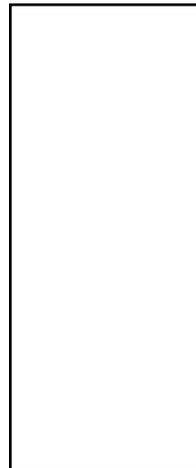




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WHAT SHOULD PREACHERS BE LIKE?

2Tim 2:2

- (2) And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

Paul didn't say just to men, but insisted that preachers of the Gospel should be faithful.

Also to Timothy in 2Tim 4:2 Paul says,

- (2) "Preach the word;" [the Gospel] " be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." [Gospel]. 2Ti 4:3-4 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; (4) And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Paul warns that people do not want to hear the whole Gospel, just that which eases their conscience and doesn't make them worried or uneasy. Maybe people forget that whom the Lord loveth, he chastens (by the Gospel). Heb 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

If the Word does not chasten us and make us uneasy about our lives, we have a bad problem, for none are perfect. We should be uneasy or worry about our soul's salvation. But people don't want to feel uneasy or worried, so they heap to themselves teachers who will not offend their conscience. This is nothing new, for the people told Isaiah to, "Prophesy not unto us right things" [Gods word] "speak unto us smooth

things.” Isa 30:10. Does this sound like the admonition to Timothy and us, to reprove, rebuke, and exhort? Any time I can sit through a week’s meeting and not become uneasy or anxious, I have to believe that either the preacher isn’t doing his job, or I have seared my conscience and hardened my heart.

Maybe we need more preachers like Brothers Tom Harper, Bob Musgrave, J.G. Condor, C.R. Nichols, J.S. Bedingfield, G. Earl McCay, W.E. Daniels, F.H. Logan, and many more of the “old time” PREACHERS. We used to refer to them as ‘Hellfire and brimstone’ preachers. Like the Apostles, they stirred people up and make them feel uneasy and converted them. They did it with love, but didn’t shun to declare the whole Gospel as Paul did. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 9:16 “... woe is unto me, if I preach not the gos-

pell!” (all of it) because he said he had kept back nothing that they needed. He did not teach just smooth things that people want to hear. Brethren, if we are one of those faithful men that Paul wrote Timothy about, we will do likewise.

If we shun to declare the WHOLE GOSPEL, we will not save ourselves or them that hear us 1 Timothy 4:16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

Written with Christian love,

Howard McCay

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Stilwell, OK
Tiner, OK
Yakima, WA
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Stage III Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma
Serious health issues
Fighting Parkinson's & head injury from fall
Recovering from Mini Strokes
Fighting throat cancer, diabetes, & Alzheimer's
Lower back pain
Broken hip

And all those in nursing homes.

Baptisms

Shannon Schlotman	Yakima, WA	April 15, 2013
Tyler Michael King	Yakima, WA	May 26, 2013
Otto & Mariela Alvarez’ daughter Harlingen, TX		February, 2013

Births

Kassidy Faye Boen	Denton, TX	Born May 23, 2013 to Keith and Kaelyn Boen
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Meetings

June 19th-23rd 2013 Camp	Broken Bow, OK	Guest Speakers
June 30th—July 7th 2013	Lorenzo, TX	John McKinney
July 14th-19th 2013	Glenwood, WA	Guest Speakers
July 21st– 25th 2013	Yakima, WA	Jerry McCay
July 28th—31th 2013	Gleed, WA	Guest Speakers
Aug 30th-Sept. 1st 2013	Stilwell, OK	Stanley Goodwin

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.



News from Abroad

African Mission Update – May 2, 2013

Greetings from East Africa,

Our trip to Kenya was delayed until after their election process was over. Many were killed during their last election.

On March 10th, Sadat & I went to Ramadi for church services. We received a message from Shi-

rati to return there soon; it was unclear then as to why they wanted us to come back.

On March 12th, we discovered the Shirati Council of Churches had heard about the Mennonite congregation switching to church of Christ after hearing us speak on one day. The Council of Churches group wanted to hear what we taught the Mennonite group 10 miles SE of town that caused them to change. The council made arrangements for our lodging and rented an auditorium for the assembly; they told us to expect about 70 people.

