



The Christian Courier
6718 Santa Fe Dr.
Lubbock, TX 79407



The Christian Courier

July-Aug 2012

Send correspondence to:
6718 Santa Fe Dr, Lubbock, TX 79407
Ph: 806-778-0437
E-mail: editor.christiancourier@gmail.com
Web: <http://churchofchristonecup.org>

WHY ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?

As you read this article I will be asking you some questions. When I do please stop and answer them to yourselves before you go any further.

The first question is WHY ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN? I have asked this question many times to my brothers and sisters in Christ and I am shocked at how many times I receive the wrong answer. I hear answers such as “Because I want to go to heaven and not hell.” or “Because the Bible tells me to and I believe the Bible.” These are good reasons but should only be used by babes in Christ! Let us start by looking at the first commandment.

Mt 22: 36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Everything hinges on our love for God and his son Jesus Christ.

We can read the Bible and be baptized just the way it says and still be found wanting in the Day of Judgment!

Question number two. Do you read the Bible to learn about God and his Son? Or do you read the Bible to learn how to draw closer to God and his Son. You may ask what the difference is.

I feel that far too many Christians today read their Bibles as if they were reading a history book only, trying to understand what was going on in the Bible instead of learning how to draw closer to God and Christ.

Romans 1: 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

We realize that the list of things we are to do and not to do goes on in many other passages of the Bible.

Question number three. Do you seek out these passages as the Jews did so you can obey the Law of Christ? Or do you seek them out so you can draw closer to loving and obeying Christ.

Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

We are to keep Christ's commandments because we love him and his father not because we are told to, but because we love them and want to please them.

When I was young I knew what my earthly father expected from me. Did I not go against his will because he would punish me if I did? No, I did not go against his will because I loved him and wanted him to be proud of calling me his child. When we deliberately sin it is not only on us, it is on our earthly family and our Christian family as well.

1 Cor. 10: 32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:

Robert Lane Hillsboro, OR
Eunice Jared Hillsboro, OR
Gary Calhoun Hillsboro, OR
Barbara Carlin Lake Havisu AZ
Sharon Moore Lorenzo, TX
Jayetta Loftis Lorenzo, TX
Ellis Forsman Lorenzo, TX
Joseph Davis Mesa, AZ
Renee Seaton Stilwell, OK
Christine Burkhart Springdale, AR
Betty Rhodes Stilwell, OK
Gerald Buckner Stilwell, OK
Lawanda Durham Tiner, OK
Gerald Warner Waterford, CA
Cinde McCay Yakima, WA
Oren Johnston Yakima, WA
Florence Fuller Yuma, AZ
Alice Davis Yuma, AZ

Recovering from stroke
Heart surgery Recovery
Brain tumor
Fighting Cancer
Fighting breast cancer
Skin Cancer
Dangerous & costly African travels
Thyroid surgery & radiation treatments
Blindness—auto accident related
Health issues & financial need
Medical problems
Stage III Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma
Serious health issues
Stroke complications and age
Fighting Parkinson's & head injury from fall
Kidney dialysis
Fighting throat cancer, diabetes, & Alzheimer's
Lower back pain

And all those in nursing homes.

Births

Ethan Thomas Aug. 8th 2012 to Chris and Hillary Forsman of Idalou, TX

Meetings

July 28th—31th 2013 Glead, WA TBA
Aug. 31-Sept. 2nd. 2012 Stilwell. Guest Speakers

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.

Chad, Kimberly, Teri, William, Matthew, Rachel, Dorothy Lynn, and great-grandchildren Emma, Akaysha, Tristin, Raina, William, Akash, Kyrah, Jason, Luke, Edward.

Her smiling face, easy laughter and joy of life will be sorely missed. To celebrate her life and to say goodbye, she will be at the North Sacramento Funeral Home, 725 El Camino Ave., Sacramento,

CA, 95815. Viewing will start at 12 noon and services will begin at 2 pm., Wednesday June 27, 2012.

