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HARLINGEN. TEXAS

Dear Brethren:

By means of this simple letter, I send you greetings, hoping at the moment you read it, you may be enjoying good health in the Lord.

During the months of December and January, in areas of the north of Mexico, we made work of evangelizing and the Lord opened new doors for the predication and we are studying with several persons who belong to other churches such as Baptist, Pentecostal, and Catholic.

We have studies in households of these new persons on Tuesdays and Saturdays. We also continue to study the scriptures with the churches in this area, Matamoros, Jaritas, Vallehermoso, and Brownsville, and the evangelists in this area help in these activities. Each Sunday, we travel from Harlingen to meet with the church in Matamoros, Mexico at 10 AM, at 3PM we meet in Brownsville TX, and we return to Matamoros at 5:30 PM and study the scriptures until 7 PM with a group of Pentecostals who are interested in the truth.

Also in this month, I had opportunity to visit the churches in Rio Verde and San Jose, Mexico with the purpose to encourage and to teach the scriptures.

The evangelists in the churches of the center and south of Mexico, inform that the brethren continue firm and that they

already solved the problems that they had during the rains and floods and all continue with much encouragement to preach the gospel.

We also have information of the churches in Guatemala; the evangelists open new doors and there are new persons interested in the gospel.

The brothers invite me to help during April and May because there is the possibility of establishing new congregations in the area north of Guatemala. I have preached in these areas for several years and they are now starting to bear fruit.

If the Lord permits me, I am making plans to spend 5 weeks visiting the congregations in the south of Mexico and Guatemala.

The evangelists and all who are involved in this work of the Lord, express our gratefulness to you in the name of the Lord for your help and participation in this work. Philippians 4: 19, 21, "But my God, shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus—Salute every saint in Christ Jesus, the brethren which are with me, greet you. (In January, we baptized a person in Brownsville, TX.)

Your Brother in Christ,
Otto Alvarez

3-23-09

Dear Brethren in Christ:

It is a pleasure for me to be able to write to you, hoping that when you receive my letter, all of you are in good health. I received your check. Many thanks for this valuable help and for your fellowship with us in this Word of the Lord Jesus in Mexico and Guatemala.

I comment that in March, I had the opportunity to preach in different parts of Mexico. In this area of the Huasteca I visited the Brothers in 2 congregations to encouragethem to continue the work of the Lord. I also had the opportunity of studying three days with a family of a Pentecostal church, and after teaching the real Gospel, three persons obeyed the truth and were baptized. The

other persons requested that we continue to visit and teach more of the scriptures, and the evangelists of this area accepted the responsibility of working with these new Brothers.

I also visited the city of Rio Verde to encourage the brethren there and help in the work of evangelization. During these days, I studied with a Catholic family (5 persons) and after several studies, the father of this family obeyed the gospel and was baptized. The wife and the son said that they also wish to obey but they wish to study more.

I have information that the churches in the south of Mexico continue firm and all the Brothers work with the evangelists for teaching the Gospel between those persons who are very Catholic. Also, the churches in Guatemala continue firm and the Brothers there invite me to come and open new fields where we have new contacts.

I am making plans, Lord willing, to travel to the south of Mexico and Guatemala in the next months to visit the Brothers and to help in evangelizing. I thank in the name of the Lord, your support in these efforts and request that we all will continue in this work.

Receive from all of us, the affection and love expressed in Christ Jesus. I also comment that we need more bibles for Mexico and Guatemala.

Your Brother in Christ,
Otto Alvarez

BROKEN BOW, OKLAHOMA

Hello to Everyone,

Just a short note from the Treats. Hope this finds everyone doing well and feeling good. As for us, we are both doing good. Dan is still working hard, always something has to be done. We missed the bad weather here, thank our Lord! Dan had a birthday, February 1st, 2009. We hear from our son David about once a week and so far so good. Hope to hear from some of our

brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our love to everyone
Dan and Brenda Treat

CITRUS CITY, ARIZONA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We hope this message finds all well.We at Citrus City are doing reasonably well. Sorry about being so slow in sending our contribution to help with the expenses for the "Fruits of the Spirit." We appreciate and thank you for the time and effort spent in thewriting and preparation of this newsletter. We at the Church of Christ in Citrus City send our love and prayers to all.

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Dear Brethren:

We are still having wintry weather, but it is starting to almost look like spring. High 40's to 50 in the day and high 20's at night. We have lost three people from our extended family in the past week. Lou Walsh passed away on February 12th. He is Rick's father. Then on February 13th, Kate's father, Richard Hanna, and one of Veda's cousins, Larry Adams both passed away. It has been a sad time for this congregation. Please remember all of us in your prayers.

We are eagerly anticipating the start of this year's meetings, hoping that our planned trip to Yuma will be accomplished. It sounds like there will be quite a few who will be there and we are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. We will try to get this letter out around the first of March to list the meetings one more time before they start.

We pray for all who are ill, grieving and hurting, and ask for you all to do the same.

April 9th: Well as you can see, we have been to the Yuma meeting and back home again. We apologize for being so late with the paper but we didn't have enough to print before we left for Yuma,

and after we got home our computer crashed and we finally wound up having to buy a new one.

We had a great time in Yuma as always. It was such a blessing to see old time friends and make new ones. One of these new ones was Maxine Davis, who was baptized on Saturday before the meeting started. She is a great lady and fits right in with my type of people. There were around 50 visitors, some from as far away as Georgia. I thought it was pretty good that Washington had 15 representatives, as we are so far away from every one up here in the NW. Bill Jr. took his 8-year old grandson Sam with him, and the most telling statement that Sam made was, "And Mama and Grandma think it's a long ways over to the beach." (Ocean Shores, 200 miles) However, on the way home, they picked up a puppy that they had made arrangements for, so Sam had company on the way home. It was the 1st time that Bill and Sam, Mike and Kay, and Richard and Monica had been to the Yuma meeting, and I got the impression that if the Lord wills, it won't be the last time. We are so happy that we were able to attend this year and see so many loved ones. We don't know what the future holds for any of us, but so many of us are at, or approaching, the Bibles four- score, that we don't know if we will meet again in this life.

