



The Christian Courier

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REPENTANCE

Repentance is a change in thinking and life behavior because one changes his or her heart. True repentance must be manifested by the change of one's life.

DEFINITION OF REPENTANCE

- It is a change of mind (Matt. 21:28-29)
- It is returning to our first love (Rev. 2:5)
- It is turning to God (Acts 9:35; 26:20; 1 Sam. 7:3; Luke 17:4)
- It is part of conversation to God (Acts 3:19; 15:3)
- It produces joy in heaven (Luke 15:7, 10)
- It is the product of godly sorrows (2 Cor. 7:9-10)

REPENTANCE IS COMMANDED

- Jesus said we must repent (Luke 13:3,5)
- God commands repentance (Acts 2:38; 8:22; 17:30-31; 2 Pet. 3:9)

Men must repent from wickedness (Rev. 2:16, 21-22)

THINGS THAT STIMULATE REPENTANCE

- Fear of judgment (Acts 17:30-31)
- The goodness of God (Rom. 2:4)
- The patience of God (2 Pet. 3:9)
- Conviction of our sins (Acts 2:37-38)
- Exhortation by brothers (Luke 17:3; Gal. 6:1; 1 John 5:16)

WHY PEOPLE DO NOT REPENT

- Because of willful sinning (Heb. 6:6)
- By failing to see sinful self (Luke 18:9-14; James 1:23-24)
- Bro. John Kombo Nandwa
Baruti Church of Christ, Nakuru, Kenya

The Christian Courier Mailing Costs

(Based on May, 2015, Mailing Database)

It has been suggested that we let others know how much it costs to publish *The Christian Courier*. The cost of each issue varies somewhat for a number of reasons:

- Changes made in number of copies made to individual locations.
- Switches from printed copy to web copy.
- Address changes to individuals without a forwarding address.
- Cancellations.
- New subscribers.
- Number of sheets of paper needed for each publication.
- Amount of ink varies per issue even though the number of copies is the same.
- Postage rates increasing.
- Cost of supplies increasing.

The cost figures presented here is reflected by the database figures of the May, 2015 publishing of 485 copies broken down for 3 sheets of legal paper and 4 sheets of legal paper.

3 Sheets

Legal (1355 sheets)	\$67.51	
Envelopes (171)	\$9.16	
Postage	\$146.21 (increasing June 1, 2015)	
Stamps.com blanks	\$1.81	
Black ink	\$50.86	
Cyan ink	\$34.92	
Magenta ink	\$34.92	
Yellow ink	\$34.92	
Total		\$380.31 (approximately)

4 Sheets

Legal (1940 sheets)	\$90.02	
Envelopes (171)	\$9.16	
Postage	\$163.70 (increasing June 1, 2015)	
Stamps.com blanks	\$1.81	
Black ink	\$75.91	
Cyan ink	\$35.27	
Magenta ink	\$35.27	
Yellow ink	\$35.27	
Total		\$446.41 (approximately)



News From Abroad

Harlingen, TX (May 2, 2015)

Dear brethren in Christ,

We inform you that during this month we had several activities of evangelization with brothers in some places in Mexico and we have several groups of people that studied the scriptures with is.

To continue the contact that we have with many people during this month, we send 100 CD's with different studies of the scriptures, and also we deliver 50 Bibles and 100 New Testaments in Spanish. We have the hope that several of these people will obey the gospel.

During several months we studied with some people in San Vicente, Veracruz, and some obeyed and a new congregation was established with 6 members (3 of these were brothers that had been separated from the faith (James 5:10, 20).

I have information from brothers in Guatemala that the churches there continue firm and preaching of the gospel.

The brothers in Colombia have some problems meeting and preaching publically because the government demands a license of some religious organization, but they continue to preach and meet in their houses.

In the Frontier area (Matamoros, Vallehermoso, Brownsville, San Benito, & Harlingen) we continue the work of predication. In Kingwood, TX, we continue visiting some

people that we have contacted in the hope that they obey and establish a congregation there.

We need Bibles, and song books in Spanish and CD's to record Biblical studies to send to different places in Mexico, Guatemala, Colombia, etc. Please; can you help! Your participation is very important to continue preaching the gospel in these places.