BULLETIN BOARD

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Sue Bixler	Aztec, NM	Stroke(2), Heart Attack & Diabetes
Tina Mickey	Aztec, NM	Extreme Dizziness
Nina Bixler	Aztec, NM	Esophagus repair, serious complications from surgery
Jackie Brown	Baron, OK	Serious lung problems
Jim Brown	Baron, OK	Lung infection
Synda Swain	Bellflower, CA	Stroke, now in rehab
Jay & LaWanda Durham	Broken Bow, OK	Surgery, illness, falls
Margie Queen	Broken Bow, OK	Parkinson and Alzheimer's
Wayne Queen	Broken Bow, OK	Health issues
Pam Berry	Canton, GA	Severe headaches
Tony Schell	Cedaredge, CO	Heart irregularities
Sandy Greenway	Creswell, OR	Breast cancer surgery
Lynn Iker	Duncan, OK	Heart surgery & financial need
Linda Wilson	Flora Vista NM	Anxiety & extreme weight gain
Carol Bauer	Gleed, WA	Fighting cancer (in remission)
Gene McKinney	Gleed, WA	Diabetes & heart problems
Ola McKenney	Gleed WA	Tumor removal & age.
Jim Lamb	Gleed, WA	Knee surgery
Ellen McCay	Glenwood, WA	Severe aching joints - age
Jeannean McSwane	Glenwood, WA	Severe infections, pain, & blood clots, fall
Fern Logan	Glenwood, WA	Recovering from Stroke
Gary Bergman	Glenwood, WA	Knee surgery
Otto Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel & financial hardship
Mariella Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel & spinal problems
Robert Lane	Hillsboro, OR	Recovering from stroke
Eunice Jared	Hillsboro, OR	Bad fall
Gary Calhoun	Hillsboro, OR	Brain tumor
Ellis Forsman	Lorenzo, TX	Dangerous & costly African travels, has Malaria
Wynetta McCay	Lorenzo, TX	Severe neck and back pain (undergoing treatment)
Jerry McCay	Lorenzo, TX	Eye treatments for Macular Degeneration
Joseph Davis	Mesa, AZ	Thyroid surgery & radiation treatments
Bo Forsman	Pine Mountain, AR	Heart Attack — still recovering
Nene Harper	Penn Valley, CA	Broken knee cap
Larry Pollan	Ringgold, TX	Recovering from foot surgery
Renee Seaton	Stilwell, OK	Blindness—auto accident related
Vickie Ferguson	Springdale, AR	Needs prayers of Strength

On March 16th, at the Shirati Council of Churches assembly I spoke on The Blueprint Part 1 in the morning, we broke for lunch, then I finished up with Part 2 in the afternoon. The reaction was amazing! There was much hand-clapping during the early points I brought up which later turned to cheering! These were church leaders in and around the town of Shirati; I believe there was about 65 people. There were many that asked questions afterward which concerned the things that I spoke, but there were also some other questions they wanted answers to, as well. Most of these people were Pentecostal, Assembly of God, Church of God, etc., but there were no Mennonites or 7th Day Advents present. Surprisingly, the loudest cheer I got was when I quoted scripture that the women were to be silent in the church. Only two people tried arguing against me on that point, then gave up when the rest agreed with me. The various evangelists that started these congregations told them that the Corinthian church had a problem with overly zealous women that took control of the church; that Paul's statement was only for that congregation. I told them not only did Paul tell the Corinthian women that, but he also told Timothy to preach that (1 Tim. 2) the women were to be silent in the church, and the church at Thyatira (Rev. 2) was criticized because they allowed a woman to speak. I told the assembly at Shirati that Paul's statement to the Corinthians was not just made to them, but to all the churches. He did not give the Corinthians a message that was just for them. When Paul went to Jerusalem he found that the other apostles taught nothing different than he did (Gal. 2:6); it was because they all taught the same thing because they were all guided by the