Published in The Sacramento Bee on June 26, 2012

Read more here: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sacbee/obituary.aspx?pid=158227196#storylink=cpy>

BULLETIN BOARD

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Sue Bixler	Aztec, NM	Stoke(2), Heart Attack & Diabetes
Tina Mickey	Aztec, NM	Gall Bladder surgery/blood clots in lungs
Jackie Brown	Baron, OK	Serious lung problems
Jim Brown	Baron, OK	Lung infection
Ericka Ferguson	Bedford, NY	In prison
Synda Swain	Bellflower, CA	Stroke, now in rehab
Jay & LaWanda Durham	Broken Bow, OK	Surgery, illness, falls
Doug Ferguson	Broken Bow, OK	Neck & heart surgeries for blockages.
Tony Schell	Cedaredge, CO	Heart irregularities
Doris Ridlon	Canton, GA	Hip replacement & heart problems
Lynn Iker	Duncan, OK	Heart surgery & financial need
Linda Wilson	Flora Vista NM	Anxiety & extreme weight gain
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.
Troy Solomon	Gleed, WA	Severe back pain
Ellen McCay	Glenwood, WA	Severe aching joints - age
Jeannean McSwane	Glenwood, WA	Severe infections, pain, & blood clots
Fern Logan	Glenwood, WA	Recovering from Stroke
Otto Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel & financial hardship
Mariella Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel & spinal problems

33 Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

Mature Christians do not seek out what is for their own profit and pleasure.

They seek out what is most pleasing to God and Christ.

33 Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

Far too often today we use the word I.

I and our love for God and Christ are as far apart as light and darkness.

Mt 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

God has promised He will give us what we need. This doesn't always mean what we want, but what we need.

If you are like me what I want basically consumes my day. Not all "I wants" are bad.

I want a drink of water, a hot shower, and to see my brothers and sisters in Christ.

But when I let my wants and desires bring shame on Christ and His church I am wrong! Please stop and look at how often we use the word I and ask ourselves if this is really what we mean to say.

The last question I have for you today is ARE YOU LYING TO GOD?

Most of us would say that we would not dare lie to God! But is that really so?

Isa 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Ever since the beginning of time man has made his excuses for not following God.

Gen 3: 10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

11 ¶ And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

Yes Lord it was all your fault. It was you that gave me this woman and she made me eat. "Don't blame me Lord that handsome man beguiled me with his eyes and made me sin." "You know Lord if you hadn't made women

so good looking I would never have lusted after her.”

We make excuses for everything in our lives. “It’s not my fault you made the coffee so hot and I burned myself! I was just too tired to come to church after I went out last night. You know Lord that it was you that put the fish on earth for me to catch and the only day I have off is Sunday. Yes Lord I know I didn’t give you much but I needed a new fishing pole so I could catch the fish you gave me.”

Most of us make excuses almost every day. But when it comes to the Lord why don’t we just stand up and tell him the truth. LORD I JUST DON’T LOVE YOU ENOUGH TO DO

WHAT PLEASES YOU! Isn’t this just what we are really saying when we make excuses to God and Christ? If we truly love them as we claim we will be completely truthful with not only them but OURSELVES ALSO!

I will tell you that these thoughts have made me look at my life and I really didn’t like what I saw! I pray that they may cause you to look at your life and search your heart as to why you are really a Christian.

Written in Christian Love

Robert Farley

If you have comments please share them with me at farleyrw@yahoo.com.



News from Abroad

African Update – July, 2012

The following is some news from East Africa:

MISSION WORK IN KENYA

Brother Nelson Siele again travelled from Bomet to Nakuru. He brought good news about Kamanget Church of Christ, the congregation where he serves as an evangelist. Now they have a plan that I visit with them during the month of August so as that we have a seminar there. All congregations around have been invited. We expect some

new converts to be made. His wedding date is on 28th September, 2012.

We have, at present, about five congregations around Nakuru Town. They are:

- Barut
- Naivasha
- Baruesa
- Sarambee
- Mogotio

Logan, Modesto, CA, announced the baptism of Arlene Rollins. * Also announced: the passing of Sis. Sallie Staggs, Somerton, AZ, July 29th.

The Christian Courier, August, 1972. * Bro. Sammy Boen, Stilwell, OK, reported on the passing of Bro. Floyd Cantrell on April 14th. * Bro. Donald Dabbs, Ventura, CA, announced the baptisms of Rick Lyons and Debbie Love. * The Modesto, CA, congregation announced the passing of Bro. Ben Rollins.

The Christian Courier, July, 1982. * Bro. L. E. Arnett, Waterford, CA, announced the baptism of George Brown. * Bro. Jerry Perigen, Bellflower, CA, reported on their meeting with Bro. Howard McCay. * The Cedaredge, CO, congregation reported on the Delta Family Camp Meeting. * Bro. Howard McCay, Yakima, WA, reported on their meeting with Bro. Sammy Boen; one was baptized: Diane Fowler.

