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
Oren Johnston	Yuma, AZ	Kidney dialysis

And all Those in nursing homes.

If you have any updates or corrections to this list, please email me at editor.christiancourier@gmail.com so I can keep this list current.

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In Loving Memory of Brother Al Way

Our dear brother Al Way of the Bellflower, CA congregation, passed from this life on November 6, 2011. Bro. Al was a faithful member of the church for many years. He was born on June 7, 1939 in Bakersfield CA. He is survived by his wife, Okja and his children Tammy, Tayna and Alfred (AJ), many grandchildren and his extended Christian family.

It was fitting that Bro. Al was lovingly laid to rest on November 11th for that was Veteran's Day. Bro. Al was not only a veteran of the Korean War, but was also a veteran in the army of our Lord. The Lord recruited Bro. Al to serve Him many years ago: 2 Timothy 2:3-2, "*Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.*" He was faithful until the very end: Matthew 24:13, "*But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.*"

The war in which Christians are engaged is a spiritual one, not a carnal one: John 18:36, "*Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.*" 2 Corinthians 10:3: "*For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:*"

In a physical warfare a good soldier must always be aware of his enemies' strategies and defend against them: 1 Peter 5:8-9, "*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren*

that are in the world." Bro. Al was as vigilant as anyone I know.

As a good soldier in this world's army knows, one must be well-equipped with offensive and defensive weapons. Our Lord provides the necessary weapons we need to fight against Satan: Ephesians 6:10-17, "*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*" God has provided the best weapons for us to use: Hebrews 4:12, "*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*" Bro. Al made good use of these weapons in his service to God to defend the faith.

The Apostle Paul says we must be engaged in this fight: 2 Corinthians 10:1-4, "*Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you: But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;).*" 1 Timothy 6:12, "*Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.*" Bro. Al did fight a good fight against Satan.

When we are stedfast in serving our Lord He will strengthen us: 2 Timothy 4:16-18, "*At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*"

The Apostle Paul said concerning his personal war against Satan: 2 Timothy 4:7-8, "*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,*

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June 24-30th 2012	Lorenzo, TX	Soft tentative date, spkr. TBA

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Sierra Dean	Yakima WA	Oct. 16th 2011

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Renee Seaton	Pleasant View, OK	Blindness
Christine Burkhart	Springdale, AR	Health issues & financial need

Yuma, AZ

Hello to everyone, I would like to say hello and send warm wishes to all out there. Today is Saturday October 29th 2011. We are all getting ready for visits from the ghosts and goblins on Monday, a happy day for most of the children around the country. We are hoping, though, that there will be no incidents of the children getting hurt by the mean-spirited people of this world. This is the time of the year that our spirits are either sky high because of the holidays that are coming up or very low depending on your situation. We should be preparing ourselves to raise the spirits of our loved ones and to share in their joy or to lift the spirits of those that are down. We think that holidays are special, and they are, but we should concern our selves year round with the physical and mental well-being of our brothers and sisters. Just read out of John 13:34-35, and what it says about our need to care for others, 34. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. How are you judged in your daily life? Are you willing to give of yourself for others? Give of yourself, the reward will be great. To those of you that are already suffering the cold weather, ice storms, the icy rain, snow, cold winds we do feel for you, not bragging but stating facts, the weather here is wonderful. Stay warm and healthy.

November 6, 2011; Brother Billy Martin was in Yuma for our first of the month services and we had a great crowd for the morning worship service and heard a great sermon. We are still having our Wednesday bible study going over various subjects and have decided to cover John the Baptist to get as much biblical information as we can derive from scriptures about this huge character that was a herald to Jesus Himself. Speaking of bible study, this "Women's bible study group" seems to be doing very well. I will come into the living room and there will be Susie sitting there with the book and of course the bible working and studying very hard. It has turned into a good thing because of the questions that arise and the answers that come from the questions. It even has helped me when Susie will ask me to help her with a question, I am forced then to get out the bible and look for an answer too.

We had a houseful of visitors this weekend with our son and daughter and their children with us all weekend. For those of you that know Murphy our pup, well, he loved all the attention that he got from them and was exhausted by the time the weekend was over. It's always good to have family over that you normally aren't able to visit with. Grandma Fuller had a great time visiting with her grandchildren and the great grandchild too.

