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HOPE – AN ANCHOR FOR OUR SOUL

(Article 2 of 2)

In our first article on hope, we saw it described as an anchor for the soul. We saw that the scriptures reveal that the rock we are anchored into is Jesus, and that we anchor into Him by doing what He tells us to do. We saw that faith connects our soul to our hope, and that patience connects faith to hope.

In this second article, let us take note of some of the various storms that we face in life, and see how that hope anchors our souls in these storms.

This life is wonderful for us as Christians, but it often is not easy. In stormy times, we have our hope of a better and eternal life in the presence of God to keep us focused on serving Jesus. II Cor. 4:8-11, *“We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we*

which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus’ sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.”

Lightning is a very scary aspect of storms. Jesus describes Satan as lightning in Luke 10:18, “And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.” Satan is the inventor of all evil. From the Garden of Eden he rebels against God and seeks to doom mankind. Every storm we face comes from the devil. We need to constantly be on guard against him, I Pet. 5:8, *“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”* He has the world in his wicked grasp, and desires to recapture us Christians back into bondage of sin.

But while this is a scary thought, we need to keep in mind that Jesus described Satan as lightning that fell. We have a hope to anchor into of living with Jesus in Heaven for eternity. AND

SATAN WILL NOT BE THERE. Rev. 20:10, *“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”* The company we will keep will be much better, Rev. 21:7, *“He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.”*

One of the great storms that Satan throws at us is temptation. We see in James 1:13-16 that he attacks our greatest weaknesses to try to tempt us away from God, *“Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:*

But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren.”

Whatever the particular temptation Satan attacks us with, we have our hope to anchor our soul against it. We need to remember, as Moses did, that the pleasures of sin are temporary. Remember instead the eternal joys of serving God.

I Pet. 1:6-7, *“Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:”* James 1:12, *“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.”*

Aren't praise and honor and glory at His appearing worth overcoming temptation? Isn't a crown of life worth saying no to the temporary pleasures of sin? Thus our soul is anchored against temptation.

Also remember in time of temptation that our hope is not only eternal life, but also of improving in our service to God now. James 1:2-4, *“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.”*

Another storm that Satan unleashes against our soul is reminding us of our own faults. Sometimes we do fall to temptation too easily, and Satan is quick to make us feel guilty, to feel that we don't deserve to spend eternity with Jesus, or that there is no way we will overcome so why try. Heb. 12:1, *“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,”*

If you've ever felt that sin has beset you too easily, so have I. And you and I are not the only ones with faults. Even the apostle Paul felt this way. Rom. 7:22-24, *“For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?”* But Paul not only asked this anguished question, he answered it in verse 25. *“I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.”*

Like even Paul, we have our faults. But like Paul we have Jesus Christ, the rock our hope is anchored into, to help us overcome. And we have the hope of spending eternity with Jesus to help us realize that it's worth it to work on our faults and overcome them, I John 3:2-3. *“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like*

him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”

And if we are struggling with something, our brethren are happy to pray for healing from that fault, James 5:16, “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” How can Satan win when we are anchored like that?

Another storm we are assailed with is fear. II Cor. 7:5, “For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears.”

Fear is no fun to go through. But again, we are not the only ones ever assailed by fear. Even the apostle Paul was. There is an old saying that courage is not the absence of fear, but overcoming fear. And one way we can overcome fear is through hope.

One of the best examples of this principle is Jesus Christ! Heb. 5:7, speaking of Jesus in Gethsemane, says, “Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;”

Yes, even Jesus was afraid. But He faced His fears and overcame them. He did what He was afraid of, and went through that horrible crucifixion for you and for me. Why? How was He able to overcome? Heb. 12:2, “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Reading through the gospels, we can see that Jesus always wanted to please His Father. That was His constant goal, His fervent hope, the joy that was set before Him. And because of that hope, He overcame His fear.

