nursing homes.

## Baptisms

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| Aleisha Matlock | Of Lorenzo Cong. | Aug. 10th 2011 |
| Cory ??? | Of Waterford Cong. | July 31st 2011 |
| Isabel Harper | Of Waterford Cong | July 17th 2011 |
| Genevive Lucas | Of Waterford Cong. | July ?? 2011 |
| Katie Phipps | Of Broken Bow Cong. | June ?? 2011 |

## Births

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| Jack Dean Phipps | Of Broken Bow Cong. | Aug. ?? 2011 |

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# Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's

**(and to God the things that are God's)**

**Text: Mk 12; 14-17**

**Introduction:**

In the religious world today there is much confusion concerning the role of the church and that of the civil government in the lives of Christians. How are we to be governed and where does our primary loyalty lie?

Are we to look to the "things of Caesar" for spiritual guidance? Are these powers endowed by God to enact laws of religious and moral conduct by which we are to be governed? Certainly, civil powers cannot supplant those of God, nor can their laws, enacted by faulty and often misguided men, be of such force that we can look to them for guidance in religious matters.

In our text, our Lord pointed to a dual responsibility of his followers to these two entities. He did not indicate a dual unquestioning loyalty to both. How do we distinguish between the two?

As usual, we will consult the words of our Lord and his apostles for guidance and not self-appointed politicians or public figures who would presume to speak for God.

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**1. <u>A holy nation</u>**

*"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

*10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."*

*11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims…"* **(1 Pet 4: 9-11)**

- **Generation,** *"genos"… kindred, nation, offspring, stock"* (1085. Strong).
- **Nation,** *"ethnos"…"a tribe, nation, people, group" (1484, Strong.)*
- **People,** *"laos"…"all those who are of the same stock and language" (Online Gr. Lex.)*
- **Strangers,** *"paroikos"…"one who lives on earth as a stranger, a sojourner on the earth. Of Christians, whose home is in heaven."*
- **Pilgrims,** *"parepidemos"…"a resident foreigner" (Strong 3927")*

**<u>Citizens</u>**

*"For our conversation* is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."* **(Phil 3: 20)**

- **Conversation,** *"politeuma"… "a state, commonwealth (of citizens)"; also, "the constitution of a commonwealth, form of government and the laws by which it is administered." (Strong 4175)*

**<u>Peculiar people</u>**

*(Jesus Christ) "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."* **(Tit 2: 14)**

- **Peculiar,** *"laos:* "a people, group, tribe, nation, all those who are of the same stock and language" Strong 2992)

In short, Peter is saying we are a race of people peculiar (his own) in our loyalty and citizens of a heavenly commonwealth whose head is in heaven.

**HEAVENLY LAWS**

*If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."* **(John 14: 23)**

Christ our head, who rules from heaven, is the author of all laws which govern his people. Throughout his earthly sojourn, he repeatedly stressed the importance of his words as laws to his people.

The words of the Lord constitute the laws by which we are to conduct our affairs in this life. "*Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ."* **(Phil 1: 27)**

- **Conversation**, *"politeuomai" to behave as a citizen…to avail oneself of or recognize the laws* Strong 4176)