I want to remind all you of our meeting that we spoke of in the last letter to the Courier and make sure everyone knows the dates to mark on your calendars; now that's March 18th through March 25th of 2012. Come if you can and bring someone that "you love" with you, someone that is maybe looking for the truth in God's Word because a weeks worth of Church of Christ ministering should open a lot of eyes to that truth. I didn't refer to our format of speakers but we truly enjoy the guest speakers as we get to hear from all different angles. So if it is at all possible to be here, we would love to have you with us. We ask every year if there is anything that we can do to accommodate any special needs and if we are physically and financially capable we will do our best. Ok, so if you are a preacher come prepared, we may need to call on you. Pray for our sick in the brotherhood and pray for those that are less fortunate. We love each and everyone of you and we have you in our prayers. Our prayers go out for our brother Al Way that we lost this past Sunday and his family during their time of need. He will be missed certainly at his home congregation and by all that knew him.

Denny and Susie Davis,

for the Yuma congregation

I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." I believe a crown of righteousness awaits Bro. Al, as well.

Longfellow wrote:

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.

Finally, the Apostle Paul wrote these comforting words: 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18, "*Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*"

Bro. Al will be sorely missed, but it's comforting to know we can be together for an eternity. Undoubtedly his will be a "Heroes" welcome home.

Written in Christian love,

Ellis P. Forsman



News from Abroad

Harlingen, TX. November 10, 2011

Information on the Churches Spanish in Mexico, Guatemala, Salvador, Columbia, USA

Dear Brother s,

We desire to express our gratefulness in the name of the Lord Jesus by the participation of you in this work of saving souls that the Lord Jesus Christ entrusted.

We comment that the work of sending studies and CD's for different places in Mexico and Central America is opening doors for the teaching of the gospel. We have had several letters and called by telephone the persons religious that request more information and invite us to visit.

Also again we visit the church in Pachuca City to study of the scriptures with the brothers and continue preparing to the brothers than preach in this new congregation.

Also some brothers traveled to the area of San Francisco CA to continue the edification of the church and prepare more to the males of this congregation. This church is growing in assistance and the brothers to rent a small locale in San Rafael CA for the meetings of the Sunday and during the week is to reunite in the homes in San Francisco and San Rafael.

Of return to Harlingen TX, we worked with the brothers in Roswell New Mexico to encourage and to continue firm in the faith. This church have studies biblical every day in different homes and Sunday together in the local for celebrate the Supper of the Lord. (in the trip to California and New Mexico, a family of Paucha to accompany during these days.)

We receive inform from Mexico, Guatemala, Columbia that the brothers continue firm in the faith. Again express our gratitude by participating in the edification of the brothers and the establishment of new congregations of the Church of the Lord.

Churches in Spanish,

Otto



African Update – November, 2011

During the week of October 9th. Boaz' mother was having several difficulties, so Boaz took her to a hospital in Kenya (We understand medical services are better in Kenya than the surrounding countries). While doing so, the car broke down. Later we found that a piston had gone through the block, the crankshaft was broken, and the head was damaged beyond repair. We ordered another block and replacement parts from Mwanza, the closest we could find. It was discovered that during the previous work that was done on the car the mechanic did not tighten the engine bolts.

October 16th we attended services at the second Bunda congregation; 7 went forward asking for prayers for various reasons (mostly sickness). One elderly man, Mayala Mabula, appeared to be having heart problems and could not afford to go to the hospital. He sat down on the ground frequently and complained his left arm was numb. Another elderly man, James Malagila, had an extremely swollen foot; he had somehow run a rusty wire into his foot between his large toe and the next. He pulled the wire out after his foot started swelling (he didn't know until then the wire was there), but his foot continued to get worse; it was oozing a lot of fluid. He also needed medical help, but couldn't afford it. Boaz made arrangements for both of them to be taken to the hospital the next day; we paid for their medical help. Because Mayala was worried he might not live after he got to the hospital, he wanted to be baptized first, which we performed before he went to the hospital. He could barely walk, so we sat him on a bicycle and rolled him to the car, and then drove him to the pond for the baptism which was on October 17th. He was tired, but very happy. The hospital found his blood level was very low, so they gave him a transfusion. James was treated for blood infection. Both are doing well at this time.

