

The Christian Courier

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NEGLECT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is a blessed act of worship. This is:

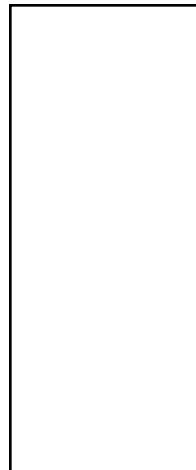
- A time of "reflection" in that we are to partake of its emblems "*in remembrance*" of our Lord (1 Cor. 11:23-25)
- It is a time of "appreciation" in that we spend time thinking about the one whose body was broken and blood was shed "*for us*" (1 Cor. 11:23-25)
- It is a time of "proclamation" in that we "*shew*" the Lord's death when we partake (1 Cor. 11:26)
- A time of "self-examination" in that we are to examine ourselves and partake of its emblems worthily (1 Cor. 11:27-32)

- And lastly, A time of "co-operation" in that we are to consider one another in partaking (1 Cor. 11:33-34)

Because of the above truth, we must not neglect the Lords Supper, but most importantly, treat it as one of the most precious moments of our week. The Lord's Supper reminds us of two sacred things: "Love" of God and "Legislation" of God.

1. The "Love" of God

"God commanded his love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners Christ died for us (Rom. 5:8, John 3:16, 1 John 4:7-11). The Lords Supper is designed to help us focus on the depth and, yes, the demonstration of that love. Thankfully, every one of us can say like Paul "*Christ loved me and gave himself for me*" (Gal. 2:20) The following is what Jesus did for us:



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- He gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us “(Gal:1:4).
- He gave himself a ransom for us (1 Tim. 2:6).
- He gave himself for us that he might redeem us”(Titus 2:14).

2. The Legislation of God

When we partake of the Lord’s Supper properly we reflect On the “blood”of Jesus. He took a cup and said “*This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you*” (Luke 22:20). Note the fact that he took a cup and the Bible says He took **a cup** ,and said “**this cup**”; He did not take cups and said these cups. Again his “Blood “was “shed” for us.

There also a lot of suffering that our Lord experienced; His back was torn into strips by whips (Matt. 22:26 and Isa. 53:5); .His side was ripped open by the spear of a Roman soldier.

All above happened to Jesus Christ because He sacrificed for:

- Our “remission “of sins (Matt. 26: 8)
- Our “justification” (Rom. 5:9)
- Our “salvation”(Rom. 5:9)
- Our “redemption (Eph. 1:7)
- Our “reconciliation” (Eph. 2:13)
- Our “sanctification” (Heb. 10:39)
- Our “purification” (1 John 1:7)

We must not forget to add that the greatest “institution” on earth — the Lord’s church — was purchased (Acts 20:28). When we partake of the Lords Supper properly, we reflect on the bond that we share with Je-

sus Christ. This Supper is described as a “Communion” with the blood and the body of Christ (1 Cor. 10:16). It unites us in heart and thought as we partake. This is a special moment of “fellowship” with each other, and with Christ. When instituting the Supper, Jesus said, “*I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Fathers Kingdom*” (Matt. 26:29). It is surely wonderful and motivating to know that our Lord is with us when we engage in every act of worship. Let us unite with Paul in his words and think of the Lord’s Supper as a time in which we engage in a “Fellowship of Jesus’ suffering” (Phil. 3:10).

God bless all of us as we study this lesson, that we should **NOT NEGLECT THE LORD’S SUPPER.**

John Kombo
Nandwa Barut Church of Christ,
Nakuru, Kenya

Cinde McCay
Bill McCay, Sr.
Kay McCay
Kelly McCay
Florence Fuller
Alice Davis
Ruth Duncan

Yakima, WA
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Fighting Parkinson's & gall bladder surgery
Recovering from Mini Strokes
Knee replacement
Hernia surgery
Fighting throat cancer, diabetes, & Alzheimer's
Lower back pain
Broken hip

And all those in nursing homes.

