LITTLE LOVE LETTER

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HERE WE ARE

NO, WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN YOU. Little Love Letter and we did put off appearing since November 1. (That's so much more, longer than we intended; please forgive.) As we asked in that last issue, we hoped you could patiently wait: we thank you.

BY THE GRACE OF GOD HERE WE ARE. We are in our new place here in Oceanside and, as we surmised in the last writing of November, we have been "somewhat occupied quite awhile" & yet. Many of you would like to know all about it. Will try to tell.

MIXED EMOTIONS

THE NEWS FINALLY CAME IN JANUARY that we would be able to move in after January 24. Back since August 7 I had been all along watching it and hoping and praying God for His guidance. Meanwhile the doctor was mentioning to put my dear wife thru a battery of tests in the hospital. For long time she wasn't doing well. January 24 she went to the hospital, and I was in preparation to move. A plan to keep her out of that big task.

ON JANUARY 27 I WAS IN AND BATCHING, and Louise came the 31st. Things remained very mixed around in tumultuous turbulence for over a month. The dieting, blood tests, everything, got the patient down so weak instead of helping-only 91 lbs. She went back to the hospital, February 22-25, and again on May 22-23. This last one was to be for surgery to remove an intestinal spot "to know what the spot might be". But silly spot had disappeared, so no surgery. Now with extra rest she, Louise mine, is gaining, stronger, and is back up to 99 lbs. The tests showed nothing in malignancy, nor any disease as could have been suspected in such weakness. She had a siege of flu in December or January. The peptic and nervousness troubles of long standing are still with her; and as the doctor says, she has thin bulges intestinally.

BY GOD'S GRACE, HIS LOVE AND MERCY, HE KEEPS US. Both of us realize it more and more-as we graciously grow old together. So here we are in June. AND, if God may will and grant it so, may this July Love Letter bolster each of you for Eternity.

HOMOGENEOUS DOMICILE

OH, THIS PLACE WHERE WE SOJOURN? One could get more than "mixed emotions" and really get lost here in this group of subdivisions. There are 700 or more housing units in at least six tracts, and we are in unit 3. All of the duplex buildings have the same floor plan, however there are four frontals. They are sold only to "oldsters", so we fit that and we're in.

DURING THE SEVERAL MONTHS ON OUR UNIT we managed to get a change or two so we could add another bath room and a patio. We also built fences, landscaped the yard with colored rocks and tile. Now (between these writings) we are staining fences and new additions to match the color of this "D" model. We have a beautiful panoramic view including part of the big Pacific Ocean. Oceanside advertises this as the best climate in the world, but the nation places it fifth in the U. S.

GOD HAS BEEN VERY MERCIFUL AND PERMISSIVE to give us the temporary home here. We do realize, as Abraham and many others in Heb. 11, we sojourn here for just awhile: By faith - "he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." We too must some day part from this scene of action. May each of us keep that faith, and take things as it may be our part here. Also Let's help others on and on and on.

THAT PLACES US WHERE

THERE'S NO LOYAL CHURCH OF CHRIST HERE, or as we now have found. We must travel 42 miles to Lakeside, southeast; or we must go northward about 75 miles or thereabout to Bellflower or La Habra. Except in the sickness 3 times, we go regularly, and I've preached as opportunity, or as may be my turn.

WE ARE BECOMING ACQUAINTED WITH GOOD NEIGHBORS; BUT all, or is generally the case, believe belong or be going in the directions of the man-made beliefs and doctrines around. Just try to quote from the Gospel ("the gospel of your salvation") and they become apparently so shy. May God forgive them for they have a soul to save, and we want to help them believe, and be baptized and be sealed with that holy Spirit of promise. Be baptized into Christ, put him on, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins," (Eph.1:7,13)

WHERE DOES THAT PLACE US? It places on our shoulders a big burden of responsibility. After all, are we our brother's keeper? It is true that he isn't our brother yet, our Brother in Christ. When he is adopted? When he is born anew - is a new creature in Christ - then we'll want to be called his Brother. So as I've been typing this I've been thinking I'll hand out a few of these, when printed, around here and see if I may get one or two involved. "Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth,-" Wanta help me try? God is willing. (2Pet.3:9)

THEN, PLEASE READ THIS PAGE

MY BROTHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN COURIER, please place this in that paper, too. Then many more may meditate. I know we do not have files on all the saved. Surely all the lost do not live in this one city. Please send a few extras to the listed Congregations so they may also hand out a few around them.