We had scheduled a meeting in the mountains 1 ½ hours north of Bunda at a village called Tonyo for Sunday afternoon on the 16th. Because the car was being worked on, we got a ride to the village; however, about 10 miles short of our destination the car got a flat tire. There were 10 of us trying to get to this meeting. We managed to get rides on 5

church and each individual who gave of themselves to help make this a possibility. Thank you very much. God bless and keep all during the upcoming holiday season. Also my mother Ronnell Mason continues to do well in recouping from a broken hip. She has completed rehab, and is currently at my sister's home, doing well. Thank God for this blessing."

Brother Levi Smith has been back in Virginia for training in the Shipyard and has been doing well. He sends his love to the congregation back here. We expect him home in February.

Let us also keep Bro. Otto and Bro. Ellis in our prayers every day. They are doing as God commands, bringing the gospel to this lost and dying world. Let us support them in every way we can, especially with our prayers. And let us do what we can to share God's love where we are.

With all our love,

The Glenwood, WA congregation

Hillsboro, OR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

All is well here right now. Sister Eunice Jared fell on her face earlier last month. She broke her nose and had a bunch of bruises. She seems to be okay now. Brother Robert had Prostate surgery about three weeks ago. He was able to be at Church Sunday.

We really do enjoy the pictures and articles that Brother Ellis sends.

Love to all,

Hillsboro Congregation

Randlett, OK

Greetings from the Randlett, OK congregation. Please find a check enclosed to help with Courier expenses. It is always nice to get the Courier and catch up on news from all of the congregations.

Everyone at our congregation seems to be doing fairly well at the present time. We have not had an opportunity to travel much lately. Darla and I visited the OK City congregation back in September and I got to attend services with them again in October. We really enjoyed getting to see everyone there, even though it was a very short visit.

We have had a wide variety of weather conditions in Oklahoma this year. The summer was extremely hot and dry. I know a lot of other areas experienced the same type of summer drought. God has blessed us with cooler weather and some very welcome rain lately. Last night we had tornadoes in Oklahoma, but by the grace of God there were no serious injuries or deaths. Our most unique feature for Oklahoma this month has been the earthquakes and aftershocks. This past Saturday night had a 5.6 shock about 90 miles northeast of us. We all felt it pretty strong and it was a hot topic of discussion on Sunday morning, especially with the kids. They were all pretty amazed by the experience.

We want to remind anyone traveling that we would love to have you stop in and worship with us and spend time visiting in our homes. There are several of us and we will all take a turn at hosting you if you have time to stay! Some of us have jobs and work, some of us are retired and have plenty of time to share. But the one thing I am sure of, is that everyone would make you feel welcome.

Andy Barnes, For the Randlett OK congregation

Yakima, WA

Dear Brethren,

I have two exciting events to report. On Sept. 25th, Devon Schlotman was baptized. Devon is the husband of Shannon (Roark) who is the niece of Paula Edmondson. Shannon has called us Grandma and Grandpa since she was able to talk. For several weeks, Devon had been asking questions that we did our best to answer. We thought this was really great that he was so interested but wanted the answers before he made up his mind. Today, (Oct. 16th) Sierra Dean came forward, made that good confession and was baptized, Richard did the baptizing. Sierra is the daughter of Brian and Jessica Dean, granddaughter of Richard and Monica Johnston. and great-granddaughter of Oren Johnston and my sister Ruth, which makes her Veda and my great-grandniece.

The weather here has started to cool off. It hasn't got down to freezing yet but has been in the mid to high 30's so, we are in the process of getting everything winterized. The older I get, the less excited I get about winter coming. However, we feel truly blessed that no matter how bad our weather is, we haven't had the devastating floods, tornados, draughts, and fires that others have had to endure.

Most of us here are in pretty good health except for the usual conditions that we have learned to live with. Brother Oren Johnston has to have kidney dialysis three times a week but seems to have settled in to that regimen. We ask you to keep us in your prayers as we do you.

Yours in Christ,

Bill McCay Sr.

Glenwood, WA

Dear loved ones in Christ,

It has been some time since we have reported in with a letter from the Glenwood congregation. We apologize, and hope to catch up some of our recent news.