Baptisms

Haley Clements	Yakima, WA	September 15, 2013
Lilian Kombo	Nakuru, Kenya	March 23, 2014
Vincent Mutai	Nakuru, Kenya	March 23, 2014
Emanuel Too	Nakuru, Kenya	March 23, 2014

Births

Jack Ryan	Lubbock, TX	Born Jan. 10 to Kevin & Hayley Lamb
Abigail Laurice	Pine Mountain, AR	Born Feb. 17 to Bo & Samantha Forsman

Weddings

Clay Davis & Sarah Phipps	Broken Bow, OK	November 9, 2013
Alex Hendon & Miranda Baird	Stilwell, OK	February 17, 2014

Passings

Joan Boling	Lorenzo, TX	November 25, 2013
Mardiony Fabian	Kidapawan City, Philippines	January 7, 2014
Many church members in Philippines flooding		January, 2014

Meetings

July 6-9, 2014	Gleed, WA	Guest speakers
July 10-13, 2014	Glenwood, WA	Guest speakers
July 15-20, 2014	Yakima, WA	Glenwood speakers
July 21-24, 2014	Broken Bow, OK (Beaver’s Bend)	Guest speakers
July 27-Aug. 3, 2014	Lorenzo, TX	Mark Perigen & TBA

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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
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
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
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
Renee Seaton	Stilwell, OK	Blindness—auto accident related
Vickie Ferguson	Springdale, AR	Needs prayers of Strength
Nene Harper	Sacramento, CA	Broken knee cap (getting around with walker now)
Ken Harper	Sacramento, CA	Recovering from stroke and paralysis
Gerald Buckner	Stilwell, OK	Stage III Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma
Lawanda Durham	Tiner, OK	Serious health issues
Earlene Jared	Valparaiso, IN	Complications from surgery



News from Abroad

Africa update

Brethren,

At this time I did not receive a report from Tanzania or Uganda. The brethren in these countries along with those in Tanzania are struggling in their evangelism effort because of a lack of funds. Donations have been down with much of the support money going to the relief effort in the Philippines (which was greatly needed). Now another disaster has struck the Philippines with heavy flooding. Included is a report about this latest disaster from Bro. Dickson Fabian from the Philippines. The pictures included in the *Courier* about the flooding in the Philippines I obtained from recent news reports on the internet.

Your brother in Christ, Ellis Forsman

Report From Kenya

Brethren,

Greeting from servants of God of our Lord Jesus Christ to all of the servants in U.S.A. who are also God's holy people in Christ.

We submit to you a report of the outcome of the meeting held at Nakuru, Kenya. The report contained the following:

1. The acknowledgement and thanks for reception of the funds sent to us through Sadat Alex.
2. Two photocopies of the registration Certificate and receipt showing the amount received.
3. The evangelism report from Kakamega (Laban Ambogo); Nakuru (John Kombo); Naivasha (Thomas Situma); and Machakos (John Mbithi).

We are working harmoniously and able to communicate to each other, thereby learning of what is happening in other parts and the congregations that work with us. The recent report is as follows:

1. KAKAMEGA :

- There is good relationship in as far as evangelism is concerned. So far about 2 people have been baptized.
- They are doing house to house evangelism.
- On 10th of November, 2013, Laban met Christians at Irichio Church, 10 Km (6 ¼ miles) from his home.

- Last Sunday 17th November, 2013, two people Tobias and Violet were baptized at Matunda Church of Christ. The number has increased to 21 members.

2. NAKURU :

- A brother who backslid was restored back to faith at Barut church according to (Galatians 6:1). His wife whom he married after back-

sliding was baptized on Sunday 17th November, 2013. They are Bernard Mutai and his wife Rose.