TO ALL ITS EDITORS AND WRITERS, here's challenge to add more and more articles teaching others about "the gospel of your salvation." A more concerted effort to get more believers.

SOME GOSPEL TRUTHS

WE ONLY HELP ANY HERE OR ELSEWHERE ETERNALLY BY GOSPEL, "gospel of your salvation" "the word of truth". THEY (Ephesian faithful in Christ Jesus) believed, obeyed that faith, trusted in CHRIST, AND after they heard, believed, obeyed, they "were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise". (Eph.1:1&7&13, etc.) CHRIST IS THE WORD, GOSPEL, TRUTH. (Jn.1:1&14&17). Christ Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." "And if I say the truth, why do you not believe me?" Christ is Saviour, our Redeemer.

WE MUST BELIEVE IN HIM AND LIVE IN HIM. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. By faith-" (Ro.10:17&Heb.11:6)

WE MUST OBEY THE GOSPEL, OBEY CHRIST, PUT HIM ON. "I tell you, Nay, but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish". "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." "and with THE mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Mat.10:32&Ro.10:10) In Christ? we are baptized into Christ - we put him on in the baptizing-we are a new creature. (Acts2:38&Ro.6:3&Gal.3:26-27) All, then, are free from sin, are a new creature, are of the household of God, are in Christ, his Church, his building. "are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit," (Do read: Ro.6:3-5&17-18&2Cor.5:17&Ro.12:5&Eph.2:22&Eph.1:22-23)

GOD & THE WORD & THE SPIRIT

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.-the world through him might be saved".

"JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONE WHO CAME:" (1Jn.5:6 via trans.)

"AND THE SPIRIT HIMSELF PROVES THAT THIS IS TRUE; for the Spirit is truth." (same trans.) "Spirit of truth-guide-all TRUTH."

"-THE FATHER, THE WORD, AND THE HOLY GHOST: and these THREE are one." "agree in one." (vs7-8) ("and all three agree").

Now, let's study deeper into the inspired record (New Testament) and have full assurance, faith, that these things are TRUTH.

THE TRUTH MAKES FREE

"IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD- That was the true Light- And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,full of grace and truth." "but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."(Jn.1) Mark started his record, "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ". He then quoted a prophecy concerning John the Baptist preparing the way of the Lord. And Jesus was baptized of John in Jordan. "And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

"NOW AFTER THAT JOHN WAS PUT IN PRISON, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel- 'repent ye, and believe the gospel'" The twelve Apostles "went through the towns,preaching the gospel-". Matthew, Mark, Luke and John all testify about the Word, the Gospel; Christ was preached. His New Covenant. Christ's death sealed it on the cross. No man can disannul nor add thereto. It was ratified by His blood. Confirmed of GOD in Christ. The four records reiterate that the eleven were told "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father,and of the Son,and of the Holy Ghost:teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commandedYOU." But they were to tarry in Jerusalem until they received power.

IN JERUSALEM ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST the Church was made alive. The Holy Ghost was received. They were endued with power(Clothed with). COMFORTER.ADVOCATE. "he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." The GOSPEL was preached."Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." "And the Lord added to the Church-" "And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women."

THEY BELIEVED,TRUSTED,OBEYED CHRIST; "In whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession" "the faithful in Christ Jesus" "unto the praise of his glory." "unto eternal life".

HERE ON EARTH & EVERMORE IN CHRIST, the Church his Body. "In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of GOD through the SPIRIT". God, Christ, Holy Spirit dwelling in us. Christ's Church, his Body. The Church alive by the SPIRIT through the WORD. Holy Ghost by the Word. COMFORT? TRUTH? FREE?

OUR RESPONSIBILITY, DEEP AND SERIOUS,is to help people get involved in the Word, The Seed planted: soil, good SOIL-HEART.

CLOSING

I'd fall way short to even try to give a belated 6 months news. The more reports you now send,and the earlier sent,the more space I can leave for that use. Brothers in Christ, let's get involved.AND remember:"Concerted action is mostEFFECTIVE".