You and I have that same joy of pleasing God set before us, and of enjoying His presence throughout eternity. That hope anchors us against our fear, II Tim. 4:18, “And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

Another storm Satan uses is a constant barrage of false teachers in the religious world, who unfortunately lead many astray. Eph. 4:14, “That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;”

Paul warned the elders of the Ephesian congregation to be on constant guard against false teachers in Acts 20:28-31, “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.”

The obvious defense against false teachers is a thorough knowledge of God’s Word. But Paul tied that to the hope of eternal life in the next verse, Acts 20:32, “And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.” We have that hope of eternal life. In that hope, study God’s word constantly, so that you will recognize false teaching when you hear or read it, and not be led astray. Help others see the truth along the way as well.

The last storm we will read of in this article is persecution. Again it comes from Satan. Satan persecutes Christians in an attempt to drive them away from service to God. II Tim. 3:11-13, *“Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.”*

In the face of this storm of persecution, the Bible constantly points us to our hope. Remember that whatever we may face in this life doesn't compare to the joys we will experience in Heaven. So don't let those persecutions drive us away from God.

Rom. 8:16-18, *“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”*

II Cor. 4:17-18, *“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;*

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

And in Matt. 5:10-12, Jesus said, *“Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.”*

So, yes, the Devil blasts at us with many storms. But we are anchored in Jesus Christ by the hope God has given us. Through Him we can overcome. And there will come a day when that hope will be completed.

I Cor. 15:58, *“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.”*

In Christian love,
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Cookbook Corrections

The following are corrections to the recent publication of the Church Cookbook:

- Pg. 17 – Pheasant Stew. Add cabbage & onion soup mix when adding potatoes. Brown sausage & cook peppers separately.
- Pg. 78 – Crazy Crunch. Add vanilla after removing from heat.
- Pg. 78 – Jerry's Bars. 2 eggs.

If you have the old cookbook, only 1 box of Jello in Cranberry Salad Recipe.

Bonnie Johnson
Oklahoma City, OK



News From Abroad

We received a brief message from Peter that there were eight baptisms at Mugeta, Tanzania. The congregation at Mugeta has been constructing a building for church services on a 3-acre tract that the town of Mugeta has donated for this purpose. They have bricks in place nearly to the roof line. They say they still need an estimated \$3200 to complete the building and is asking for some financial assistance. A picture has been provided (pg 9) of this site. This

congregation is one of the first in East Africa to convert their worship practices.

Peter also asked prayers for his son, Peter, Jr., who has an ear infection.

Editor's note - There is more than one congregation that is facing severe building issues and needing supplies like bible and song books.. The need is here! Can anyone help?

Report From Kenya

Greetings to you from the church in Kenya. We hope this letter will find you strong and healthy in Jesus Name.

We are very much grateful and thank our Lord for the work funds we received from you to help us in the church work and the on-going project for orphans at Kakamega, Matundu congregation where Bro. Laban is overseeing the work.

During the meeting we discussed among other important things (a) to strengthen and support the executive committee which was put in place on the 27th of January, 2014 at the meeting in Naivasha. The members who were included are:

- Bro. Benjamin Rono -Baruti Nakuru
- Bro. John Odunga-Busia
- Johstone Muteti--Machakos
- Peter Atema -Busia
- Wellington Okoti-Butere, Kakamega

We also suggested that in each zone a committee to oversee the progress of the church

be established. The zonal committee will be responsible to reporting to the National committee the work in the zones. We agreed to plan an annual conference next year. This will depend on the availability of funds to organize and facilitate the conference in these congregations in Kenya who are loyal to one cup worship. We shall also during the conference identify different problems faced by churches in Kenya. For example we have those congregations who do not have places to worship. In this regard we will be able to give priority to them so as to inform our brethren in U.S.A who can assist us.

Status of the orphanage at Matundu:

As you stated, that people in U.S. would want to know how the orphanage is doing. We have discussed this night (October 21st) with Bro. Laban who travelled from Kakamega to attend the Evangelism meeting to be held at Nakuru.