We listened to some great lessons, and participated in some good singing, and the fellowship was wonderful!

Terry Warford, (Glenwood, WA) started off the meeting Sunday AM, with "Bezaleel and Aholiab, Workers chosen." Mike McCay, (Yakima, WA) followed Sunday PM with "If You Love Me, Be Faithful Unto Death." Monday PM, Bill McCay Jr. (Yakima) Spoke on "God's GPS", (God's Plan of Salvation for our guidance.) Tuesday PM, it was Stanley Goodwin (Newcastle, TX) on "The Blood of Christ. I Wonder." Wednesday, it was Ellis Forsman (Lorenzo, TX) on " To Judge or Not to Judge." Thursday, Richard Johnston, (Yakima) on "There Is a Way That Seemeth Right." Friday, it was Russell Morris (Stilwell, OK) on "Forgiving Others." Saturday, it was Jerry McCay (Lorenzo) on

"More Than Watchmen." Sunday AM, J.D. Logan (Glenwood) spoke on "The Gospel According To Isaiah" (The Good News) and Johnny McKinney ended the meeting Sunday PM on "The Broad Way."

All in all, it was a great meeting and we came away refreshed. As we usual do, Veda and I drove to Modesto and went on from there with Al and Charlotte Burtis. We spent Friday night with Jerry and Betty Perigen and had a good time visiting with them, and then on to Yuma. A couple of down notes for the week was that several people weren't feeling well. Probably the worst were Gene and Pat McKinney who had several health issues. Also, Jerry McCay had throat problems, which drastically cut down on his singing. We were happy that Brady and Kyla Lamb were able to come to Yuma on the first weekend of the meeting. Brady is stationed at MAB, Miramar in San Diego. (Brady is our grandson) We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Yuma congregation for all the love and hospitality that we were shown. We know that it takes a lot of effort and planning to sponsor a meeting like this.

We are happy to have our granddaughter Kim and her family, husband Jason, and Emma and Drew with us for a couple of weeks, and are anticipating having Al and Charlotte and grandsons, Ryan and Mark Bentz with us this weekend.

Well, I have rambled on enough. Please keep us in your prayers as we do you.

Yours in Christ
Bill McCay Sr.

WATERFORD, CALIFORNIA

Greetings Brethren:

We at Waterford have not written for sometime but all is well at present. Bro. Gerald and Sis. Juanita Warner are still having some health issues but some of them come to us all with age. Nate Harper [3] was in the hospital for a few days with

respiratory problems, but was back at church with the same vigor and vitality.

We are happy to have a new couple, Katherine and Ron Milar meeting with us.

Bro. Ken and Sis. Connie Williams are expecting their first grandchild in July. This will keep them from getting to attend the summer meetings in Washington this year.

Bill, Veda, Charlotte and I attended the Yuma meeting . It was great to see everyone again and meet Stanley and Judy Goodwin who we had not met but had heard about. It was a great meeting and our thanks go out to the Church in Yuma for all their hard work and the wonderful hospitality.

We have enjoyed having J.D. and Fern Logan with us before and after the Yuma meeting for several Sundays, but they will be traveling back to Washington soon to start getting ready for the meeting in July of the Glenwood Church.

Charlotte and I traveled with our grandsons Ryan and Mark Bentz to Yakima for Easter. It was a fast but enjoyable trip. We hope to make this trip again in August for the meeting there.

Our prayer is for all those that are ailing for a quick recovery if this is the Lord's will. Remember us in your prayers as we do you.

Al Burtis
Waterford Congretaion

GLEED, WASHINGTON

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Hope this message finds all well. We at the Gleed Church of Christ are doing reasonably well. We would like to invite all who can come to our meeting this summer set for July 26 through the 31st, with Brother Eric Harper and his family from California. We are sorry to report the passing of our dear Sister, Dixie Lee Stratton on February 12th. Dixie and Tom were married for 46 _ years and have been members of the Church since we started meeting in Gleed.

We would like to ask that the prayers continue for Brother Bob Farley and his family Bob's elderly Dad and Mom are not doing well. Sister Pat McKinney had knee surgery in February and has had complications since then. Sister Theresa (McKinney) Kings little boy Travis King, is still having sinus problems from his surgery.

Brother John and Sister Betty McKinney, and Brother Gene and Sister Pat McKinney are planning to attend the Yuma meeting and we send our best wishes for this upcoming meeting. For more information on our meeting, please contact: Brother Jim Lamb at (509) 965-3747. Brother John McKinney at (509) 865-4070. Brother Rodger Lamb at (509) 697-6687.
In Christian love from the Gleed congregation.

Jim Lamb

BAPTISMS

Maxine Davis	March 14th	Yuma, AZ

PASSINGS

Dixie Lee Stratton	February 12th	Gleed, WA
Lou Walsh	February 12th	Yakima, WA
Richard Hanna	February 13th	Selah, WA
Larry Adams	February 13th	Yakima, WA

MEETINGS

June 12-14	Oklahoma City, OK	Richard Johnston
June 20-28	Cypress Lake	Camp meeting Guest speakers
July 1-8	Lorenzo, TX	Mark Perigen
July 19-24	Glenwood, WA	Eric Harper/ Kevin Lamb
July 26-31	Gleed, WA	Eric Harper
August 2-9	Yakima, WA	Jerry McCay