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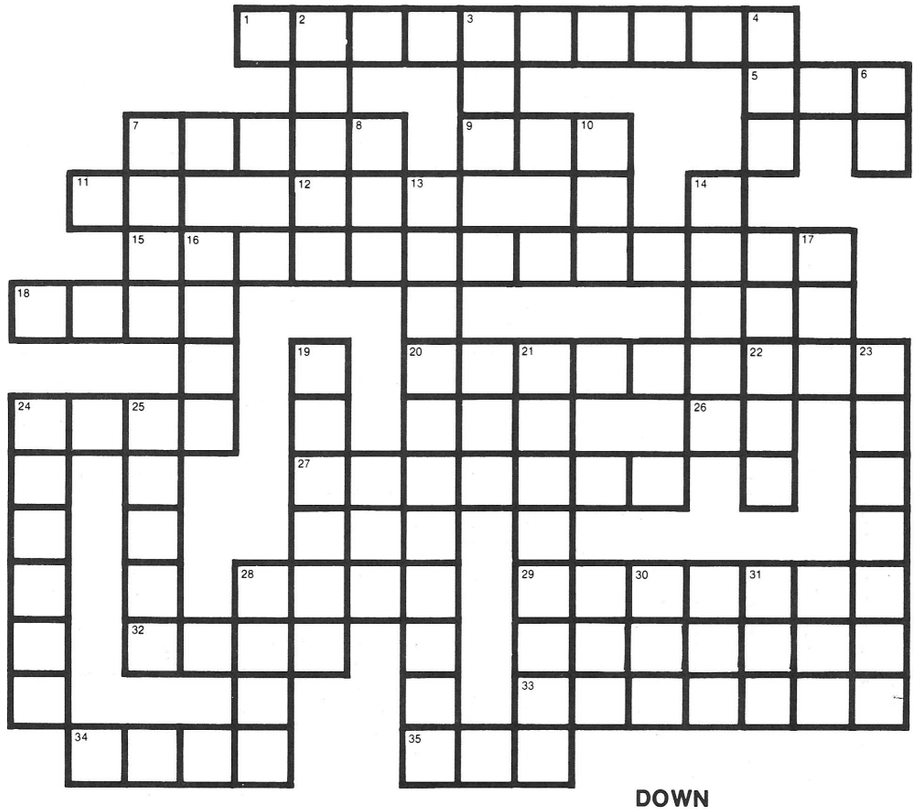
## Meetings

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| September 2-4 | Stilwell, OK | Bro. Roger Walkingstick |

## Prayer of Faith for those in need

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| Sue (Bixler) Dodge | Aztec, NM | Stoke(2), Heart Attack & Diabetes |
| Jackie Brown | Baron, OK | Serious lung problems |
| Jim Brown | Baron, OK | Lung infection |
| Jake Hollan | Baron, OK | Lip cancer |
| Jack Warford | Baron, OK | Skin cancer |
| Doyle Wilson | Baron, OK | Severe headaches |
| Synda Swain | Bellflower, CA | Arthritic problems |
| Al Way | Bellflower, CA | Heart problems |
| Jay & LaWanda Durham | Broken Bow, OK | Surgery, illness, falls |
| 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 & financial need |
| Carol Bauer | Gleed, WA | Fighting cancer |
| Robert Farley | Gleed, WA | Severe pain |
| Don Hammett | Gleed, WA | Fighting cancer |
| Gene McKinney | Gleed, WA | Diabetes & heart problems |
| Ola McKenney | Gleed WA | Tumor removal & age. |
| 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 & mini strokes |
| Otto Alvarez | Harlingen, TX | Dangerous travel & financial hardship |
| Mariella Alvarez | Harlingen, TX | Dangerous travel & spinal problems |
| Joann Boling | Lorenzo, TX | Heart problems, pace maker adjustment |
| Angela Boling | Lorenzo, TX | Recovering from neck (spinal) surgery |

## SERMON ON THE MOUNT



**Matthew, Chapter 5**

### ACROSS

1. Blessed are they which are _____. (vs. 10)
5. Opposite of even.
7. Blessed are they that _____. (vs. 4)
9. A beam of light.
11. Opposite of stop.
12. Opposite of bottom.
15. We should hunger after _____. (vs. 6)
18. We have these on our feet.
20. Those that mourn shall be _____. (vs. 4)
24. Ye are the _____ of the earth. (vs. 13)
26. He went _____ the store.
27. A symbol for a number is a _____.
28. The _____ shall inherit the earth. (vs. 5)
29. What the meek will do. (vs. 5)
32. A drop of moisture from the eye.
33. Wild, or not tamed.
34. Blessed are _____ that mourn. (vs. 4)
35. Short for Sally.