Holy Spirit in what they said. Kachege was worried about this meeting before it was started, but was all smiles when he saw the audience's reaction at the end and during the question and answer period. One woman told Boaz that many of the things I said she had read in the past herself and wondered, "Does any church do these things?" She was very happy at the message to find there ARE churches that follow the Bible. The chairman of the council invited us to come to his house for supper afterward (then again for breakfast Sunday morning). He told us there were many things that I covered and backed up with scripture that he was ashamed to admit he didn't know the Bible as well as he thought. He said there will be several changes at his congregation after this lesson. He wanted me to stay at that town and preach on many subjects so they can all learn. We did agree to try to come back after Uganda and before I fly back to the USA and speak to them one more time. Four church leaders from the meeting gave me their email addresses, wanting me to continue talking to them on scriptural questions. Boaz and Kachege have great hope for the church of Christ in this area; we already have three congregations in the region (Kirongwe, Siko, and 10 miles NE of Shirati).

On March 17th, I spoke on The Passover and the Lord's Supper, Parts 1 & 2 at the new congregation 10 miles NE of Shirati; there was one baptism.

On March 24th, I got very, very sick; perhaps the sickest I've ever been in my life. There's a lot that I don't remember, but others told me what happened. During Friday night and Saturday morning malaria hit me hard. Sadat told me later that

Agripina brought lunch to me Saturday, tried waking me up, but I did not respond. I was told later that I vomited on the floor and I don't remember vomiting. Sadat then checked on me, tried talking to me, asking me questions that I did not respond to. When he asked me to tell him my name, he said I couldn't, I didn't know my name. He tried getting me out of bed to take me to the hospital, but I couldn't move; I lost control of my muscles; my equilibrium was messed up. Sadat called for a taxi, and then tried getting me dressed because I was unable to do it myself. I just wanted to lay back down in bed and go to sleep. When the taxi arrived Sadat dragged me to the car because I was unable to walk. Every little movement caused me motion sickness. They had trouble getting me into the taxi and out again at the hospital. Sadat had to drag me into the hospital. This was about 3 Saturday afternoon. The doctor gave me some medication to help me. After that, I went into heavy sweating; a cold sweat. Sadat later said the medication caused me to sweat to help clear my body of the malaria poison. Sadat stayed with me and changed the sheets on my bed 4 times because they got completely soaked. After being in the hospital for 21 hours they sent me home. I was mostly in bed for 9 days recovering.

On March 27th, we got word from Kechegi in Shirati that 3 congregations from the church council meeting told him they were switching to church of Christ; that brings the total to 6 in that region.

On March 31st, Sadat wanted to take me on a trial run to see how I reacted with the malaria while traveling (I had been very dizzy), so we took a bus to Mugeta (2 hours each way) early in the morning

and had church services with them. I did better than Sadat thought I would; I was still recovering.

On April 4th, Sadat & I left Bunda, crossed over the Kenya border the next morning, and then traveled all day until we reached Nakuru on Thursday night. This is the congregation where John Kombo is home; Laban was also here waiting for us. Friday we rested (still a small touch of malaria). Saturday I did House to House Evangelism with this group. Sunday (the 7th) at church I spoke of "Lovest Thou Me?" After church Sadat, Laban, & I traveled to Naivasha. We had intended to visit 19 congregations in north Kenya but we were told we cannot reach that area because of much flooding. The Kenyan evangelist group advised we have to forget them at this time. They also canceled meeting with the list of 15 congregations a member gave us last year. I was told they were unresponsive to listening to us.

On April 9th, we arrived at Machakos Town where I did a seminar on House to House Evangelism on the 10th.

On April 11th, we went to Nairobi and purchased 1 case of medium-sized Swahili Bibles (40 pieces, \$253.16; \$6.33 each) and 9 small-sized Swahili Bibles (\$37.97; \$4.22 each). The total cost of the Bibles: \$291.13. With our luggage that was all we could handle at one time. The Bibles were distributed among 5 congregations by John Kombo and Laban in their region.

On April 12th, we arrived at Kakamega near Laban's home town of Matundu. Friday I did the House to House Seminar, then on Saturday and Sunday I did "The Passover and the Lord's Supper, Parts 1 & 2".