- I, John Kombo, visited a congregation some 20km (12 ½ miles) from Nakuru. The congregation's name is NDONDOLII CHURCH OF CHRIST. This congregation uses one cup for the Lord's Table as we do. They used instruments and clapped their hands when singing. I stayed there for two days teaching them. They accepted to change from this practice after learning and seeing the truth. They are good people.

3. NAIVASHA:

- Brother Situma and other brethren here are doing great work. According to their report, they have organized themselves to work as a team. They are doing house to house evangelism. It is bearing fruit as they have reached more people who had not heard about the one true church of Christ.

4. MACHAKOS:

- Brother Mbithi says that the work in Machakos and other neighboring areas are bearing fruits. Sister Margaret called and said that they need prayers as the only preacher they had, has left. She requested that I (John Kombo) visit them for encouragement because the congregation is not growing as it should be.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- The one cup church of Christ is now duly registered by the Government of Kenya.
- We can now operate, open new congregations and preach the gospel without fear.

- We have opened a bank account for the church in Kenya.
- We are working in unity and harmony.

CHALLENGES

- We continue to face some stern opposition from those who insist on using many cups.
 - Those who have heard about our movement would like to meet and have a Bible discussion, but due to shortage of funds we are unable to reach them or even organize seminars.
 - Here we need your prayers, but we must try and do what we can and our best, too.

REPORTS SUBMITTED FROM:

- John Kombo, Nandwa, Nakuru
- Laban Ambogo, Lugunza, Kakamega
- Thomas Situma, Naivasha
- John Mbithi, Machakos

COMPILED BY:

John Kombo, Nandwa
God bless you richly.

EVANGELISM REPORT, KENYA (MARCH 29, 2014)

As far as we are concerned, we continue to cooperate, coordinate and work in harmony and unity to ensure that every one of us is aware of what is happening at the other end.

1. We now focus on identifying problems affecting those congregations that are loyal to "one cup" doctrine. This is in reference to the letter you wrote and advised accordingly.

Sis. Wynetta's brother, Borden Mullens, has been having radiation treatments for 2 tumors discovered in his head.

The Lorenzo, TX, congregation announces their meeting will be July 27 through August 3, 2014. Bro. Mark Perigen will be a guest speaker; a second speaker is currently being considered, but is not yet finalized. All are welcome to join us.

In Christian love from Lorenzo, TX

Waterford, CA

Greetings,

We at the Waterford church are all well. We have had our share of colds, but nothing serious.

Sis. Juanita Warner is able to attend church regularly again. Bro. Winfred Lucas is not able to attend anymore.

No one from here was able to attend the Yuma meeting for which we are sorry. Hopefully, we will be able to attend some of the Washington meetings. We are looking forward to having Bro. & Sis. Logan visit us on their way home from Yuma.

We are sending a check for the African Mission and a check for *The Courier*.

We are always glad to get *The Courier* and hear from the other churches, and I know we have been very neglectful in getting in our news, but there has not been a lot happening here.

Remember us in your prayers as we do you in ours.

The Waterford church

Yakima, WA

Dear Brethren: I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Sis. Joan Boling. She was a dear friend and so precious to be around. We have so many joyous memories of being around her and her family. I am so glad that Jerry, Wynetta, Richard, and Monica were able to experience that last trip with her. Richard and Monica came home with such glowing reports concerning that trip.

We are having some of our coldest weather at this time. Down to single digits at night and below freezing in the daytime. However, it is starting to warm up again. In the 20s at night and the 40s in the day.

We miss Sis. Aimee Stisher who has gone back to Alabama to be with her mother. We miss her bright smile and her infectious laugh. I guess our loss is her mother's gain. I am sorry that the news from here is so old, but we are happy to that on September 15th, Haley Clements made that Good Confession, and was baptized. Haley went to school with some of our grandchildren, and is a very sweet and nice young lady.

On another happy note, Veda and I just celebrated our 65th anniversary, with a dinner hosted by our children and attended by family and friends. We have been so blessed in so many ways.