### DOWN

2. What the meek will inherit. (vs. 5)
3. What you hear with.
4. A female deer.
6. You should always _____ what's right.
7. _____ or less.
8. Think _____ that I am come to destroy. (vs. 17)
10. Opposite of no.
13. _____ are called the children of God. (vs. 9)
14. Blessed are the pure in _____. (vs. 8)
16. Contraction of is and not.
17. You _____ with your eyes.
19. We should _____ and thirst after righteousness. (vs. 6)
21. Who shall obtain mercy? (vs. 7)
22. Short for Thomas.
23. The wood _____ in with the tide.
24. Blessed are the poor in _____. (vs. 3)
25. Ye are the _____ of the world. (vs. 14)
28. Mother of Jesus.
30. Opposite of cold.
31. A male sheep.

**The Apostles**

Paul stated clearly the role of the apostles' teachings in the affairs of the heavenly kingdom. *"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)**

It is these, then, that we look to for guidance in all matters spiritual and not to the laws of men which are often misguided.

**OUR DEVOTION, LOYALTY, DUTY**

Where does our entire devotion and loyalty lie? to God, or to men? The answer is to be found in his word. *"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."* **(Ecc 12: 13)**

*"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind..."* **(Luke 10: 27)**

As citizens of the heavenly kingdom, we are soldiers of the King and owe our wholehearted allegiance to our commanding officer. *"For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."* **(Heb 2: 10)**

**FEAR GOD AND HONOR THE KING**

If our "whole duty" is to God, what responsibilities do we bear to the civil powers under which we live in the world today? We should define the powers of human governments as pertains to the word of God.

*"This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men."* **(Dan 4: 17)**

Daniel was dealing with Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, a proud and boastful man. *"...Is this not the great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?"* **(Dan 4: 30)**

**Conflicting allegiance**

There are instances where "the things of Caesar" (civil laws) conflict with the things of God (devine laws). What are we to do?

*"But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."* **(Acts 4: 19-20)**

The rulers of Israel had forbidden the preaching of the gospel but the Apostles declined to obey. Clearly, this was a case of civil disobedience. When there is a conflict between the two, our duty is to obey God, not man!

**God rules**

Clearly, we can see that the God of heaven is all powerful in the affairs of men, and allows ordinary men to be the rulers in their nations,

no matter how base they may be. Throughout the books of the Old Testament, we find that God, at various times, used the wickedest of nations to bring about the downfall of his own people who had fallen under his displeasure.

When the 10 tribes of the kingdom of Israel had gone deeply into wickedness, God summoned the kings of Assyria and Egypt to finalize his judgment against them. (See Isa 7: 17-20) God truly rules among the kingdoms of men!

God has set the bounds (limits) of the nations of men and the times of their power. *"(God)… hath made of one blood nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation."* **(Acts 17: 26)**

Poor Nebuchadnezzar; he thought that he had created all the civilization around him, and failed to give the glory to God, to whom it belonged, and was to learn a costly lesson in the process.

**Our lessons**

So what does this all mean to us today, as subjects of the heavenly commonwealth of God? We have clear instructions as to our obligations to the civil authorities under which we live.

- **We are citizens of the heavenly kingdom.**
- **We are pilgrims and sojourners on the earth.**
- **God's laws are supreme.**
- **When in conflict, with God's laws, we must decline to obey man.**

Prayerfully, J D Logan



# News from Abroad

## African Update – August 15th

On July 18th when we were heading on a short run to Musoma before going to Arusha, we had a blow-out on the left rear tire and the tread came off. By the time we got to the entrance of the Serengeti the gate was closed; no entry was allowed after 1 p.m. We had to turn around and go back to Bunda and take the longer route to Arusha to the south via Mwanza.

nice Honda minivan now, and I think I heard him volunteering to take people to and from meetings in the future since he now has the room, so get your reservations in soon ;-) Joann Boling will be going into the hospital on the 29th to have her pace maker adjusted so please keep her and the other injured in your prayers.