You said that they would like to know:

- The needs of the orphans
- The total number as at this time

The needs:

- School equipment, i.e. books, pens for writing, etc.
- They also need some blankets, food, and accommodations.
- Home clothes (we had bought for them school uniforms) if they can be provided with used clothes the better.

The number:

- The total number is 28 children, among them we have one child who is crippled; he is carried every day to be taken to school. He needs a wheel chair to support his movement. He is in those pictures that have been sent to you (pg 9).

We do appreciate funds that are sent to help in this charitable work. We also understand the money problem you face and many letters that are sent to you requesting for money.

Attached are three photographs showing orphans, Bro. Laban, and others who help in this project.

What we have achieved so far:

- Through the unity, love, and peace, we have cooperated to see to it that the church is registered with the Kenya Government.
- We have a reliable executive committee in place to oversee the progress of the church in Kenya.
- There is good network to link all congregations with information. We received any information that we need

from our hard working secretary Bro. John Kombo. We are also thankful to *The Christian Courier*. We can learn what is happening in other parts of the world through Bro. John. God bless the editorial group led by our beloved brother Ellis.

Challenges that we face in Kenya:

Like we have mentioned, we have those congregations that lack preferable places for worshipping. Others use rented premises while others worship under the tree. This means during rainy season there is no place to go to. Baruti Church worships at a school. They have been given notice that the school will soon be placed under new management. Bro. Laban's church building was blown up by the wind. They are working on it.

We have some weak congregations which should be visited from time to time to be taught and strengthened.

To conclude; once again we are grateful for whatever we receive from you to help in the work. It is our prayer that God may give us His wisdom so that the money is properly used for the good causes

Yours because of Calvary,
John Kombo - Baruti, Nakuru
Laban Ambogo – Matundu, Kakamega
Thomas Situma - Naivasha

John Mbithi - Machakos
Benjamin Rono - Baruti, Nakuru

Last minute note: Bro. John Mbithi's mother is dead.

Written and sent by,
John Kombo
Baruti, Nakuru, Kenya

Report From Uganda

Warm greetings from all brethren in Uganda Congo evangelism team .the congregations in this region have appointed evangelism team in each congregation this to avoid much expenses incurred in paying transport expenses. we are sure this will reduce transport expenses .

We have sent two people to go and meet the brothers at Lugala congregation to edify the congregations they are to come back on Friday this week.

Baptism report:

Two at Buhatumba names are:

- Bwire Joshua
- Erima Ronald

One at Lumino church:

- Nakesa Julian

Five at Kateruhana:

- Ajiambo Susan
- Duncan Odaka
- Evans Wasonga
- Esther Nereka
- Winny Auma

Challenges:

- Lack of house for worship
- Lack of enough bibles
- Lack of transport facilities like bicycles , motorbikes
- Lack of enough song books

New birth:

- Bro. Juma Peter' s wife gave birth – a baby boy named Moses Juma
- Bro. Oguttu Fredy's wife gave birth – a baby boy named Issac Oguttu

Work in progress:

We are studying with a denomination (Elim Church). We first studied with the pastor, then he has invited us next Friday the 7th of November.

Please, can you send us some scriptures which refute this faith (Elim Pentecostal Church).

Thank you for your contribution in the Lord's vineyard.

Your's in Christ's service,
Julius Wandera Odaka
Uganda

Report From The Philippines

Greetings in the name of Christ!

The following Church members were killed or injured in Davao City crash on October 8, 2014 in Tamugan, Calinan Davao City: Bro. Gilbert Badang (van driver), Sis. Elizabeth Alocelja, and Bro. Dante Tawi died at the scene while other 6 companions were brought to hospital for treatment. On October 21st Bro. Dante Tawi, Bro. Badang, and Sis. Elizabeth Alocelja were interred.