The Christian Courier, August, 1982. * Claud Perigen, Bellflower, CA, announced the wedding of Martin Brockman and Tayna Way on July 31st. * Bro. Bill Nelson, Yuma, AZ, announced the baptisms of John and Francis Halliwill on June 27th.

The Christian Courier, July, 1992. * Bro. Jim Brown, Baron, OK, reported on their meeting with Bro. Robert Farley. * Bro. Don Lewis, Duncan, OK, announced the baptisms of Kevin & Jamie Williams on July 12th. * The Bellflower, CA, congregation reported on their meeting with Bro. Bob Eldridge; there were two baptisms: Shelley Buie and Shawn Swift.

The Christian Courier, July, 2002. * The Bellflower, CA, congregation reported that Bro. Jerry Perigen was sick with kidney stones. * Bro. J. D. Logan reported on the passing of Bro. Jack Cooper on April 21st.

In Loving Memory:

Dorothy Jean Johnson of Sacramento, CA passed on June 22, 2012 at the age of 89 after a long fight with Alzheimer's disease.

She was born in Harrison, AR on September 30, 1922. Her family (Markley) ran a tomato canning facility and saw mill during the depression in Batavia, AR. From there she was an airplane inspector during WWII then enlisted as a WAC and worked at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver, CO as a surgical tech. There she met her husband Vernon Theodore Johnson. She was honorably discharged from the armed forces in 1946 earning a Victory Medal, American Theater Ribbon and Good Conduct Medal. They moved to Sacramento, CA in 1949 where they purchased land, built a home and raised a family. After the passing of her husband in 1986, she continued to enjoy life; traveling yearly across the country to visit with family and friends, volunteering full time for Kaiser (Diabetes and Nutrition Education Dept.) from 1987-2004, going to church (Church of Christ) and professional sewing. She is survived by her three sons, Ernest P. Johnson, Ricky D. Johnson and Gary L. Johnson; grandchildren

Chris and Hillary Forsman became parents to Ethan Thomas on Aug. 8th 2012. Not to be out done, Bo Forsman (Chris' younger brother) will be getting married to Samantha Boen on Friday Aug. 31st in Stilwell, OK. Evart and Becky Forsman have had quite the summer!

We pray all is well with each and every one of you. Please plan to stop and worship and, or stay with us if you have the opportunity.

In Christian Love

The Lorenzo Church of Christ

Consider this:

Matthew 7:14 **14** Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Ask yourself, how do you define few? Consider this with me. The Olympics just finished up and that had me pondering this. There are over 7 Billion people on the earth. Medical exceptions aside, each of us learned to run, jump, tumble, wrestle, lift weights, etc at a young age. 100's of Millions excel at one sport or another in primary school as they participate in sports at recess or on school teams. Then 10's of millions of those are good enough to participate at the high school level, and then 100's of thousands are able to compete at a collegiate level. At the 2012 Summer Olympic Games there were 10961 athletes from 205 countries. Of those only 87 countries had medal winners and there were a total of 958 medals awarded, and only 304 of them were gold.

What does all of that have to do with Matthew 7:14? We are not told God's definition of few, but

it is clear that there are only a few Olympic medalists, so are you going to hope that God's mercy extends to the Billions of sports enthusiasts, or are you going to buckle down and work hard at your Christianity like those Olympians do at their sport and make **sure** you are "one of the few?"

Notice:

The La Habra and Bellflower congregations (Los Angeles area) have merged and the members are now meeting at Bellflower. If you are planning to visit that area you will want to contact Jerry Perigen at 760.247.2254 for meeting times and driving directions.

Precious Memories

Gospel News Courier, July, 1962. * Bro. J. E. Lackey, Springfield, CO, reported on a meeting with Bro. Lloyd Treat; there was one baptism. * Bro. F. H. Logan, Modesto, CA, mentioned the following were ill: Bro. & Sis. Condor, Bro. S. K. Terry, and Sis. A. C. Stark.

Gospel News Courier, August, 1962. * Bro. Roy Snoderly, La Habra, CA, reported on the meeting at Lorenzo, TX, with the following speakers: Bro. Paul Ferguson, Bro. J. C. Spurlin, Bro. Roy Snoderly, Bro. W. H. Francis, and Bro. Jack White. * Bro. Harry Dye, Yuma, AZ, announced the baptism of Nell Orendorff on June 5th. * Bro. Clyde Couchman, Springfield, CO, reported on their meeting with Bro. Claud Perigen. * Bro. F. H.