Aleisha Matlock was baptized before singing on Wednesday Aug. 10th , and now all of Kim and Matt's kids are baptized! Lynell Forsman, Shiloh Boling, and Tony Bryant were able to attend some or all of the Washington meetings and made it home safely to the delight of all. Kelly Shepherd rode with Lynell on the way back and was able to visit for a few days. Bro. Keelan Chadwick and his girlfriend Sis. Sadaf Maredia were able to visit us this month also.

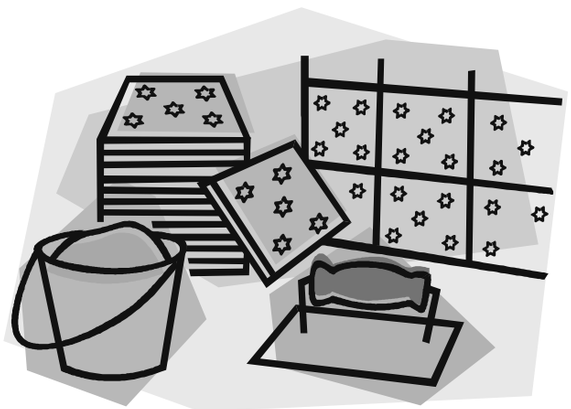
We would like to thank all of you who have helped to support Brother Ellis in Africa, and *The Courier* . Through Jesus Christ he has been able to do much good. He has had a 100% positive response from the congregations that have invited him and Boaz to speak. In a phone call today he told me that this week in Uganda 5 more congregations have converted bringing the total up to 36, with many more asking to hear them speak. As you can see from his updates here and on Facebook they are running his Toyota ragged (and going through a lot of $6/Gal. gas) which is costly, so please if possible continue to donate to the Africa Mission fund.

May God bless you all as he has done us!

The Lorenzo congregation.

# Editors note:

Now that the summer meetings are over I'm sure everyone would appreciate some updates on how they went. Drop us a line to let everyone know of any good news you have, and let those who could not attend know what they missed so they will want to plan to attend next year. Also let us know when you have firm or even working dates for next years meetings. If you are interested in speaking at a meeting let us know too so the various congregations will know you are available.



# Verse-a-tile

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Rom 8:28

KJV

We are still very small in number here at Chesterton and have had some out with illness the last several weeks, but we are happy to report that all were able to be back for this past Lord's Day service. We were happy to have had visits over the last couple of months from Sister Olene Howe, of Lorenzo, TX, Sister Doris Jared of Salem, OR, and Brother Leal Pabilona of Sacramento, CA. We had Sister Alicia Smith (now Pabilonas) meeting with us regularly over the past school year while she was interning at the VA hospital in Chicago. It was a long commute for her and we enjoyed having her come out to Indiana early, when her schedule permitted, and spend some weekends with us. We had heavier than normal snowfall this past winter, I'm sure not unlike the stories her parents, Brother Eric and Sister Lillian Smith, must have told her about when they were graduate students at Purdue here in Indiana and making their long commutes to Chesterton.

We recently received a data confirmation form for the next addition of *Churches of Christ in the United States* directory to be published in 2012. I know that many of you already have your congregations listed, but I thought I would pass on this information for those who don't. The directory is published every few years and attempts to list all Churches of Christ in the U.S, more than 13,000. Along with the location and contact information, it lists a key as to the distinct character of the congregation. For example: OCb indicates a non-class congregation that uses one cup of unfermented fruit of the vine and one loaf that is broken before distribution. This directory has been helpful to me in planning business and vacation travel in the past, and I think that it would be good if we can get more of our congregations listed. I have found the contact phone numbers to be particularly helpful in verify things before visiting. To add or change your listing go online **to http://www.21stcc.com/ccusa/** and click on the magnifying glass, select your state followed by your county. If you see your congregation listed you can verify that the information is correct and if not listed, click **add new congregation** and fill out the form. A significant pre-publication discount offer for the 2012 book was included with our update form. Phone numbers are listed on the website if you want to inquire about this.