They were on their way home to Davao Del Sur from a four day gospel meeting in Camiguin when they were in an accident in Barangay Tamugan, Calinan.

These brethren are asking for some assistance or any help that we could extend to the families.

I write to you regarding to our up-coming Gospel Meeting at Iligan City and Southern Leyte this coming October 23-31, 2014. We need your help. May I request from you for our transportation and travel expenses. Hoping for

your kind consideration on this matter. (We sent \$400 for this effort – Ellis)

For your information we converted several preachers from Instrumental Church of Christ; they are now in our groups in one cup persuasion. The prominent leader's name is Bro. Celso Guria from Marilog District in Calinan, Davao City. He is handling more than thirty congregations in the mountainous area in Calinan and Bukidnon. He has graduated in a law school and is a native tribal in Davao. Hundreds of followers came to us.

We need bibles and song books for them; they are not using hymnbooks, using only short choruses. Some pictures will follow as soon as possible. We are now on traveling from Iligan to Southern Leyte to have our gospel meetings.

The Manila City Region and Bicol Region in Luzon invited me to have a gospel meeting, preaching to that area on this coming Nov. 7-9, 2014. May we request from you for help. Nothing stops us from preaching the word of God.

We are planning on having a series of gospel meetings in 2015 at 10 separate regions across the Philippines. We have invited Bro. Ellis Forsman to speak for us. We have discussed that it would probably be better to have 10 meeting in different areas with just church members, than to travel to every congregation or to invite lots of people in the general public. While we are not averse to having meetings with non-Church of Christ members, we need to keep our numbers down to keep the cost down.

We needed to have a cost analysis of the money we need to come up with before we actually schedule the meetings. Luke 14:28-30 *"...which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to*

mock him, Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish."

Here is the initial estimated amount:

- Vehicle van rental - 3,000 PHP (Philippine Peso) per day x 30 days = 90,000 PHP (\$2010)
- Food - 15,000 PHP per day x 10 meetings = 150,000 PHP (\$3345)
- Gasoline - 2,000 PHP per day = 60,000 PHP (\$1338)
- Board and lodging - 1,000 PHP (good for 1 person) x 30 days = 30,000 PHP (\$670)
- Tent rentals good for 10 days (3,000 PHP per day) = 30,000 PHP (\$670)
- Sound system rentals - 1,000 PHP x 10 meetings = 10,000 PHP (\$223)
- Miscellaneous papers, pens, and notebooks = 5,000 PHP (\$112)
- Estimated airline round trip cost \$1400, depending on the time of travel (included by Ellis). The cheapest time of travel is April or May.

Total estimate (not including air travel) 375,000 PHP up to 400,000 PHP (\$8365 to \$8922). Add to that the \$1400 estimated travel cost for Bro. Ellis.

My plan is that we buy a simple vehicle worth 150,000 PHP (\$3345) to 200,000 PHP (\$4460) rather than to rent a car because we can use it to transport people from their place going to our meeting place because we have to expense to rent some passenger vehicles to transport them to one place. If we buy a vehicle we can save money by over 40 percent; do not need van rentals mentioned above. We can travel everywhere as we can because we have our own vehicle. By purchasing a car we can eliminate the 90,000 PHP for travel expenses (mentioned above). Our food is only in our meetings, good for 10 days; not yet included to our daily intake of food 3 x a day (some brethren will offer foods).

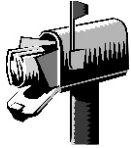
I will be waiting for your feedback or any suggestion to this.
Respectfully yours,
Bro. Dickson Fabian

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**Above - Pictures of the orphanage at Matundu, Kenya.
Below - Picture of the church construction at Mugeta, Tanzania.**





Cards and Letters

2015 Delta Family Camp Meeting

Brothers and Sisters,

Are you thinking about the Delta Church Camp Meeting? We are; and I would like to inform you of our intentions to make it a great success. It will take all of us planning and preparing to make this happen.