In Rift Valley we have about 16 congregations. One congregation within Nakuru Town called Ronda church of Christ is yet to make a final decision. I am still studying with the brethren there. Last Saturday I met the preacher, Brother Mathew Otieno, who concluded that he is ready to change. Soon I will be meeting with the whole congregation.

Finally we, at the Barut congregation send our best regard to all brethren who are our fellow workers through Brother Ellis Forsman.

God bless you very much, John Kombo

MISSION WORK IN TANZANIA

The following is a list of churches of Christ which are in five zones of Tanzania:

- ARUSHA ZONE: Olsiva, Daraja Mbili (led by Caleb), Mbauda (led by Dominic), Kingori and Kwasenga. (One recent baptism).
- BUNDA ZONE: Bunda, Manyamanyama, Bitaraguru, Tonyo, Mugeta and Monuna. (Eight were baptized in this Zone; seven in Monuna and one in Tonyo).
- NORTH MARA ZONE: Ingri, Utegi, Kirongwe, Nyabikondo, Siko, and Busanga (Fifteen were baptized in this Zone; One at Siko, six at Nyabikondo, and nine at Kirongwe. In this Zone are three new congregations, which are Nyabikondo, Siko and Busanga).

Your brother in Christ, Boaz

From Bro. Ellis Forsman:

Lord willing, I plan to return to East Africa in September. Even though I am not there at this time, there is still a need to support those working in East Africa via the African Mission Fund.

Ellis Forsman

Donation information:

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.

Harlingen, TX

The Christian Courier.

Information of the work in the Churches speaking Spanish.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

We inform that with each day we continue the predication of the gospel in different places. The persons listen the truth of the scriptures but the majority reject because prefer to continue their religious traditions and practices of the social gospel (pervert gospel. Gal 1:7,8) that teaching the religious organizations.

Also we to find some persons that wish to know of the eternal life and we work with them to convert in Christians.

Only some persons decide to obey (believe, are repented and are baptized). In this moment begins other difficult work that is the edification (Matt 28:20) so that these Christians continue firm in the faith.

The evangelists and all the Christians have compromise with of the Lord for preaching the gospel and with the collaborations and participation of some faithful we continue each day preaching of the gospel to all creature.

The evangelist in Concepcion Guatemala inform that three persons obey and baptized during June. Also I comment that after much time to visit Zacatecas Mexico, was established new congrega-

tion (6 members) but also there are several visitors that would continue listening to the gospel.

This area is very large in the North of Mexico and that has many doors opened for the predication of the gospel. We have confidence other persons obey the truth.

Please pray for this work of the Lord.

Your Brother in Christ,

Otto Alvarez

Evangelists speaking Hispanic.

Donation information: Donations to aid Otto can be sent to: Church of Christ C/O Otto Alvarez
P.O. Box 532514 Harlingen, TX 78553



Cards and Letters

Greetings from Uganda,

It is a cool evening here in Uganda with political wrangles all over. Well done for the Olympic performance when Americans perform well. We sometimes believe it is we Ugandans doing it because we believe that for a long time you have protected Christianity. How is life of all Christians and

the church at large? We pray that God continues working for you.

Mainly, it has a been long time since Ellis left us and we have been working in time with no clear program. It is now eight months since we began to operate on a special program that we thought would be wise if we let you and all the loyal churches in America know about it.

Yuma, AZ

The church of Christ in Yuma sends greetings and best wishes to all in the brotherhood. Everyone here is doing well at this time. Bro. Melvin Stewart and family from Arkansas have been here for a few days. He has been very ill with pneumonia, but is much improved at this time. They have gone back, but plan to be back soon, hopefully to stay.

This past first Sunday of the month, Bro. Harry Dye from the Tacna congregation was with us and gave our message at worship; he always does a good job. After service we had lunch next door and visited for a while.

Our weather has been hot and very hot. The humidity has also been high. It will be a welcome relief when it breaks.

We don't have much in the line of news at this time. Everyone take good care and let us all be of one mind.

The brothers & sisters in Christ at Yuma.

Lorenzo, TX

Greetings, Brothers & Sisters in Christ, from the Lorenzo Church of Christ.

Well, summer's end is here and we are starting to collect our members back from all the meetings that they have been attending. Last Sunday, it finally felt like everyone was home. We even had our "GUEST" resident, Ellis Forsman back home, although we will be losing him again to the great works of the Africa Mission, next month. His plan is to go back for about 9 months to strengthen

those congregations he visited last year and continue to spread God's word to new congregations. To date, that number has reached or surpassed 105 congregations spread across Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda. I would remind everyone to keep him in your prayers.