Please keep us in your prayers, as we do you.

Yours in Christ,

Bill Jared

# Lorenzo, TX

Greetings in Christian love from your Brothers and Sisters in Christ at the Lorenzo congregation. We have had a busy month this August. In health related news, Angela Boling had neck surgery to remove a tumor from her spine. She is recovering well but is still working through the stiffness. Reba White's Son-in-law Larry had heart surgery and is recovering well from it. Olene Howe has fallen a few times recently and has injured her tail bone, which as anyone who has done that knows hurts an awful lot, and only time can remedy it. Jerry McCay has been hampered with a case of Shingles, which has cut down on the number of Jokes and jibes he has for everyone but has not stopped him altogether. And if that was not enough he was in a car accident to boot. His car was totaled but he is okay thank God. He has a



We encountered a roadblock on the highway early the next morning; no traffic was supposed to be on the highway after midnight because of the danger of bandits. Of course there was no lodging near the gate and we needed to go through to be on time for our next meeting. As the Tanzanian travel guide says, "Expect to pay an official a bribe if you want anything done." Boaz paid the bribe and the guard opened the gate. We all prayed to the Lord the bandits would take the night off. It worked for we got through with no incident.

At 9 a.m. we had our 6th blowout. We arrived at Masakta Tuesday evening. I spoke on "Blueprint of Christ's Church". Four persons requested to be baptized, which was done Wednesday morning: Cyrli Mangi, Israel Daudi, Mariam Jonas, and Anna Chepa. Wednesday I presented both lessons on "The Passover And The Lord's Supper", and on Thursday morning, July 21st, I spoke on "The Holy Spirit" by request.

On Thursday afternoon at Babati I spoke on "Blueprint of Christ's Church", and on Friday I presented both parts of "The Passover And The Lord's Supper". On Saturday we discussed church growth issues in Africa.

We lost the air conditioning in the car on the way to Arusha. At the first congregation we visited in Arusha I was asked to give both parts of "The Passover And The Lord's Supper" on Sunday morning. I told them in advance it was going to be a long sermon, but that's what they wanted (the whole congregation voted).

Sunday evening we attended another congregation in Arusha where I gave the 1st part of "The Passover And The Lord's Supper". The 2nd half was given at their Wednesday evening service.

We lost the engine while at Arusha. Pistons were bad. They had to re-bore the cylinders and put new pistons in; we were going to be stuck in Arusha for awhile. We spent our time visiting those who used to be members of the church. Many of them came back and are now worshipping with one of the four congregations we have in Arusha. We baptized 3 people: Foster Foustine (15), Timothy Ernest (19), and Helda Samuel (12).

On Saturday evening the car was ready after they performed the break-in. It was nearly 7 p.m. when we left to go back to Bunda. Two hours later the car broke down and we had to be towed back to the shop. The top of the radiator had broken and we lost all the water very rapidly; consequently the engine froze. They had to replace the pistons, but they said the cylinders were in good shape. More time in Arusha.

Sunday morning we were at the first congregation we visited in Arusha on this trip. I spoke on "Psalms 23". Caleb Timothy (the preacher at this congregation) announced that his daughter, Rehema Ally, wanted to be baptized. This was done immediately after services.

Peter wasn't feeling well. He said he thought his malaria was coming back. Sunday morning Boaz & I took a bus to Masakta where we planned to be at church in the morning. Peter was to stay behind in Arusha and come with the car when it was ready later that day. He was delayed longer than figured for it was discovered that the head gasket they put in was a fake – you guessed it, it came from China. They couldn't find a good one in town, so they put

the original one back in, and said to get it replaced when we got to Mwanza. We had to keep putting water in the radiator the whole trip, as the gasket had a leak.