The Big Spruce Camp is in Colorado, near the Grand Mesa, near Cedaredge out of Delta. The date for the camp meeting is July 12 -19, 2015. We can move into the camp Saturday evening, July 11th after 4:00 PM and we will have camp cleaned and out on the next Sunday of July 19th by 3:00 PM.

Please make donations at Wells Fargo Bank in this savings account: 2086199169.

This is to help feed the campers and provide for any supplies we need to purchase. Our goal is to feed each person for eight days for \$40.00 to \$50.00 each. Betty and I plan to be in the area of the camp a week or two before the camp meeting starts. We need to purchase the food and prepare some before the campers come. Please help us with your donations. This way we will be able to stay in camp and not be shopping and missing the activities that will be planned. We know it is hard for some to be able to come and pay their camp fees for a family. We want all who want to, to be able to experience this Christian family and friends. The only way we can help is through donations to cover the food cost and we pray there will be those who can sponsor individuals and families and help us all to have this wonderful experience.

This camp is a private camp and we rent it and it must be paid for. You can pay for your stay at the facilities at the time of your arrival. This is \$12.50 for each day you are at camp for ages six years and above. Five and below there is no charge. The use of the facilities include either a cabin that sleeps two to five people, or a bed in a dorm room sleeping ten people, or a camp parking site for RV's. with water, power, and some with sewage hook-ups. You need to supply all of your own bedding and toiletries.

There is a camp kitchen to prepare meals three times a day and a connecting dining hall to serve food and talk and enjoy each other's friendship. There is an open air chapel with a roof and partial sides for our meetings. There is a recreation room for ping pong and lots of places to walk and play outside including basketball and horseshoes. Since we were last there, they have built a new bath house for showers.

Please help us with your ideas and what you might like to have at our camp. We want to have happy campers learning more about our great and powerful loving God who sent His only begotten Son to make a way for us to follow Him to the place He, the Son of the living God, prepares for us.

This is an invitation to you and we will send updates as time gets closer.

John McKinney of the Glead, WA, Church of Christ.

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Cedaredge, CO

We don't often write to the courier, no excuse, but we have some happy news. Warren and Arlene Hill were baptized on this beautiful fall afternoon, OCT 26, 2014, here at the Happy Hollow Church. They have been attending church here for about three years and we are happy that they decided to follow Christ. The church here is small and we enjoy anyone stopping by to worship and fellowship with us.

Please include Sister Uvonne Orcutt in your prayers. She has been struggling with cancer and the chemo treatments needed to help cure her. Otherwise, everyone is healthy except for the usual aches and pains associated with age.

Please contact any of us if you are in this area and need a place to stay. Our homes are open for you.

Happy Hollow Church of Christ
Cedaredge, CO

Lorenzo, TX

Greetings from Lorenzo, TX.

Not too much news to report at this time.

Sis. Olene Howe went to Valparaiso, IN, for two weeks to visit her daughter, Earlene Jared, and family. She got back Tuesday but had a tumble. She has lots of bruises but thankfully nothing broken.

Sis. Angela Boling had a gamma knife radiation treatment to try to kill a small (but growing) tumor in her brain. She is mostly recovered.

Sis. Nell McCay went to the hospital with a severe bladder infection. While she was there they checked her pacemaker. It was almost dead. After replacing it she is doing so much better and

was able to go out this week for a haircut and limited shopping.

We also had a visit from Oletta Spurlin; she was here for a week before returning back to Alaska.

Everyone at Lorenzo seems to be doing just fine.

We have a brief note from Broken Bow, OK, that they are having a weekend meeting Nov. 14-16 with Jack Warford as their speaker. There are places for everyone to stay at the Cypress Lake Camp.

In Christian love from the Lorenzo, TX, congregation.

Randlett, OK

Greetings to all,

It has been a while since I have written. Sorry, but things are so busy here it is just hard to find the time. I think I have an idea of about when my last writing was and will try to update with things that have occurred since then.