Cypress Lake Camp



Church Camp 2013

We are looking forward to seeing **ALL of you** – June 19th thru 23rd, 2013. We want to make **YOUR** 2013 camp the best it can be and we need your help. There have been comments about things we might do to improve the camp. We would like for **EVERYONE** to **PLEASE** give us your suggestions and thoughts on things we could implement to improve **YOUR** camp. We would appreciate **EVERYONE'S** comments.

Our present plans are -- Evening services each evening at 7:00 PM, Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. The camp will commence on Wednesday - our first camp meal will be Wednesday evening at 5:00 PM.

Tentatively – we will have young men's services Thursday and Friday at 2:30 PM. Hopefully Saturday afternoon we will hear Brother Ellis Forsman talk about his trip and the activity in Africa.

We are also planning a trip to Beavers Bend Lake for those who would like to swim and/or see the lake.

After services Friday evening there will be the traditional hay ride. **PLEASE** don't forget crafts for **The Auction** to be held Saturday evening after services. Let's bring or send as many crafts as possible, let's make this year's auction bigger and better than ever. We all want to take home a craft made by one of our brother's or sister's in Christ.

PLEASE make plans to be with your brothers and sisters IN Christ at CHURCH CAMP 2013!!

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and seeing many we have known and loved for many years. All that are in Christ are brothers and sisters and it is a wonderful blessing to come together in Christian fellowship and share God's word that we may have the glory our Lord and Savior prayed we would have. We worshiped our Father, discussed many subjects ate together and enjoyed each other's company for a few days. Our church building was filled with love for our Lord and for each other.

I would not want to leave out the names of any so I won't list anyone who came to be with us. Everyone is always welcome to meet with us and stay with us in our homes when passing through our area.

In closing all in Christ are in our thoughts and prayers always. May We also be together in the mansions of our Savior.

In Christ,
Ringgold, Texas

Lorenzo, TX

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We here at the Lorenzo Church of Christ Salute you in Christian love.

Health wise we have had a few illnesses and pains. Brother Matt Matlock has been having issues with kidney tones. He had been trying to pass some for a couple of weeks. He finally was admitted and had the stones removed surgically. He is up and around now, but he was down several days. Reba White has finally gotten her cast of her wrist. It has made it so much easier to get around.

Sister Neal McCay has still been not up to coming to services and we dearly miss her sweetness on the Lord's day.

We have had a few members traveling. Both Sister Jayetta Loftis and Olene Howe traveled to Illinois to visit some friends and family. Jayetta

came back earlier than Olene, But both are now back and they both had a good time. Even though the congregation in Indiana was probably glad to have them, we are really glad they are home. Some of our folks attended the Ringold meeting and reported that it was a quality meeting and the building was full.

Brother John and Betty Mckinney stopped in for a couple of Sundays. We got to hear a great lesson from John and we are looking forward having him as our guest speaker during our meeting which is coming up June 30th through July 7th.

Sister Sable Boling and Nathan Bryant are growing up on us, they will be graduating from High School next week. We are very proud of them both.

Our most exciting news it that Brother Ellis Forsman will be home about the time you get this letter. He has been doing such great work over in Africa. He has brought the word to so many people there. The number of people who have turned to the truth is LITERALLY countless. They will truly miss his contribution to the word over there, but we will truly be blessed to have him back.

We will continue to support the African Fund and we encourage the other congregations to do the same! They are in such need over there and we have such bounty. The Lord wants us to help other Christians. I do not to forget Brother Alvarez. His work also is so wonderful. We really need to help there where we can.

We really hope you can make plans to be with us for our meeting this summer, June 30th through July 7th. We always make room for anyone that can attend. We would dearly love to have any who can make it here.

In Christian Love
The Church of Christ
in Lorenzo, Texas

On April 15, we arrived at Nambali where I did the House to House Seminar with various church leaders in that region.

On April 18th & 19th, I spoke on the "Blueprint for Christ's Church" at a Pentecostal congregation at Kwikonge. This is a farming community and most of the members (about 50) were not present because they had crops to attend to. They want me to return to their congregation after our trip to Uganda is over and speak to the entire congregation.