We enjoyed a visit from Bro. Jack and Sis. Darlene Warford in May. They came up to visit Sis. Ola McKinney and family at the Gleed congregation, and Bro. Terry and family here. Brother Jack spoke 2 Sundays for us, and did an outstanding job. We appreciate his effort, and their visit.

In July, we enjoyed the Washington state meetings. We began with Bro. Denny Davis speaking for us here. He did an excellent job. He is a very good speaker, and gets better and better each time you hear him. Then several of our brethren, along with Bro. Denny, spoke for the Ahtanum meeting, and Bro. Rick and Bro. Chris Carter for Gleed. We appreciate all of our visitors to all of the meetings. The support you give makes it all worthwhile.

We have been doing mostly ok health-wise. Sis. Ellen McCay's health is getting worse, and we miss her smiling presence. Likewise it has been some time since Sis. Jeanean McSwane has been able to attend. Please keep these precious ladies in our prayers, along with all those in need of God's care.

Bro. Ben Mason reports. "The Ben family home should be completed at the end of November, and the family will be able to move in. The Mason family again would like to thank each sister

motorcycles (yes, that's 3 on each bike) to the village. Once we left the tarmac (blacktop), we rode close to 6 miles on mountain trails to get there. Quit an experience riding three together on rough trails. Later after the cyclists dropped us off at the village, we received a report that one of the bikers encountered a baby crawling at a bend of the mountain trail, he hit the baby with the bike, breaking its arm; and the driver was thrown, breaking his collar bone.

At the meeting in Tonyo, I spoke on "How to Become a Christian" to this Pentecostal group. 12 People were baptized immediately afterward: (Waziri Mwesa, Mwesa Mwesa, Maheli Mwesa, Dolika Mashauri, Pili Maheli, Magoli Mwesa, Sungula Mwesa, Pili Sungula, Juma Bonifas, Salanga Zabulon, Jen Waziri, and Tatu Petro.)

It was dark when we concluded our work there; Boaz called for a ride. We decided to walk as far as we could because the trail was narrow, although a car could get through, each side rubbing on the bushes. Getting turned around could be a problem. Some of the members of this congregation (yes, they were converted) wanted to walk with us. There was one flashlight in the group, but it got left back at the village. One of the teenage boys was asked to run back and get it. We, however, decided to continue walking in the dark; it got VERY dark. I walked on the path by feeling with my feet as I went to avoid any sudden holes. On this trail I got my first look at fireflies dancing and glowing in the dark. We finally met our ride driving to meet us; however, we walked nearly the entire 6 miles in the dark before the car appeared. At the same time as the car arrived, the boy arrived with the flashlight. Boaz and I rode a bus to Mwanza to make arrangements to have the engine parts shipped by another bus to the Kenyan border. Boaz had the car previously towed to the diesel mechanic in Migori, Kenya (the closest to where the car was broken down). We missed connection with this bus and had to take another to the border. After locating the engine, we made the transfer with the necessary paperwork of the engine parts to another bus across the border which was to deliver to the mechanic in Migori; then we returned to Bunda. However, the regular buses had all quit for the night, so we grabbed the last small bus (more like a van, advertised seating capacity 14) from the border. There were 29 of us crammed on this bus. When we reached a police check station (to check if the car and owner had the proper licenses, ownership, and insurance papers, also to check for safety issues with the car), the police knew there was too many people in the car, but accepted a bribe from the driver for the bus to continue. Late at night when we reached the crossroads between going to Bunda and going to Musoma, the driver stopped the bus and asked how many were going to each town. All but 5 of us were going to Musoma. The driver told those going to Bunda to get out of the bus; he was only going to Musoma. This was very late at night during a heavy thunderstorm. The others that were put out of the bus rushed to hitch a ride with a trucker; when Boaz and I reached the truck, the driver said, "Sorry, this truck is full" (in Swahili, or course, to Boaz). There we stood in the middle of a thunderstorm, very wet, and thumbing for a ride that didn't occur for the longest time, before a couple men in their 20's showed up in a broken down old car. They gladly accepted the money to take us

to Bunda. It was sometime in the morning before we arrived at the apartment. One other trip, we had a similar circumstance where we shared a 14 passenger bus with a total of 32 people. The front tires were rubbing on the wheelwell's. When we reached the police check, another bribe was paid. I told Boaz, "Never again will I do that!"

While we were in Kenya we received a report of two more baptisms at Ramadi, Tanzania.