Your brothers in Christ,
Evangelists in Spanish
Harlingen, TX 78553



KENYA ORPHANAGE AND EVANGELISM REPORT

ORPHANAGE REPORT

Meeting was held on 8th May, 2015, at Bro. Laban's home. Those present were: Brother's Laban Ambogo (chairman), Ernest Chimaisi (vice – chairman), Isaac Shikanga (secretary), Sis. Brenda Matambi (vice – secretary), Josephine Shulwatso (treasurer), Bro. Paul Okanga, and Mrs. Lilian Imonjo (members).

The main agenda was the registration of the organization with the government. The members urged the officials to move with speed towards the registration plan. The process has already started. Attached to the report are the registration forms already filled. They are waiting to be submitted to the Kakamega County Office; this will be done as soon as funds are available.

The committee agreed to use the money sent to purchase the school uniforms for the children. The pictures attached shows the appointed tailor taking the measurement for each child. The work is getting on well, and soon the uniforms will be ready. Other pictures show the members of the community that help in this work.

The committee and the families of the needy children are very much grateful for the donations that have been coming from Bro. Gerald Brockman through Bro. Ellis. It is their prayer that God opens more ways to get donations toward the orphanage program. What are now most needed are mattresses, shoes, and text books e.t.c.

EVANGELISM REPORT – KAKAMEGA – MATUNDU

CHALLENGES: the small building where the congregation at Matundu meets has been demolished by the road contractors who are contracting the road that passes near the

building. The congregation has shifted to Laban's Home. Bro. Laban has donated his own piece of land to construct a church in if funds become available. The next evangelism meeting will be held on 22-24 this month May, 2015.

NAKURU – BARUT

The Bible class at Kenlands Shabab is doing very well. Sis. Margret and her husband Bro. Koech offered their house to be used as a meeting venue to study the Bible. So far during this months of April – May no baptisms have taken place but there are around 3 candidates, that will soon be baptized. We are all aware of financial shortage as far as African Mission Account is concerned. But this is only to remind you that we too, at Barut, soon shall have no place to worship. We are on notice to vacate the school premises where we now meet every Sunday. Bro. Rono is looking for a way of getting a plot to purchase when we get funds. We appeal to well-wishers. Please do pray for us.

Right now we have no problem with the government of Kenya. We have been cleared and can now worship and go everywhere preaching and teaching the word of God.

Before I left Kakamega to go back to Nakuru, I baptized my own cousin at my former home in western Kenya.

This man told me that he is a member of denomination NEEMA CHURCH; Neema means GRACE. So it could be called GRACE CHURCH. He had refused to be baptized in a dam because he believes that for one's sins to be washed, he must be baptized in a river so that the running water can go down with his sins towards the lake. I had to teach him what happens to a man when he is baptized:

- He must believe (John 8:24, Acts 16:31, and Heb. 11:6).
- He must repent of his sins (Luke 13:3, Acts 2:28, 3:19, 17:30).
- He must confess (Matt. 10:32-33, Rom. 10:10; Acts 8:36 – 37).
- Then he must be baptized (Matt. 28:19, Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38 etc).

Then we studied (Rom. 6:3 – 4; Col. 2:12); it was at night when we studied the above. He told me that since I was leaving next morning to Nakuru, I must baptize him. We went to the nearest river accompanied with his wife carrying a torch for us, and I baptized him at night. His name is CHARLES AMONJE. God bless him.

Brother John Mbithi is doing very good work at Machakos. Together with him, we worked towards making sure that the registration certificate for the church is cleared; Bro. Muteti

thanked you for his wife's prayers. She has not yet recovered fully. More prayers are needed.

Bro. John Kombo Nandwa
Baruti Church of Christ, Nakuru, Kenya

Editor's notes -

We received a message from Bro. Laban Ambogo requesting prayers for his family; nearly all (I believe he has 10 children) have malaria.

We also received a late message from John Kombo that he baptized his nephew Andati at Suna Migori, Kenya. Also, some of his friends have been studying and want to know more. There currently is no congregation at this location; however, John said he plans to work there to get one started. I preached at this location but at that time it was unfruitful. — Ellis Forsman

Tanzania

From Bro. Peter: Junior has less blood. The doctors say he will need to get more blood added which in Africa is very dangerous. Peter said he needed \$400 to cover Junior's medical. (This money was sent to Peter)

Cyril had baptized five people and still was studying with four more.