On April 20th, we crossed the border into Tanzania and arrived in Bunda in the afternoon.

On April 21st, we went back to Ramadi and had church services with them. They are erecting poles in the ground in trying to create a cover over them for church services. We told them the next time we came through we would provide a tarp to fasten to the poles (which we were able to do).

On April 23rd, Sadat & I traveled to Arusha to get more Bibles which we purchased the next day. We got another case of medium-sized Swahili Bibles (40 pieces, \$258.23; \$6.46 each) and I finally found and purchased a Thompson Chain Reference KJV Bible for Sadat (\$56.96). The total cost of the Bibles on this trip was \$315.19; the total cost of Bibles to date: \$606.32.

On April 28th, I was with the congregation at Arusha for church services.

The weekend of May 4-5 we plan to be back to Shirati for a meeting with the 3 new congregations that switched to church of Christ; then we will go on to Uganda to visit churches in that country.

We plan, Lord willing, to close our final trip with a meeting back with the Pentecostal group in Kwikonge.

After that, we will have to remove everything out of our house for the lease expires on May 31st. My 2 year VISA, work permit, and residency in Tanzania expire on June 11; I have to be out of the country by then. My flight leaves Tanzania on June 7th and arrives in Lubbock on June 8th.

Please keep us in your prayers, and thank you very much for your support.

Ellis P. Forsman

African Update – May 17, 2013

May 4th. We went back to Shirati where we were invited to come back for another seminar. There were close to 80 people present; it was hard to count because people kept moving around or going to the rest room before we started. There was supposed to be 3 congregations present, but one did not show. All of the people present were from 2 congregations. These were congregations that switched from Pentecostal to church of Christ after I presented the "Blueprint for Christ's Church" just a few weeks ago. This time I spoke of "The Pass-over and the Lord's Supper, Part 1 in the morning; we broke for lunch, then I did Part 2 in the afternoon. After the question and answer period we went to Lake Victoria and baptized 5 people.

May 5th. We had church service at one of the Pentecostal congregations that had switched to church of Christ; they have about 60 people in that congregation. I spoke on "Is It From Heaven or Men?", which was about worship practices by

churches concerning things not found in the Bible. It is a companion to the lesson on "Blueprint for Christ's Church". I covered a number of things this congregation was guilty of doing. When I finished the congregation cheered. The leader of the congregation told us he had never heard of the arguments I was using before, but agreed with us that they needed to change from doing these practices (women speaking in the church, entire congregation all praying at the same time, praying to Jesus, and using instrumental music). 3 women got up and left (one of them was a leader of this congregation) after I gave scripture that women were to be silent in the church; but the rest of the congregation agreed that I correctly used the scripture that the women were to be silent.

May 7th. After long bus rides we arrived at Busia, Uganda, and picked up three brothers before taking a bus to Kampala, the capitol of Uganda. From there we rode during the night in a private car with 2 more people (the owner of the car and another driver; we were still far away from our destination at the Congo border.

May 8th – 10th. We arrived at a town close to the Congo border in the morning on Wednesday, the 8th, checked into a guest house, and then drove into the mountains to the village of Bwera where we were greeted by a few members of the church. I was amazed at the number of homes on the steep slopes of the hills with gardens planted all around them. I was told by the local villagers that living here was very healthy; a few people are in their 120's and one person was over 140! I saw a woman who looked to be in her 90's walking up a steep trail to her home in the hills carrying groceries in a sack on her back. There are no roads be-

yond the village of Bwera; people get to their homes in the steep hills by walking on foot trails. In the afternoon I spoke on "Blueprint for Christ's Church, Part 1" with two congregations present; one that meets in a classroom of the local school, and the other that walk on a mountain trail from the Congo (the border is only 400 yards from the village of Bwera). One person was baptized. During the night, it rained heavily. The next day the members of the church from the Congo could not make it; the footbridge at the border was washed out. I spoke in the morning on "Blueprint for Christ's Church, Part 2", and in the afternoon I spoke on "The Passover and the Lord's Supper, Part 1". On Friday, members from the congregation in the Congo made it to the meeting; I never heard how they managed to get across the river, whether the water level went down or if they managed to repair the bridge, or what. However, we were happy to see them. I spoke on "The Passover and the Lord's Supper, Part 2" and followed with a brief explanation of doing House to House Evangelism and passed out all of the tracts we brought them. After our parting goodbye's, we drove back to Kampala, arriving at midnight, we checked ourselves into a guest house.