Many of you know that my mom, Anna Bell Barnes, has Alzheimer's disease. She has gotten worse mentally. She is also physically weaker and is no longer able to walk. She is in a wheelchair all the time now, but does move up and down the halls at the nursing home checking

things and people out each day. She is no longer able to attend service.

We have more members now than when I last wrote. We've had a father and daughter transfer to the Randlett congregation that were previously attending a Church of Christ that uses multiple cups. Also, we are rejoicing in 2 new members. Trevor Brantley and Taylor Brantley were baptized. They are the son and daughter of Sis. Anita.

Sis. Nora Jo Elliott had a light heart attack recently, but seems to be recovering nicely. The doctor put her on a special diet to try to prevent

additional attacks. As our members get older, things tend to ache more and wear out. We have enclosed a check to help with the expenses incurred to produce the Christian Courier.

May God bless you and your's,
Andy Barnes

(Editor's Note – The above letter was a corrected copy that was submitted on October 24th. The original was submitted on October 21st. We regret the missed correction in the September issue of *The Christian Courier*.)

Goshen, AR

Dear Christian Brethren,

I'm not asking you for myself, but on behalf of my sister; she is Pat Reed of the Tiner congregation at Broken Bow, OK.

In June she was diagnosed with colon cancer, stage 2. After surgery, chemo, & radiation, they have now found liver cancer in 2 places. The doctors that treated her are now sending her to the University of Oklahoma Medical Center in Oklahoma City, OK, 200 miles from her home. She has no money except for some money given by the congregation at Tiner and our congregation at Goshen, AR, with some help from me.

She needs support for this next ordeal from any congregation that can help, not only with money, but support for her in the church.

Her husband has been disabled for 8 – 9 years, he can't work, and now she can no longer keep

her house-cleaning jobs. She needs money and prayers, as well as financial help.

Please send help. Her address is:
Pat Reed

996 E. Memorial Rd.
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Or to me:
Rachel Daniels Troxler

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(Goshen congregation)

I will see that she receives any help you can send me.

Make checks payable to Pat Reed

Thank you so much and God bless & keep you.

Sis. Rachel Daniels Troxler

In Loving Memory of Sis. Ola McKinney



On May 1, 1921, "Ata" Ola Ada Dye was born in Caddo, TX. They finally adopted the name Ola Ada. Her membership in the Church of Christ and her Lord and Savior were most important to her throughout her life.

She was also known for being feisty and fun-loving.

Ola was preceded in death by her parents, 5 siblings, 4 husbands, 2 daughters, and many other loved ones.

From her combined families she is survived by 10 remaining children, 36 grandchildren, 93 great grandchildren, 83 great-great grandchildren with 4 on the way, and 2 great, great, great grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on September 30, 2014.

In Loving Memory of Sis. Mary Ruth Shirey

Mary Ruth (Cyphers) Shirey, age 78, of Douglassville, PA, passed away October 6, 2014, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Mrs. Shirey was known as a homemaker who enjoyed caring for her family, home, and cooking wonderful meals and desserts, especially apple pies. She was a vital part of the

operation of the family business, Shirey Brothers Orchards. She was also a faithful Christian.

Surviving are seven sons and their spouses; 13 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, and one sister.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel, both parents, 7 siblings and 2 sons.

She was laid to rest on October 10, 2014.

Our sincere thoughts, prayers, and love go to all the families of those who have suffered loss recently.