On the way to Mwanza he hit a roadblock by the police (there were six vehicles in line ahead of us). We were stopped for an hour. We were told there was police activity on the road ahead. Before we were allowed to go, we were told some people tried to hijack a bus. When we went through that area we saw dead bodies lying on the ground with a lot of people standing around. We heard later on the national news that the police had set up a sting operation; the bus was loaded with plainclothes policemen. When the hijackers rushed the bus, the police opened up on them. Five men and one woman were killed.

In Mwanza we got the gasket replaced. No engine problems after that. Arrived safely at Bunda.

On Thursday, August 11th, we baptized two people in Bunda: Rabatus Sasebo and Sampson Iseke. One of these was the father of the two boys who were kidnapped for several days, but were released unharmed.

Saturday, August 13th, we returned to Mwanza. I presented both parts of "The Passover And The Lord's Supper". I spoke again Sunday morning.

We now have 31 congregations in East Africa and we had 10 baptisms this past month.

August 15th return to Uganda and Kenya for a two month stint in visiting congregations that requested we come to them.

Written in Christian love,

Ellis Forsman





Our weather is quite warm, but it seems that the heat is wide spread this year. We haven't had much rain locally but it has rained up north where the fires were. The fire burned up to and including the back porch at Denny and Suzie's place in Alpine, then the rain came down the mountain and caused a big mess about their place. Their home and his sister Dian and Bruce's home were spared, a blessing.

This is about all the news from here. We are few, but strong in the faith. All take care and hope to hear from you in The Courier.

In Christian Love,

The Yuma Church

## Yuma, AZ

Hello again, I thought that I would get myself together and send in a note to let everyone know what's going on in Yuma. Susie and I are still in the mountains at Alpine for a while longer but will probably be home in Yuma in a couple of weeks or so. We had another wonderful time again this summer visiting all of the different meetings starting in Lorenzo, Tx. We were there for more than a week before the first meeting at Cypress Lake, Ok. We love being there in Texas and visiting with all of the Lorenzo congregation, we stayed at Jim and Jaetta Loftis' and we want to thank them especially for all that they do for us every summer. Cypress Lake was next and then back to Lorenzo for their meeting and on to Washington for Port Orchard, Yakima and the final meeting at Gleed. They were all wonderful times spent with wonderful people. It is our hope to get up to Farmington, NM before we head back down to Yuma.

Our home congregation in Yuma are all doing fairly well. My Aunt Verda Nelson has just gone through a knee replacement and is doing well and is looking forward to having the other knee done as soon as she has recovered from the first replacement. She is braver than I am. Keep us in your prayers as we do all of you. Speaking of knees, I have to go to San Diego for another evaluation on my knees, this will be the forth time that they have sent me for an evaluation.

The date and time of our next meeting hasn't been discussed yet but will be probably during the same time frame as the last couple of years, March. We will discuss and set that date soon so that as many as can come can start planning for it. We love each and every one of you and as I said our prayers always include all of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Denny and Susie Davis

for the Yuma Congregation

## Chesterton, IN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We don't have much in the way of news to report, but it has been quite some time since we have written, so I thought I would send a few lines. We enjoy receiving the news of other congregations through the Courier, and appreciate the efforts of those who send in articles for our edification. The communications from Brother Otto and now, also, from Brother Ellis of their work and successes in the field of evangelism are very encouraging.

# Cards and Letters

## Yakima, WA

Dear Brethren: We have just concluded our Gospel meeting here in Yakima. The past few weeks passed rapidly. Al and Charlotte Burtis came up to visit from Modesto on July 18th, and the four of us drove over to Ocean Shores for a few days before going to the meeting at Glenwood. We attended services there on Sunday and Monday and then came home to get ready for our meeting. While there, we heard three good lessons from Brother Dennis Davis and enjoyed the hospitality of the Glenwood Brethren. We thank them for their love shone towards us, especially Brother Bill and Sister Debra Taylor who put us up, or should I say, put up with us? The preaching, singing, and food was great.