Cyril also opened a new congregation which he has to attend to every Sunday.

Mabaya said they still preach and had baptisms of three souls at Mugeta.

It was reported in the May issue of The Christian Courier about the passing of Ibrahim in Bunda. This information was incorrect; it was my fault (Ellis) as I knew of Ibrahim in Bunda and assumed that it was him. In fact, it was a person in another part of Tanzania.

Arusha, Tanzania

The church has lost one member, Geophley Boniface, who has passed away at 2 pm, May 22nd; he was suffering from dilea for two weeks. He left us in May last year and went for some farming activities in Iramba District, Singida Region; his family is real active and faithful to

follow and attend every single Sunday; he was really faithful. I have been trying to comfort them to this day.

Bro. Caleb Timothy
Arusha, Tanzania

Debate Between Caleb Timothy and Muslims

Arusha, Tanzania

April 27, 2015

Brethren much greetings to you,

I like to share with you some events for March & April. In March I had some debate with Muslims; the topic was about, 1) b/n “Abrahams sons (Isaac& Ishmael), which descendant was given the Law of Moses?” 2). “Was the law taken away or not?”

Then we had a baptism this month on 16th of April.

Finally, yesterday, I was debating with hundreds of Muslims at 2- 6pm; the topic based on, “Was Abraham really a Muslim? It was really a tremendous topic to everyone that attended there.

Next Sunday, the debate will continue, it will be “was Jesus crucified & resurrected or not?”

Keep praying for my effort as I am teaching these men. If God touches your heart finance, this effort \$200.

Bro. Caleb Timothy

May 2, 2015

This is what happened yesterday from 2-5 PM. I had to debate and reveal the hidden & unknown ministry of Jesus Christ to the group of Muslims, who do not believe nor recognize whether He was crucified or not. I answered several questions from the audience etc. Later, I divided to them some tracts about who is Jesus vs Mohammed.

It was really a fantastic teaching; I am very sorry Christians are fearing to sit in a hall with Muslims defending that what can kill us. But to me, it is nothing to do with death. I press toward for the cause of Jesus Christ, teaching them. I am very confident with a teaching of Jesus Christ,

the Saviour. The Quran & the Bible are in my hand all the time in order to convert people.

I am thinking and pondering about the vision that has erupted soon in my heart & mind; I like to call the gospel meeting to our meeting plastic tent; if you are able & God touches your heart, assist \$500 for hiring preaching speakers/ camera etc. I will continue to let you know what is happening in Arusha through my effort for Jesus Christ.

Caleb

May 9, 2015,

It is amazing and fantastic, really unbelievable to hear and know that some news has gone far and spread to some Muslims group; now I have been ASKED again to DEBATE (teach) them TOMORROW, at noon. Some lecture from the QURAN about – “WAS ABRAHAM A MUSLIM or NOT?” “WHO IS JESUS CHRIST IN A QURAN?” WHO WILL JUDGE THE WORLD ON THE LAST DAY?”

These are special topics which Muslims specifically wanted to know from the QURAN vs The Bible.

In Tanzania, we are warned by the police to make PUBLIC CRUSADE b/n Christians & Muslims; for this reason and security, I gather & teach these people in a “HIRED CONFERENCE HALL(S) which contains preaching speakers / chairs and camera.

Thanks to God who has given me knowledge & willing in my heart TO SERVE Him to the Gentile Muslims, Unfortunately, I am short of working budget for this program. Dear, if He touches your heart, CONTRIBUTE some costs so that I can attend once I get your donation. Not

sure, to do it TOMORROW, for I do not have budget for this meeting. Reports shall be given to you.

I pray that, the Lord may bless you with a giving heart then serve Him in Arusha through evangelist Caleb Timothy, Amen.

LET US WORK TOGETHER, 1 Cor. 16:15-16 cf: Phil. 4:10-17.