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Meetings

Nov. 14-16, 2014	Broken Bow, OK	Jack Warford
July 12-19, 2015	Delta, CO, Camp Meeting	Guest Speakers

Baptisms

Bwire Joshua	Buhatumba, Uganda	October, 2014
Erima Ronald	Buhatumba, Uganda	October, 2014
Nakesa Julian	Lumino, Uganda	October, 2014
Ajiambo Susan	Kateruhana, Uganda	October, 2014
Duncan Odaka	Kateruhana, Uganda	October, 2014
Evans Wasonga	Kateruhana, Uganda	October, 2014
Esther Nereka	Kateruhana, Uganda	October, 2014
Winy Auma	Kateruhana, Uganda	October, 2014
Eight people	Mugeta, Tanzania	October, 2014
Warren Hill	Cedaredge, CO	October 26, 2014
Arlene Hill	Cedaredge, CO	October 26, 2014

Births

Moses Juma to Juma Peter & wife	Uganda	October, 2014
Issac Oguttu to Oguttu Fredy & wife	Uganda	October, 2014

Passings

Ola McKinney	Gleed, WA	September 26, 2014
Mary Shirey	Douglasville, PA	October 6, 2014
Gilbert Badang	Davao City, Philippines	October 8, 2014
Elizabeth Alocelja	Davao City, Philippines	October 8, 2014
Dante Tawi	Davao City, Philippines	October 8, 2014
John Mbithi's mother	Machakos, Kenya	October, 2014

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Peter Boaz, Jr.	Tanzania	Ear infection
Felomina Mendoza's son	Kidapawan, Philippines	2nd degree burns on face & body.
Ruby (sister of Tina Mickey)	Aztec, NM	Broken hip & blood clot in feet
Tina Mickey	Aztec, NM	Extreme dizziness & advance age
Linda Wilson	Aztec, NM	Extreme anxiety
Jay & LaWanda Durham	Broken Bow, OK	Surgery, illness, falls

Pat Reed	Broken Bow, OK	Fighting cancer
Pam Berry	Canton, GA	Severe headaches
Tony Schell	Cedaredge, CO	Heart irregularities
John Bauer	Gleed, WA	Back surgery
Robert Farley	Gleed, WA	Severe back pain
Gene McKinney	Gleed, WA	Diabetes & heart problems
Betty Simmons	Gleed, WA	Shoulder surgery
Ellen McCay	Glenwood, WA	Severe aching joints - age
Jeannean McSwane	Glenwood, WA	Severe infections, pain, blood clots, & falls
Otto Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel
Mariella Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel & spinal problems
Gary Calhoun	Hillsboro, OR	Brain tumor
Robert Lane	Hillsboro, OR	Recovering from stroke
Angela Boling	Lorenzo, TX	Gamma knife treatment
Jerry McCay	Lorenzo, TX	Eye treatments for Macular Degeneration
Nell McCay	Lorenzo, TX	Pacemaker surgery
Retha Morris	Pleasant View, OK	Fighting Parkinson's disease
Anna Bell Barnes	Randlett, OK	Alzheimer's Disease
Nora Jo Elliot	Randlett, OK	Light heart attack
Ken Harper	Sacramento, CA	Recovering from stroke and paralysis
Gerald Buckner	Stilwell, OK	Stage III Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma
Reba Morris	Stilwell, OK	Recovering from 2 surgical procedures
Lawanda Durham	Tiner, OK	Serious health issues
Cinde McCay	Yakima, WA	Fighting Parkinson's & gall bladder surgery
Alice Davis	Yuma, AZ	Lower back pain & advanced age
Florence Fuller	Yuma, AZ	Fighting throat cancer, diabetes, & Alzheimer's, fell & injured elbow
Verda Nelson	Yuma, AZ	Heart valve replacement
Iris Stewart	Yuma, AZ	Heart problems
Betty Wallen	Yuma, AZ	Knee replacement
Bill Wallen	Yuma, AZ	Stint put in his heart

And all those in nursing homes.

Editor's note - We need updates for those who have recovered. We can still pray, but we also need space. The list grows and we seldom get updates. We are occasionally forced to delete, but we really don't want to be arbitrary.

Also - We know that many of you pass information to others via Facebook. We often miss any news information from this source unless it is messaged directly to the personal accounts of Ellis or Lynell Forsman. The preferred method of sending information is via the Courier email (located on page 1 of *The Christian Courier*).

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