Boaz had worked and converted another Pentecostal group in Bunda. I spoke there on October 23rd. Afterward Boaz and I made another bus trip to Migori to see about the car. While we were gone, Boaz' son Daniel, was riding his bicycle and was run off the road by two cars racing each other down the road. Daniel received a gash on his knee and had to be taken to the hospital for treatment. The next day, Rispa was hit and injured by a bicyclist and had to be taken to the hospital for treatment. The same week, Sadat's cousin was riding a bus near Mwanza when the driver swerved to prevent hitting a drunk riding a bicycle. He lost control of the bus; hit a power pole, killing 23 people on the bus, including Sadat's cousin.

The mechanic said the car was ready to take on October 28th at 8:30 p.m. We had trouble with the car the whole trip home; we had to add water every 10 minutes; the water hose was defective. The temperature gauge also was not working (worked before they worked on the engine). We got in very late. The next day we took the car to a mechanic in Bunda to replace the water hose and fix the temperature gauge.

We had to drive back to Migori for a scheduled meeting at two separate Pentecostal groups in the country near Migori. We left early Saturday morning on October 29th. We got as far as the mountains several miles north of Bunda. The car started smoking very badly and after we crested a large hill, the engine seized, the brakes stopped working, and steering became very difficult. Because we had just crested a hill, the car started rolling very fast and we had a long downhill grade ahead of us. In trying to control the steering of the car, Boaz sideswiped a truck also going downhill, damaging the left side of the car —passenger side; my side of the car! The emergency brake did not work. There was a pile of dirt alongside the road on the left; Boaz aimed for it, hitting it mostly in the middle, stopping us, but broke the brake line. The front left tire was dangling over the edge of a bank. Before we hit the dirt I was sure the car was going over the bank and into a side roll. With the aid of another truck and a cable, we coasted with the truck behind us, holding the car back with the cable, and we got the car to the bottom of the hill at a small village. We spent the night in the car.

The next morning we hired a guard to watch the car, and then took a bus to the Kenyan border, where we hired a taxi to take us to Migori; there we rented a car for two days from someone Boaz knew.

We made it to the first meeting at Agongo, Kenya, very late. On the way I saw my first snake in the wild. I don't know what type it was for its head was run over by a car; however, it was nearly 3 inches in diameter and several feet long. I am told there are many various types of snakes around, and to watch where I am walking. I have seen the legs of three people who had been bitten, one of which

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Cards and Letters

A CHRISTIAN RENDEZVOU

We are looking forward to our second **CHRISTIAN RENDEZVOU** (weather permitting) in December, as Our first rendezvous in October was GREAT.

We plan to meet in Wichita Falls, Texas the 2nd Sunday of most months to fellowship with as many of our brothers and sisters as can be there. There are five Churches within an hour of Wichita Falls; we will choose one of these churches to attend and fellowship with the brothers and sisters there.

We understand that not everyone will be able to attend each time and that the weather might be a factor at different times. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible; we hope that you can be with us.

Our second rendezvous will be in December on the 9th, 10th and 11th. Some of us plan to be there Friday evening the 9th. See schedule below we may make changes when we are all together. We do not have a set agenda; maybe some Bible study Saturday morning and maybe some train in the afternoon/evening. Please note some of the ladies had good shopping trip on Saturday.

We have looked at the hotel / motel's in Wichita Falls and found one that has a good rating with reasonable prices. This is the COMFORT INN WICHITA FALLS, 1317 Kenley Avenue Wichita Falls, see the attached.

Note; Each party is responsible for their own reservations.

Hope to see you in Wichita Falls on the 9th or 10th of December.

In Christian love, **Stanley and Judy Goodwin**

December 9th, 10th & 11th CHRISTIAN RENDEZVOUS (Wichita Falls)

January 6th, 7th & 8th CHRISTIAN RENDEZVOUS (Wichita Falls)

February 10th, 11th & 12th CHRISTIAN RENDEZVOUS (Wichita Falls)

March Yuma Church Camp

April 6th, 7th & 8th CHRISTIAN RENDEZVOUS (**Oklahoma City**)

May 11th, 12th & 13th CHRISTIAN RENDEZVOUS (Wichita Falls)

June Cypress Lake Church Camp



The 12 standing immediately behind Boaz (kneeling) are: Waziri Mwesa, Mwesa Mwesa, Maheli Mwesa, Dolika Mashauri, Pili Maheli, Magoli Mwesa, Sungula Mwesa, Pili Sungula, Juma Bonifas, Salanga Zabulon, Jen Waziri, and Tatu Petro



7 baptisms (sorry I don't have their names at this time; Boaz has them with him).