Our health has not changed a whole lot, and we are well taken care of by all our family. We are truly blessed that so much of our family live in this area.

Well, I've rambled on enough. Please keep us in your prayers as we do you. Also, all the sick. Yours in Christ, Bill McCay, Sr'

Evidently I have a severe mental block. Please add to our news; Kay McCay has had a knee replacement and is now back to work half days. Cinde McCay had gall bladder surgery and is now recovering from that. Kelly McCay had hernia surgery and is going back to work this week. Thank you. Bill McCay, Sr.

Comanche, OK

Greetings to all of our Christian friends we have known and loved so long. I hope this finds you all doing well. We have some with flu-like symptoms, but are all doing well now.

We are few in number but studying for the faith once delivered to the saints, and all are praying for all that are striving for the faith that was once delivered to the saints.

If any are in this area, come and worship with us.

I am sending a contribution to *The Courier*. Thank you for all your effort in sending it. Pray for us, as we do for you.

With love of the saints of God & Jesus Christ,
Harold Don Taylor, Comanche, OK

Goshen, AR

Hi,

Just a note to say "Thank You for the paper". I enjoy reading it, seeing what's happening to my brothers and sisters. Some I've met; some I know by name only.

The October paper was a sad one for me; five people I know personally passed away.

I thought, boy, our age group is going fast!

I had been away from the Goshen congregation for nearly four years. I came back in December to my home congregation. My son, Bro. Mark Daniels, and Bro. Paul Auslam, Jr. are holding services for us.

Also, Bro. Serranto and his wife, Sis. Linda, came back to Goshen shortly before I did. He, Gary Hooper, and Ed Flaukener help in the service. Nice to be home.

Sis. Rachel Troxler, Goshen, AR

Lorenzo, TX

Dear loved ones in Christ,

We have much news to report.

We mourn the passing of Sis. Joan Boling. She left us peacefully on November 25, 2013. She will be sorely missed by this congregation.

Sis. Earlene Jared in Valparaiso, IN, entered the hospital over the holidays for a hysterectomy and is now in the hospital for the 3rd time for complications of that operation.

Bro. Ellis Forsman was gone for 4 months doing work on the building at the Sacramento, CA, congregation purchased for worship services and attending the Yuma, AZ, gospel meeting.

Several have been dealing with various colds, bladder infection, etc.

Severe weather forced a couple of church services in the Forsman home instead of meeting in Lorenzo.

Bro. Jerry & Sis. Wynetta McCay moved a month ago; this was a long undertaking, and they are now busy sorting and settling in.

Sis. Olene Howe had a cancer removed near the end of the year and underwent radiation treatment; they believe she is completely healed for which we are all greatly relieved.

There are those who do not have proper places to worship, there are those who are not accessible to the fruits of the vine juice for the Lord's Table. For example Baruti churches worship in a school building. Any time the management committees of the school might tell us to leave, and then we shall be in trouble. We need to look into future on how to get a plot on which to construct a building for worship. We intend to discuss on this, and then see which problem affecting the congregations to be given the first priority. Everything to be done in agreement by the evangelism committee which we have already put in place

2. We plan to go to Nairobi to renew our registration certificate; its expires at the end of March 2014. One or two people will do that.

There will be ladies meeting at Rhonda church of Christ on 12th April 2014. Barut congregation is sending two ladies to represent us. Rhonda is one of the first congregations to be established in Nakuru Town. They have been using many cups, but they changed. We visited this congregation with Bro. Sadat when he came to Nakuru last year. The preacher is Mathews Otieno. He attended your first meeting at Nakuru. They have their own plot on which stands a church building with a nursery school. The only problem they told us is that they plan to get money to pay for the land title deed

REPORT FROM NAKURU

At Barut we have baptized 3 people one of them is my daughter Lilian and two young high school students called Vincent Mutai, Emanuel Too and they were baptized on Sunday 23/3/2014

REPORT FROM KAKAMEGA

Brother Laban Ambogo, Matundu church, on 7/3/2014. This was leaders meeting. Preachers who attended were

3. Peter Atema – Iiunya Church
4. Ernest Chimaisi – Shikokho Church
5. Boaz Imbwaka – Ivochio Church

The agenda of the meeting was mainly to discuss the way forward as far as evangelism and teaching the word is concerned. In addition they discussed about the orphanage development.