Our meeting started on Friday, with Brother J.D. Logan speaking. He took Brother Greg Stacy's place, as there was illness in the Stacy family. Saturday evening, Brother Terry Warford spoke for us and then Sunday morning, we heard from Brother Logan again. Sunday afternoon, Brother Bill Taylor brought the lesson. These three meet in Glenwood and we thank them for their participation. Brother Dennis Davis closed out our meeting Monday night and Tuesday night, and now the Meeting in Gleed starts tonight. (August 3rd.) We would like to thank the Brethren at Glenwood and Gleed for their great support. There were at least 60 people attending for each service at both congregations.

We have been happy to have Brother Brady Lamb back with us for the last couple of weeks. He is rehabilitating from a back injury, but has to return to the Marine Base in Cherry Point, NC in a few days.

Veda and I are planning to leave this weekend with Michael and Kay to attend an 80th birthday celebration for Al in Modesto.

We have really had nice weather, for the most part, for the two meetings that are past. We did have a couple of warm services when the air conditioner for the auditorium went out, but it was up and running for the last service Tuesday night.

All of us here are in as good a health as usual but we are all getting older. We ask you to keep us in your prayers as well as all the faithful. You all are always in our prayers.

In Christian Love,

Bill McCay Sr.

## Yuma, AZ

Dear Brethren, A short message from the Yuma congregation to say hi, with hope and prayer all are well or healing. We are doing fairly well with the exception of Sister Verda Nelson, who is having both knees replaced with the first being on August 15th. Therapy will follow. Sister Ruth Duncan spent a few days in the hospital to bring a bladder infection under control. She is doing fairly well now. Sister Betty Wallen has a new grandson in Phoenix who had to have heart surgery at birth. He was sent home, but is back in the hospital with infection. He seems to be doing well, but will have to stay in the hospital for a while.

Things are quiet here. Brother Harry Dye was with us on Sunday the 7th , and had a very good lesson for us.





**UPDATE**
**Aug. 19**

Boaz got back to the motel very late last night. The place he went to get the new Turbo didn't have the right size; ours was larger. He went by bus to several cities finding the same problem. He found one place that had a Turbo repair kit, but he said they discovered the repair kit lasted only 2 months. They called into Uganda and found they had the right size Turbo, so the shop in Kenya that had the repair kit went ahead and did the repair, telling Boaz when he got to Uganda to get the right new Turbo. The shop in this city where we are staying is going to install it this morning – a 1½ - 2 hour job.

At 4:30 this morning our next door neighbor business and political man was gunned down; it happened right next door. The town is now upset, saying it was a political killing. Right now there is a mob of people gathered in the street in front of our motel and on further down the street, yelling and setting tires on fire in the middle of the street. I can hear something like a cannon going off, although it may be very large firecrackers. Boaz said to remain in hotel room until this dies down before we take the Turbo to the shop. I guess going out and taking pictures of this is not an option I am allowed. It never gets boring.

Keep us in your prayers, Ellis

**Aug. 20**

The shop called Boaz and said to have the Turbo at the shop at 8:00 this morning and they will start working on it. This town only has one street going from east to west and it was filled with demonstrators and onlookers. Boaz, Rispa, Emanuel (local minister that is going to Uganda with us), and I walked nearly two miles down this street with Boaz carrying the Turbo. The street was blocked by burning tires and produce stands that were used by vendors along the route. Boaz pulled us off the street and way back of the street when a large crowd of demonstrators carrying 2x4's and other pieces of wood used for weapons was coming up the street in our direction. I managed to take a few pictures, but Boaz told me to hide the camera when the demonstrators were near. He said if they saw me taking pictures it would identify as to who was demonstrating and causing all the damage, as well as looting businesses along the route. We managed to get the Turbo to the shop, then we went to a local restaurant that was still open (most businesses closed and locked their doors with all of this going on. The demonstrators went to the police station (who was completely outnumbered). The police fired tear gas at the demonstrators to keep them back. The local police also called in the national police that arrived when we were still in the restaurant. We heard gunfire and saw people running up the street past the restaurant. The restaurant employees quickly closed and locked all the doors. Boaz said the national police were firing in the air warning people to disperse. I managed to get a picture of two national police vehicles going by with the crowd running ahead of them. After a few minutes, Rispa, Emanuel, and I (Boaz remained with the car until it is fixed) walked back to the