Church leaders seminar from several congregations in western Tanzania and one person from southwestern Kenya. No names at this time.



Congregation at Tonyo



Left, This picture is of those baptized at Tonyo: Morogen Luchma; Zeena Juma; Munene Makari; Sikujua Boniface; Kisika Kiromba; and Mwmini Mungema.

was at Peter and David's safari camp near the Serengeti.

There were 65 people present in Agongo. I spoke on "The Blueprint of Christ's Church" and we had 7 baptisms. They said from that time on they were going to be church of Christ and follow the teachings we presented. They want us to also go to 9 of their sister congregations in and around Migori. The service was interrupted by a very heavy and loud thunderstorm with rain and hail. The building had a tin roof with no insulation. One could not hear the person next to him talking. We waited out the storm before continuing. After the meetings were over we finally left in darkness. The dirt roads were very muddy, sometimes covered with several inches of water. The first large water puddle we came to, Boaz lost control of the car; it slide around sideways to the road with the front tires dangling over the left edge of the bank. We got help from 5 strong men from the congregation who lifted and pushed the car out of the mud hole. They followed the car for 5-6 miles, occasionally pushing us out of a place where we got stuck. We went (with difficulty) around a large truck that was stuck and abandoned in the mud in the middle of the road. Its tires and axles were buried in the mud. After the men got us to the paved road, they walked back home (5-6 miles). I felt sorry for them. The car was covered with mud; we had to get it cleaned before we could return it.

The next day we visited the other congregation which we had intended to speak on this trip, and apologized for missing their date. We visited for awhile, set up another date, and then prepared to return back to Bunda. On the way back, we checked on the car where we left it with the guard watching. The guard was gone; another was in his place. We were told to go to the police station. As it turns out, the guard we hired was also guarding some boxes that were unloaded from a truck; another truck was to pick them up later. The police investigated the boxes and found they contained drugs. They arrested the guard and left one of their own guarding our car. After we talked to the police, they were satisfied that we were not involved, and gave us the car keys. We had to pay them for their guard first, though. We took a bus back to Bunda and made arrangements for the mechanics there to get the car towed to Bunda.

On November 2nd the mechanic in Bunda informed us that the mechanic in Migori had used silicon sealant on the head gasket which blocked the oil from flowing through the engine. He said the engine block has to be rebored and several parts have to be replaced. We instructed for the car to be towed to Mwanza where there is a decent diesel mechanic and available parts. The diesel mechanic in Mwanza told us the mechanic in Migori didn't know much about diesel engines; that that mechanic in Migori had called him several times for instructions about working on a diesel engine. Will it never end?!

November 3-5 we had a scheduled training seminar with 12 preachers from different congregations from Mwanza to just across the Kenyan border. We will have similar sessions in other regions of East Africa. While we were having lunch break at the hotel where many of the visitors were staying, a sudden heavy rainstorm developed. It was so heavy the small canal alongside the road could not handle the water. In a little over a half hour the water started coming into the hotel. In about 15 minutes

more, the water in the hotel was 4 inches deep. Everyone was wet getting back to the church building where the meeting took place. I have seen some of the heaviest rainstorms of my life since I have been here.

On November 6th, five of us rode in a car that we rented for the week to revisit the congregation at Tonyo (where we had baptized 12 the middle of October). We drove to the small village where they previously had church services, but we found out they were now meeting under a huge tree a mile away, uphill from the village. We walked on a trail over some large rocks to get there. During the service several went forward asking to be baptized. After the service was over, we walked back down the trail to the village, waited while some changed their clothes for the baptisms, then we walked another mile across farm land to the creek where they were baptized. (The six who were baptized are: Morogen Luchma; Zeena Juma; Munene Makari; Sikujua Boniface; Kisika Kiromba; and Mwmini Mungema.) Of course we had to walk back another mile to the village where the car was parked. One of the boys (Mwmini) who was baptized has polio and walks on a club foot. He walked the entire four miles with the aid of a cane stick. That's true grit!