May 11, 2013. We arrived in the morning at Busia, Uganda. Lawrence Wunyama, the owner of the car and primary driver, had attended all of the seminar meetings at Bwera; he said he was an instructor at the Baptist University in Kampala and was very knowledgeable about the Bible, but said he heard me speak many things that he could read in the Bible that he had never seen before. We exchanged email addresses with a desire to continue talking about the Bible. Sadat and I arrived

Glenwood, WA

Dear ones in Christ,
We are pleased to report that Jared Fresh was baptized Sunday January 13th of this year. It is always exciting to welcome a new one in Christ. It was also exciting that he gave his first lesson today, April 7th, with help from Bill Taylor. He did a very good job.

We are also excited about meeting, set for July 14-19 with guest speakers. We have heard from some already planning to join us. We would love for you to come also.

Greg and Peggy Stacy reported a wonderful time at the Yuma meeting, as did Teri Sue and Kaylena Warford, who went down with their grandparents, Richard and Monica Johnston from Yakima. We've had our share of usual winter-time illnesses and springtime allergies. Gary Bergman has knee surgery coming up. Please keep him in your prayers.

With love,
Church of Christ from Glenwood, WA

Stilwell, OK

March 24, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At the present time, we are doing well except for colds. My cancer is in remission and I have one more chemo treatment at the end of April. At that time we will discuss any future treatment. I am sure looking forward to feeling good this summer and doing a lot of fishing. My grandson, Brother Jacob Fuson, will be graduating high school in May. He plans to attend OSUIT in the fall to begin his journey becoming a chef.

We are always glad when we have visitors. It is like a breath of fresh air. We were blessed to have

Brother Roger Walkingstick visit and speak a few Sundays. We are planning a Labor Day weekend meeting August 30-September 1. Stanley Goodwin will be our guest speaker.

As you take vacations this summer drop by and see us and attend services when you can. We meet every Wednesday night at 6 and alternate between singing and bible study. We meet on Sunday morning at 10. On the first Sunday of every month we have services, dinner, and then young men's service.

We are sending a check to help with the cost of the paper.

Love and Prayers,

Brother Gerald Buckner

Pleasant View Church of Christ

Ringgold, TX

The Ringgold congregation thanks everyone who helped our meeting to be a success. The speakers were John McKinney- Friday evening and Sunday afternoon, Russel Morris Jr.- Saturday morning, Stanley Goodwin – Saturday evening, Jerry McCay – Sunday morning. John filled in for George Morris who was not able to come due to Retha being ill. We are thankful she is doing better. Each speaker presented wonderful lessons in God's word that will be in our hearts for a very long time.

John and Betty McKinney stayed the week after and John spoke May 12th (Mother's Day) on "THE COMING OF OUR LORD." Maxine and I are thankful for them staying at our home.

Some came great distances, leaving their home congregations, to be with us making new friends



Cards and Letters

Comanche, OK

Dear loved ones,

We here in the Comanche congregation are few in number but are doing well health wise. Karla is doing better than a few months ago. Amber is getting to walk better after years of pain and countless surgeries. The rest of us are doing well, and only dealing with the usual occurrences of old age.

We enjoy the courier. We are sending a contribution and love from the members.

With Love of Christ and his saints,

Harold Don Taylor

hard to sort through that which we have accumulated over the last 37 years in one place and narrow it down to a bedroom, bathroom, and closet, but we are happy that Bill and Cinde had enough room, and we are pretty well settled in. I haven't driven since my stroke and Veda has given up her drivers license. We are truly blessed that all four of our children and families live here in the Valley, as well as nieces, nephews, and grandchildren, and we are well taken care of by all. Kelly and Kate are moving into our old home at the church.