In Him, Caleb

May 18, 2015

Yesterday, I had another good day to meet the gentile Muslims; the lesson was about “What does the QURAN & THE BIBLE say about, where are the souls going after death?”

I hired the open garden at one of the hotels here, and delivered the teaching. I was standing along the building wall facing my audience who were sitting & standing into the garden of the hotel. Unfortunately, I had no good cameraman to make every event.

I had to pay for some chairs / preaching tools / printed & spread some tracts. The outcome is really good; some have committed & asked me to give them some time to think in deep; will call me for extra decision, esp. to get converted to Christ Jesus. Five men have promised to visit and attend some teaching at our worship place.

I appreciate for your great support that enabled all these to happen to these men in Arusha. I like to make another PUBLIC MEETING for ALL people to our worshiping tent if ONLY I may get a budget for this. I believe this can bring much and great result for the cause of Christ Jesus. Amen.

“Asante sana” (“Thank you very much”, Swahili - Ellis), I am not sleeping but working. Dear ones, stand with me in this work.

In Him, Bro. Caleb Timothy

(Note: I sent \$500 to help Caleb in this work — Ellis)

Uganda

It was reported in the May issue of The Christian Courier about the terrible car accident where two were killed and others were seriously injured – the latter including Bro. Julius Wandera’s wife who was unconscious and pregnant.

May 7, 2015

Warm greetings from my wife and the family.

My wife has been operated on; she had a baby boy but she is still weak and not conscious; so the baby is being breast fed by my elder sister. The doctors are promising that she will get well since she has been successfully operated on. We need your prays. My mam suggested that we call the baby your name so the baby is Odaka Ellis

Forsman. (Thank you; that is a great honor - Ellis).

Thank you for your help. May the Lord increase your treasure.

May 25, 2015

Thank you for your contribution toward my wife’s hospital bill; she is recovering slowly and the doctors have said they will discharge her on Thursday 28th of this month (May) because for now she can walk alone and recognizance all things. We have given her back her kid; she can eat for herself; we had been feeding her. Please pray for her to have quick recovery.

Bro. Julius Wandera

Uganda

The Philippines

May 9, 2015

Brethren,

My son, Kyzer, was rushed to the hospital after our worship service; he got nausea and was vomiting. The laboratory result is dengue fever. We request from you for little help for medication and hospitalization. We need blood transfusion; hope for your kind favor and consideration on this matter. We need \$300. (We sent \$300 for this purpose – Ellis)

Thank you in advance, Bro. Dickson Fabian

May 16, 2015

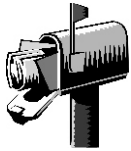
Greetings in the name of Christ,

My son is now recovering and was discharged from the hospital.

Thank you for great gratitude and philanthropy in helping with my son's illness.

In Christ Jesus, Bro. Dickson

Brethren, I don't have an accurate count of all the meetings Bro. Dickson has held in the month of May, nor an accurate count of all the baptisms he has performed, but what he has accomplished at Compostala Valley North Davao is extremely astounding! After the gospel meeting at this location there were **198 baptisms!** We welcome these new brothers & sisters and we applaud Bro. Dickson Fabian's efforts. I will try to post pictures soon on Facebook. — Ellis Forsman



Cards and Letters

Lorenzo, TX

Greetings from Lorenzo, TX,

Well, it's that time of year again when our young men and women enter into a new phase of their life. Congratulations to all of you graduates!

Sis. Earlene Jared was here from Valparaiso, IN, for two weeks; it was good to see her again. Sis. Kim Matlock & her kids took her back to Indiana. Earlene is undergoing some tests to determine the cause of treatment for 2 small cancers.

Bro. Jerry & Sis. Wynetta McCay went to Austin, TX, for a few days to be with their grandson Joshua Hudson who underwent 7 hours of upper sinus surgery.

Bro. Jerry was sick two Sundays ago with extreme dizziness and nausea. He appears to be fine now.

Sis. Nell McCay fell a couple of times, but seems to be doing okay now; nothing was broken.

Bro. Gene Boling recently had to go to the hospital emergency room because of sickness; it was determined the cause of his illness was with his medication.