motel through the crowds that were starting to gather again after the police went up the street. I heard 5 separate people calling me out saying things like, “Hey, white man, how to you like our country now?” One person yelled at me, “Where is your Obama now? He promised us before he was elected president that he would help the poor of this country. Now that he is rich, he forgets his people!”

Once the car is ready, Boaz somehow has to get the car to the end of the town where we are with our luggage. The street is still blocked with large rocks and burning debris. Maybe by the time the car is ready, the street will be cleared. All buses and taxis are not out right now, and only a few motorcycles are moving, winding their way around the debris. Fortunately, if Boaz manages to get the car to us, we will be heading out of town from the right direction from where we are.

Like I said, we are never bored.

Ellis

## Aug. 21

The four of us had church services in my room this morning as there is no loyal congregation here (We however are working on that while here, but it may take more time than we presently have. We may have to return and work on this area.). I erred when I said Emanuel; his name is Laban.

After services Boaz took the bad Turbo with him on the bus to Nairobi. They say they have the correct part there. He should be back tomorrow, and if successful we plan to leave for Uganda Tuesday morning.

More info on the street demonstrations yesterday. They were upset with the police for not responding to the shooting right away. No one from the police department showed until 4 hours after the shooting when they were called. They gathered in front of the police station in protest of their lack of response, and starting throwing stones at the police (one was hit on the side of the head). They threatened to burn the police station down. A policeman yelled at them to stop; when then refused, he shot one of them in the arm, breaking it. That’s when they turned to their riotous behavior in the street. I looked for reports on the internet news about this, but there was nothing reported. I saw no reporters present when I was on the street. Laban said often things like this go unreported.

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Remember, a bank account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for your support (Account number 8891458054). Checks can be made out to “African Mission” (the bank’s name designation for this project of working with groups of people in Africa for account purposes) and sent to % Ellis Forsman, 6718 Santa Fe Dr., Lubbock, TX, 79407, or deposited directly at your nearest Wells Fargo Bank.

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Dear Brethren,

I hope that on receiving this letter you are enjoying all the rich blessings of God. I received our check; many thanks for this valuable help and thank you for your fellowship with us in the works of the Lord.



I informed that I traveled to preach in Fernadez city and Rio Verde for 3 days, in Pachuca City 5 days, and Queretaro City 2 days.

In Fernandez, Rio Verde we study during several hours each day to edification to the church in different doctrinal points. The Brothers are very animated to continue the work of evangelization.

In Pachuca, study each day in the morning of 10-2 with the Brothers to prepare in the predication, in the afternoon of 5-8 pm, I study with the Church and with visits on the plan of salvation and the identification of the Church of Christ.

In Queretaro City we have several home Bible studies with contacts that the Brothers in Pachuca made in this city. We have plans to continue to visit this city.







The Churches in the area south of Mexico (states Chiapas and Campeche) had during one week studies with the Brother Jorge May evangelist of south of Mexico. Also the Brother Juan Carrillo of Oaxaca State, had a series of studies in the Churches of the state of Veracruz.

The Brothers in Guatemala informed me that during June and July the evangelists has studies in the Churches of the south of Guatemala. The evangelist Jesus Gomez in Columbia informed us that the work of the Lord continue forward and the Churches are strong.

Also inform that the churches in the area north of Mexico ( Matamoros, San Jose, Victoria, Reynosa ) continue firm in the faith. Brethren, Again I thank you for your help. This month has been a month of encouragement. I hope God will continue to bless you in everything.

Sending photos of the studies in Pachuca Mexico.

Your Brother in Christ,

Otto Alvarez