REPORT FROM NAIVASHA

Members of the Naivasha church planned the door to door or personal evangelism. As a result one lady was converted to the church of the Lord. Praise the Lord. This report comes from Bro. Thomas Situma on 27/3/2014.

REPORT FROM MACHAKOS

I called brother Mbithi in order to get evangelism report. He informed me that at Kola church of Christ two people were baptized this month, March, 2014

He said that there are two groups which he visited in order to teach them. He is still to confirm their conversion after they agree to be baptized.

We are grateful and thank God, for what our brethren sacrifice to give us in order to continue with the work of evangelism.

God bless the church

Prepared and Sent By

Bro. John Kombo, Nandwa

Nakuru, Kenya

Philippines

Dear Brethren:

We are writing to express our deepest thanks for your recent donation to Yolanda Typhoon. Generous gifts from donations like yours provide the financial and moral support needed to continue our mission.

The money you have sent was utilized for providing relief to the church of Christ victims of Yolanda Typhoon. The amount surely makes a difference in the lives of people affected by this natural disaster.

We sincerely thank you once again for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Yours in Christ,

Brother Dickson Fabian

Philippine Year End Report, 2013

Greetings in the name of the Lord!

Baptized for the whole year: 55 people.

Converted 2 churches from denominationalism

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2014!!!

Request to Brethren in the U.S.

The Brethren in Tacloban, Banawang and Ormoc and other congregations which is affected by Typhoon Yolanda, their Church building or Chapel was vanished away, our fellow brethren requesting for construction materials for reconstruction

for their place of worship as follows: bags of cement, lumber woods, corrugated roofs, nails plain sheets, and steel bars.

Hoping for your kind consideration on this matter.

Brotherly love; Dickson Fabian

BEING ONE BODY OF CHRIST I SALUTE
YOU ALL

(In a following email I received the following news from Bro. Dickson – Ellis)

This to inform you that My late wife Mardiony Fabian passed away last night (January 4th) at around 7pm, due to heart attacked in Amas Hospital in Kidapawan City. She was 47 years of age, having been born on December.26th,1966.

Brother in Christ;

Bro. Dickson Fabian

(I requested more information about Bro. Dickson's wife (from the Philippines) who passed away recently, but this is all he gave me. There is no photo. – Ellis)

Philippines (Jan. 14, 2014)

Dear Brethren,

The low pressure area (LPA) that has induced heavy rains and caused floods and landslides in Mindanao leaving at least 14 death and 34 injured, may linger over the archipelago until Thursday, the Government weather bureau said yesterday. PAGASA said moderate to heavy rains shower will continue to affect the entire Mindanao as the LOW PRESSURE AREA remains almost stationary over the area. It will also bring cloudy skies

Eastland, TX. We were returning from my brother's funeral in Roberta, GA, when they announced the roads were iced over through Abilene so we decided to stop at my other brother's house in Eastland until the roads cleared. She went to sleep on the couch and died in her sleep.

She was well known and liked throughout the Church community and we all believe and pray that our loss is God's gain. She was not perfect



Cards and Letters

Broken Bow, OK

To family, friends and visitors:

For several years we have had wonderful fellowship and joyful celebrations at our property, Cypress Lake Camp. We want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one that has visited. Hosting groups at the camp has been a mission of spreading good will and God's word.

As time has passed, circumstances and realities of the world we live in have compelled us to come to a decision: It is with great reluctance that we announce that the camp was closed on January 1, 2014. We will no longer host groups or individuals of any kind.