Yakima, WA

Dear Brethren: It has been a long time since I have written.. Some good news to pass along is that on April 15th, Shannon Schlotman was baptized. She is the wife of Devin Schlotman, daughter of Larry Roark, and the niece of Paula Edmondson. She has always called Veda and me, Grandma and Grandpa. Back in March, our kids got together and decided that the best thing for Veda and me would be for us to move in with Bill Jr. and Cinde. We are happy that they were willing to take us in. It has been

We would like to remind you all concerning our meeting starting July 21st with Brother Jerry McCay doing the preaching. We hope to have many visitors. All are welcome. Please keep us, as well as the congregations in Glead and Glenwood in your minds as you plan your vacations. Also keep us, as well as all the Brethren, in your prayers as we do you. We are hoping to see many of you soon.

In Christian Love,
Bill McCay Sr.
P.S. Our new address is: 71 McGonagle Rd. Selah, WA 98942

at Kakamega, Kenya, later in the day where we checked into a guest house.

May 12th. We attended church services at Nakuru (where Laban meets) on Sunday. After church we took bus rides back to Tanzania, but ran into trouble during the night. The engine froze due to a lack of water, and we had to wait an hour before another bus to arrive so we could continue our journey. We arrived at the border at midnight, checked into a guest house on the Kenyan side. We finally concluded our journey back to Bunda, arriving in the early afternoon.

Since I arrived in Bunda I have been working on preparing more tracts. We are going to visit one of the churches in Utegi, Tanzania, that we lost due to a leader that led them astray; some members who disagreed with their leader want us to come back and set things straight.

I want to give all of you who have donated generously to help the work in Africa a hearty, "Thank you!!" My work in East Africa is drawing to a rapid close; my plane is scheduled to leave Dar es Salaam on the evening of June 7th and should arrive in Lubbock on the evening of the 8th.

In Christian love, 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

Mar. 20, 2013

Dear brethren in Christ,

I greet in the name of the Christ, hoping that you may enjoy good health along with your family and brothers in the congregation.

I comment that my family still we have much sadness and pain by the death of my son, but also we have hope that a day we to reunite with my son.

We thank you for your support and encouragement that you send us and we are firm in the faith and animated for continue forward in the Christian life to obtain the eternal life and disposed to occupy more time and more efforts to reach with the gospel new persons.

Also them inform that this moth I continued working with the congregation in Matamoros Mexico, Brownsville TX, and also we begin studies with two families for establish new congregation in Alamo, TX.

The churches in Mexico, and Guatemala inform me that they continue firm in the truth and the evangelists continue working with the congregations.

The brothers in the country of Colombia invite me to study with a new group of persons interested in the truth and possible to establish a new church in that country. I am making plans and if the Lord permits me I will travel to Colombia during five weeks (April-May)

Again I thank in the name of the Lord your participation and support to continue the gospel. And is possible during this year new souls will obey the gospel.

Sending photos new group in Alamo and photo of my daughter during baptism in February.

Your brother in Christ,
Otto and Mariela



(Rt, top to bottom) Ellis is conducting a seminar at Machakos, Kenya, on House to House Evangelism; This the church assembly on a Sunday morning at Matundu, Kenya; Ellis is conducting a seminar at Matundu, Kenya, on House to House Evangelism; This is the assembly of church leaders, members of the Shirati Council of Churches who invited Ellis to come and speak to them. Leaders of 3 of these churches announced they were switching to church of Christ. We have been invited to come back and speak one more time.



Clockwise from above: Ellis is conducting a seminar at Naivasha, Kenya, on House to House Evangelism; Sunday morning worship service at Mwanza, Tanzania; Ellis is speaking and Boaz translating to the Shirati Council of Churches in Shirati, Tanzania; Ellis is conducting a seminar on House to House Evangelism at Busia, Kenya, near the Uganda border; Ellis is conducting a seminar at Nakuru on House to House Evangelism; Boaz is baptizing a person in Lake Victoria from the congregation 10 miles NE of Shirati.