Several from Lorenzo plan to be away this summer to attend some of the meetings around the country. There will be no July issue of the Courier due to meetings

In Christian love from the Lorenzo, TX, congregation

Waterford, CA

Greetings,

We here at the Waterford, CA, church are doing well at this time. We lost Bro. Winfred Lucas on March 23rd. He had been ill for some time. He will be missed as he was always a happy person. Sis. Charlotte Burtis had a total knee replacement in February and has had some problems with her recovery, but is doing well now. Bro. Al Burtis started 5 weeks of radiation therapy for cancer on his left cheek.

We hope to attend the Yakima meeting. Wish we could attend more.

Bro. Michael & Sis. Kay McCay have visited here a couple of times lately. We are always happy to have visitors.

We are enclosing a long overdue check for the paper.

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

The Waterford, CA, Church of Christ

Yuma, AZ

The Christian Courier,

We send a check for the African Mission Drought Fund.

We really enjoy the *Christian Courier* as we don't get to church much. We enjoy hearing how all of our brothers & sisters in Christ are doing. We thank God for Bro. Ellis Forsman and Bro. Otto Alvarez; they have endured a lot of hardship to teach God's word.

Please take our names (Bill & Betty Wallen) off the "Prayer of Faith for Those in Need" list. God has blessed us. I am fine & Bill is blind and on oxygen. He enjoys me reading *The Christian Courier* to him.

In Christian love,
Bill & Betty Walling, Yuma, AZ

Thank you very much to those of you who contributed toward *The Christian Courier* Fund and the African Drought Fund; this was very much needed. The recipients of the aid in Tanzania also say, "Asante sana!" ("Thank you very much!").

Editor's Note — There was not enough room in this editor of *The Christian Courier* to show any pictures from the Philippines. Hopefully, some of these will be included in the future



Bro. Caleb Timothy debating Muslim's on the Quran vs the Bible

BULLETIN BOARD

Meetings

June 28 - July 5, 2015	Yakima, WA	Roger Walkingstick & Jerry McCay
July 6-12, 2015	Glenwood, WA	Dennis Davis & guest speakers
July 12-19, 2015	Delta, CO, Camp Meeting	Guest Speakers
July 26 - Aug. 2, 2015	Lorenzo, TX	Dennis Davis & Richard Johnston
Sept. 4-6, 2015	Stilwell, OK	Guest speakers

Baptisms

May, 2015	Kakamega, Kenya	Charles Amonje
May 30, 2015	Suna Migori, Kenya	Andati

Passings

March 23, 2015	Waterford, CA	Winfred Lucas
May 22, 2015	Arusha, Tanzania	Geophley Boniface

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Laban Ambogo's family	Matundu, Kenya	Malaria
Peter Boaz, Jr.	Tanzania	Severe Malaria, blood loss
Peter Boaz	Tanzania	Back problems
Sadat Alex	Tanzania	Knee injury
Julius Wandera's wife & brother	Uganda	Auto accident injuries & surgeries
Felomina Mendoza's son	Kidapawan, Philippines	2nd degree burns on face & body.
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
Robert Farley	Gleed, WA	Severe back pain, gall bladder surgery
Gene McKinney	Gleed, WA	Diabetes & heart problems
Jeannean McSwane	Glenwood, WA	Severe infections, pain, blood clots, & falls
Otto & Mariella Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel
Gary Calhoun	Hillsboro, OR	Brain tumor
Jerry McCay	Lorenzo, TX	Eye treatments for Macular Degeneration
Olene Howe	Lorenzo, TX	Leaking heart valve; needs surgery
Retha Morris	Pleasant View, OK	Fighting Parkinson's disease
Darlene Mullens	Randlett, OK	Knee replacement surgery
Alaina Warford	Stilwell, OK	Broken arm
Jason Warford	Stilwell, OK	Allergies & ashma
Gerald Buckner	Stilwell, OK	Cancer in remission
Reba Morris	Stilwell, OK	Severe kidney complications & Lupus
Earlene Jared	Valparaiso, IN	Lung, liver, & cancer issues & treatments
Al Burtis	Waterford, CA	Radiation treatment for cancer
Charlotte Burtis	Waterford, CA	Knee replacement recovery
Cinde McCay	Yakima, WA	Fighting Parkinson's
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

And all those who are aging or 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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