Please know that this decision was not made without due deliberation and heartfelt prayer. Also, no action on the part of any group or individual was the cause for this decision and that no action

and she understood that but she did strive for perfection. That is what made her a true Christian.

Her greatest wish was to make one more trip to Pennsylvania and meet the Shirey family and I want to thank the McCay's and Johnston's for making that wish a reality shortly before she died.

With love to all,

Gene, Angela, & Cliff Boling

could have prevented it. The inability to purchase liability insurance at a rate which the camp could afford has forced the closure of the camp. The physical and managerial responsibilities of the building and grounds are becoming more than we care to shoulder.

We ask that our decision be respected and please do not ask us to host "just our group" or "just this once". All requests will be regretfully, yet firmly declined.

If you have made plans to visit our area with the intention of staying "at the camp" please make other arrangements. You will always be welcome to visit us anytime at our home.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Sincerely, your brother and sister in Christ.

Danny and Sherry Treat

Harlingen, TX, (January, 2014)

Dear brethren,

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

I inform you that during the month of December many brothers in the churches in Mexico occupy these days to be gathered as church and work at evangelizing. During this month we traveled to visit the churches in Pachuca and Green River to study the scriptures and to help in the edification of the churches. The brethren in Pachuca City made the commitment of continuing to work together to help the growth of the congregation.

Also, in Green River we had studies with the brethren and several young also studied to be baptized. A family that lives in Queretaro City are evangelizing with the purpose of establishing a church in that city.

We have the hope that in this year God will permit us to make contacts with new people and to establish new congregations in Mexico, Guatemala, and Colombia.

Thank you very much in the name of the Lord for your prayers and participation in this predication of the gospel. We wish many benedictions of the Lord during the year 2014.

I sent a photo of the church during the studies in Pachuca, Mexico.

Your brothers in Christ,
Evangelists in Spanish
Harlingen, TX

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. If you wish, you may earmark your donation to go towards specific things like construction of church buildings, disaster relief, bibles, or the orphanage in Kenya, just include a note with the donation.

with moderate to heavy rains and thunderstorms over Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Dinagat Islands, Surigao del Norte, Surigao del Sur, Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, and Zamboanga Sibugay.

So far data released by National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) showed that aside from the death and injury toll, 12 others remain missing. It also reported that 26,081 families or 132,379 people in 10 provinces in Region 10, 11, and Caraga were affected by the continuous downpour.

With the LPA lingering until Thursday, residents fear for more floods. Of the 14 fatalities, 6 were reported in Compostela Valley province, 7 in Davao Oriental and 1 in Agusan del Sur. Police said of the 7 fatalities in the province, 5 died due to landslide in Sitio Bangol in Barangay Tubaoon Taragona town

Another person died in a flash flood in the same Barangay while another was swept away by strong river current in Barangay Marayag in Lupon Town.

Six fatalities were identified as Misael Cabales, Ramil Legaspi, Nino Madindin, Roy Baron were all buried in a landslide in Sitio Bangol Barangay Tubaoon, Taragona, Davao Oriental and Boy Arenas, who died of drowning after he was swept away while attempting to cross the swollen river.

The official said at least 13,200 families were affected by the weather disturbance in Davao Oriental the houses of 233 of them totally washed out by flash flood, the biggest number with 659.

In Compostela Valley some 1,442 families were forced to flee their homes in the province. Compostela Town has 405 displaced families, New Bataan with 194, and Montevista with 131 families.

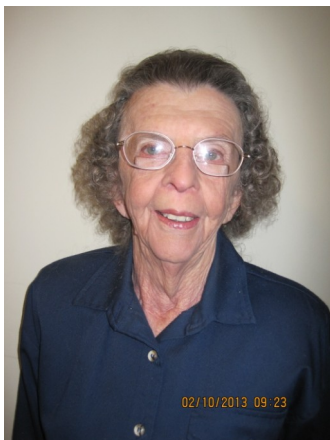
In Caraga 19 of Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur and Bunawan Agusan del Sur, died due to drowning. The OCD Caraga, 7 people were missing, died due to drowning carried by the strong current while crossing a river, while 5, were buried in separate landslides. Four people were also reported missing in Compostela Valley and 1 in Agusan del Sur.