We went back to Mwanza to see about the work being done on the car. The mechanic found one more problem that was missed by the mechanic in Bunda; the new Turbo that Boaz purchased in Nairobi was the main cause of the breakdown of the engine. Whereas the sealant on the head gasket contributed to the engine problem, the mechanic in Mwanza said there was room enough for the oil to pass through, although restricted some. He said the Turbo was made in China and was a fake, although the packaging claimed to be an original Toyota part. It had failed, sending oil to the exhaust instead of the engine. I WILL NEVER INTENTIONALLY BUY ANYTHING FROM CHINA AGAIN!!! We had agreed on this because of previous problems with Chinese parts, but Boaz was deceived when he bought the Turbo because of the packaging; the salesman assuring him the Turbo was a genuine Toyota part. A lot of Chinese products are sold in East Africa and are very cheaply made. The mechanic in Mwanza said he didn't think this engine block was good enough to use again. He has a stockpile of engines to choose from. He understands the problems we have had with this car, and is giving us a personal 5-year warranty on the engine he put in. This engine does not use a Turbo to operate.

After we left Mwanza toward Bunda on November 10th, we started having engine problems; it kept wanting to die whenever Boaz' foot was off the accelerator. Two hours later Boaz pulled the car to the side of the road; the engine suddenly turn hot (he had been attentively watching the gauge). We checked the water level in the radiator; there was no water! We got water from a nearby farm, but when we poured it in the radiator, the water was going straight to the ground under the car. I crawled under the car and found the lower hose had developed a hole large enough for me to poke my finger through. Boaz covered the hole as best he could with electrician's tape, but when he tried to start the car the engine would turn over, but would not fire. We managed to get a tow to Ramadi (arrived after midnight) where we spent the night. Boaz had contacted the mechanics in Mwanza and Bunda advising them as to what happened. The car was towed to Bunda where the mechanic is working on the problems with the advice from the mechanic in Mwanza. Besides the radiator hose problem, it was discovered the head gasket was bad and the engine head was also bad. The mechanic in Mwanza shipped another head to the mechanic in Bunda; and Boaz and I took a bus to Musoma to get another head gasket. They expect the car to be ready on Sunday November 20th.

There are a lot of rice farms between Mwanza and Bunda, and I saw my first Toucan (bird) diving for either frogs or small fish in the water next to the rice paddies. One frog I saw was over 3 inches long. A snail at my front door in Bunda was nearly that long. On another occasion, I saw a millipede on the front doorstep; it was between 5 and 6 inches long and a little over 3/8 inches in diameter. There are thousands of storks around Lake Victoria with the highest concentration being at Mwanza. Many are between 2 to 3 feet tall. (They look big enough to carry a baby.) I have several pictures that I plan to put on my Facebook when I get the chance. Just south of Ramadi there was a dead leopard laying on the road, having been hit by a car. On my first trip on this road I saw a live leopard cross the road just north of Ramadi.

By the time you read this, we will be (Lord willing) on another long journey covering various parts of Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda. I think the list of new places to visit is now over 40, and the ones we have already established want us to revisit them. We plan, Lord willing, to leave on Wednesday, November 16th.

We just received word from Machakos in Kenya that Alice Mumbua's granddaughter (age 1) just passed away with malaria. Alice was the one who lived near the top of "One Mountain" and she and her extended family walked two hours to church every Sunday morning. Also, we received word that Joel Masila, one of the men at a congregation in another mountain region of Machakos, just died of Typhoid fever. Their families need your prayers at this time. Typhoid fever is contracted from drinking bad water; not everyone in East Africa has gotten it in their heads that the water here has to be boiled. I diligently ask if the water has been boiled; and if not, pass on it. Polio is also a condition that I see a lot of. I asked Boaz if they have inoculations here for it; he responded in the affirmation, but that many people decline on getting it.

Sunday, November 13th, we met at the Ramadi congregation for services in the morning and the afternoon. We had one baptism: Madirisha Matias.





Please keep us in your prayers.

Ellis Forsman

Left, Madirisha Matias being baptized by Laban Ambogo at Lake Victoria

Right, Mayala Mabula (with heart problems) at his baptism, being helped by Boaz.