We have had some health issues lately. Sister Nell McCay had a little scare, ended up in the hospital, and is now in a rehab facility. But the Lord continues to bless this great lady and she was soon back with us at the Lord's worship. Jaytta Loftis had an area of skin cancer removed and she continues to be one of the toughest people I have ever meet, considering all the issues she has had and overcome through the years. Larry Wood also had a cancerous spot removed from his right arm. And of course, age has taken its toll on a lot of us. Jimmie Loftis had an episode after services one Sunday that left him unable to move his right arm and generally unresponsive, but again the Lord answered our prayers and he was getting better even during the ambulance trip to the hospital. He too is back home and attending services.

Our meeting held by Skip Berry and Eric Harper was the highlight of our summer. Skip and Eric took turns giving lessons to a full house and we had visitors from eleven different congregations in attendance.

Amy and Amarissa Orendorff moved back up to Washington in June, but now that Shaya and Laurence Flugence are moving to Lubbock, they have moved back down again. The Lord works in mysterious ways and we are thankful they are back with us.

to having 100 plus weather at this time of year. However, we got through it with not too much difficulty. A few other incidents to dampen our spirits was the phone call telling us that Sister Ellen McCay had fallen and broken her hip. I believe that she had surgery and a hip replacement. Then we received the call that Sister Nell McCay had had a heart attack and needed a stent but the doctor said she was not a candidate for surgery at this time. Well, I hope this is the end of it for a while as we received word that Brother Jimmy Loftis had a heart attack yesterday. Brethren, we need to do a lot of praying.

We were happy to have Al and Charlotte Burtis with us for a week. We haven't been able to travel as much the last few years as we used to, so it is great to have visitors here.

There will be a lot of traveling in the next few months so we pray for safe passage. Please keep us in your prayers as we do you. Please remember the sick and those who are hurting in your prayers also. In Christian love, Bill McCay Sr.

Comanche, OK

Thank you for the Courier; we enjoy it. We are all doing well except for Karla Taylor.

Love,

Don Taylor
Church of Christ
Comanche, OK

Gleed, WA

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

Knowing that everyone likes to make their plans early the Gleed congregation would like to announce their meeting date for 2013. The Lord wills we will be hosting our meeting July 28-31, 2013.

In Christian Love,
Robert Farley

Stilwell, OK

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings from Pleasant View. Sister Betty Rhodes is in the hospital having tests. Please keep her in your prayers. I have seven more treatments. The treatments are six weeks apart now because they were making my hands and feet go numb. I loose my balance and fall a lot. Please continue to keep me in your prayers. Everyone else seems to be doing ok.

We have a weekend meeting planned for Labor Day weekend. Brother Skip Berry has agreed to do the speaking. Friday night and Saturday night will be at 7 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Brother Gerald Buckner
for Pleasant View
Church of Christ
Stilwell, OK

[Editor's note: The meetings been changed to Guest speakers.]

MONDAY	GOSPEL OUT REACH	ALL PREACHERS	MEET EACH PERSON AT HOME
TUESDAY	WORKING IN CHURCH GARDENS	CHURCH MEMBER AND WELL WISHERS	DOING ALL AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES IN DIFFERENT CHURCH
WEDNESDAY	EVANGELISM	ALL PREACHERS: JULIUS, OGEMA, DICKSON, DAVID...	DONE BY TRAVELING HOUSE TO HOUSE AND SOMETIMES IN PUBLIC PLACES OR SEMINARS
THURSDAY	PERSONAL PROGRAM	DEPENDING ON PERSON	IS LIKE A GENERAL REST DAY
FRIDAY	BIBLE STUDY	TEACHERS AND LEARNERS	GATHER ON CHURCH AND TEACH EACH
SATURDAY	YOUTH MEETING	YOUTH LEADERS DAVID AND YOUTH PREACHER AND ALL WELL WISHERS	BEGIN BY MANY SPORTS ACTIVITIES SO THAT MANY YOUTH MAY GATHER THEN SHARE THE GOSPEL TO ATTRACT THEM TO
SUNDAY	CHURCH SERVICE	MEMBERS AND VISITORS	TWO SERVICES, BOTH IN ENGLISH AND SAMIA

The above program is run by 45 church members but sometimes other well-wishers join in and the number can enlarge to 60. All leaders of different programs are expected to report at every end of the month to church board leaders.