7 Landslide incidents have been reported in separate areas in Mindanao during the weekend. The landslides occurred in Barangay Sta. Cruz, Kapatagan, Lanao del Norte, El Salvador, New Corella, Davao del Norte, Tagum City Davao Oriental Butuan City, Agusan del Norte Surigao del Sur, Dinagat Islands. Flashfloods were also reported in Davao del Norte Agusan del Sur and Surigao del Norte.

Churches of Christ, local congregations were affected as follows:

- Butuan City Church, Agusan del Norte
- Prosperidad Church, Agusan del Sur
- Bunawan Church, Agusan del Sur
- Panabo Church, Davao del Norte
- Lingig Church, Surigao del Sur
- Zamboanga Church, Zamboanga del Sur
- Veruela Church, Agusan del Sur
- Trento Church, Agusan del Sur,
- and others.

Reported by Bro. Dickson Fabian



PASSING OF A CHRISTIAN JOAN BOLING

Joan Boling was born February 5, 1931 in Ralls, TX, to Paul & Layton Bedingfield. She graduated from Brownwood, TX, and later moved to Lubbock, TX, with her sister (Betty) and mother after the death of her father. I first met her at a Gospel Meeting in 1957 and after 2 years of courtship we married on July 17, 1959. We had a wonderful Christian marriage and due to her unwavering faith we never had any serious marital problems.

Joan has been a faithful Christian all of her life. Even before she was baptized she lived a true Christian life. She died on November 25, 2013 in



Above: Pachuca, Mexico. Bible study.
All others : News photos of the flooding in the Philippines.

The Philippines (March 22, 2014)

Greetings in the name of the Lord our Lord Jesus Christ! Happy Sunday worship here in the Philippines.

We still continue preaching the gospel of Christ in one cup persuasion.

We salute you for being one body in Christ.

Sad to say some part of Mindanao Church suffered of flash flood with heavy rain showers due to typhoon Carlos in Agusan North and Surigao Sur. Some churches in Davao del Sur, Magpet, and Kidapawan City. were under attack by hundreds of members of New People's Army and Muslim rebels. Some members of the church were pleading and asking help for foods suffered of starvation, temporarily evacuated to evacuation center. They left their houses and livelihood to avoid cross fire and gun fighting between government forces and rebels.

We have to request from you for Bibles, Hymnals, and grape juice to be used for the church for worship. We need 100 Bibles, and 200 Hymnals or songbooks.

Hoping and waiting for your kind and favor in consideration to this request. Thank you so much in advance and God bless. We love you brethren.

In Christ Jesus;

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[Editors note: It is much more cost effective to donate money and purchase items in country than to pay shipping on physical donations.]

Harlingen, TX, (December, 2013)

Dear brethren in Christ:

We want to thank you in the name of the Lord Jesus for your participation in the work of evangelization in Mexico, Guatemala, and Colombia.

I comment that in these countries it is more dangerous to travel to visit the churches because of the violence and insecurity on the highways, but thanks to the Lord, until today He has kept us and all the evangelists that we participate with in this work; we continue each day preaching the gospel.

I comment that during November we had activity in different areas of Mexico (Zacatecas, Huasteca, Matamoros); also we had several baptisms.

The evangelists in Guatemala informed me that the churches there continue evangelizing in the different areas and have studies in the houses.

In Colombia, they continue evangelizing and the churches are growing.

We continue to send studies of the Bible (200 each month) recorded on CD's to be given to the people. Also, each six months we print books with studies which we send to the churches.

Thanks again for your participation and effort in this work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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