CHURCH PROJECTS

Due to the need for church funding to support all its activities we thought it wise to set up money raising ways. Even though we have not attained all the financial support we need, we have at least been able to fund many activities through poultry, crops, brick laying, etc. as a youths project and sometimes church fundraising done by all church member and well-wishers.

So far the church has about 4 different gardens, 100 birds and 10000 bricks we hope that if all goes well by next year we should be able to put a church structure in place.

Many of our members are much willing to go to further places preaching the gospel and sacrificing time and money, but now this is one of the hindrances they meet since many do not have clear means of transport or enough money to board cars to places like Namaingo, Buhehe, Lunyo, Bubo, Manjanji, Namungodi and Masafu which are quite far beyond 15 km. Masafu is one of our big targets, we currently have 3 members whom we fellowship with coming from that place and we thought of beginning a new church there. Now what we decided is to have regular seminars and teachings at least once a weak and Bro. Juma and Bro. Christopher lead this system to success by welcoming different preachers to homes and the center.

Of recently we had a church meeting with all of our members trying to create ways as to how to fulfill our church plan that we feel is our part we should play as our contribution to the work of God. In that meeting most of our members pledged to give what they can so as to improve on to church projects, church construction, youth, and child support. However, we found out that we still need more support both financially and spiritually. We four decided that we would inquire from you if within our congregation of members out there we have any supportive way to help us deal with implementation of our targets because we are devoted but have financial limitations.

Take our sincere greeting to the whole church from our members. May God bless you with nice times always.

YOURS IN SERVICE FROM UGANDA:

OGEMA AGRY, DICSON OUMA, WANDERA JULIUS, ROSEMARY OGEMA, AND

TAAKA FULUMERA

Citrus City, AZ

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We hope this message finds all doing well. We here at Citrus City are, for the most part, doing well. As in most areas, it has been very hot this summer.

We are sending this check to help defray some of the expenses in putting out the *Christian Courier*. We appreciate the hard work in putting together

and getting this newsletter out. We enjoy hearing how others are doing.

We, at the church of Christ in Citrus City, send our love and prayers to all and we appreciate the prayers and love of our fellow brothers and sisters.

Thanks again,

Citrus City Church of Christ

Yakima, WA

Dear Brethren: The summer meetings are upon us. Actually, one has already been completed. We are looking forward to seeing many loved ones in the upcoming weeks. I know that travel is getting quite expensive, but still hope that many of you will be at the different meetings. We invite you to come to the beautiful Northwest.

There has been quite a lot of activity going on here in the last few weeks. Leah Shepherd graduated from Central Washington University and Grandma Mary, along with Adam and Jessica Shepherd, came up from Payson, AZ and brought John Matlock with them. Of course, Matt and Kelly Shepherd were here with the rest of her family. It was great to have them all here on Sunday. Then, last Saturday, we had a graduation party for Kaylena Warford and that was enjoyable. Kaylena is the daughter of Terry and Suzie Warford, granddaughter of Richard and Monica Johnston and Jack and Darlene Warford, and great-granddaughter of Oren Johnston. That would make her our great-grand niece. Terry preached for us on Sunday and we always appreciate him.

Most of us are in as decent health as our age allows. It is somewhat overwhelming to think

that our children are at the age that we used to think was getting up there in years. the mid 50's to early 60's. We thank the Lord that we are able to get around as much as we do.

One mile stone has been passed. Bill Jr. has just graduated from the University of Alabama with a Masters degree in Library Science and Information Studies. It was a crash course that he took over two years. He says it is a lot harder to study when you are in your 60's than when you are in your teens.

Once again, we invite any who can be with us for our meeting or at any time, to come. All are welcome. Yours in Christ, Bill McCay Sr.

7/16/2012

Well, here it is the 3rd week in July and our Gospel meeting is over. Brother Mick Boen gave us 5 good lessons and Brother Denny Davis spoke one night with another inspiring lesson. The turnout was really great, with an average of about 80 for each service. There was a large contingent from Texas headed up by Ellis and Lynell Forsman, and the Gleed congregation gave us great support. We also had Brother Russell and Sister Reba Morris from OK. I understand that Brother Jack Warford spoke yesterday morning at Gleed and we were able to listen to Brother Paul Warford last night. We hadn't seen Jack, Darlene, and Paul for quite some time and it was nice to be able to see them. Also, Denny and Susie brought Terry and Debbie Wilkerson with them and it was great to get to know them better. I guess the only down side of our meeting was the hot weather. We're not used