



The Christian Courier

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“From Me Is Thy Fruit Found”

“Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him, and observed him: I am like a green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found.” — KJV

Our fruit is found from our God as to *union*. The fruit of the branch is directly traceable to the root. Sever the connection, the branch dies, and no fruit is produced. By virtue of our union with Christ we bring forth fruit. Every bunch of grapes have been first in the root, it has passed through the stem, and flowed through the sap vessels, and fashioned itself externally into fruit, but it was first in the stem; so also every good work was first in Christ, and then is brought forth in us. O Christian, prize this precious union to Christ; for it must be the source of all the fruitfulness which thou canst hope to know. If thou wert not joined to Jesus Christ, thou wouldst be a barren bough indeed.

Our fruit comes from God as to *spiritual providence*. When the dew-drops fall from heaven, when the cloud looks down from on

high, and is about to distil its liquid treasure, when the bright sun swells the berries of the cluster, each heavenly boon may whisper to the tree and say, *“From me is thy fruit found.”* The fruit owes much to the root—that is essential to fruitfulness—but it owes very much also to external influences. How much we owe to God’s grace-providence! in which He provides us constantly with quickening, teaching, consolation, strength, or whatever else we want. To this we owe our all of usefulness or virtue.

Our fruit comes from God as to *wise husbandry*. The gardener’s sharp-edged knife promotes the fruitfulness of the tree, by thinning the clusters, and by cutting off superfluous shoots. So is it, Christian, with that pruning which the Lord gives to thee. *“My Father is the husbandman. Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.”*

Since our God is the author of our spiritual graces, let us give to Him all the glory of our salvation.

For Your Consideration in Christian Love
Stanley Goodwin
Graham, Texas
Newcastle Church of Christ



News From Abroad

Harlingen, TX (7/28)

Dear brethren in Christ

Receive our most sincere greetings. I comment that receipt your check for the help for the work of the Lord in Mexico and Central America.

Thank you very much by your important participation in the work of predication of the gospel. We request to the Lord the benedictions for all you in the congregation.

I inform that the work in the area of Brownsville Tx we continue forward and we make contact with some persons of a church Pentecostal and we are studying with them Tuesday and Sunday 7pm. These persons are receiving the truth with interest and we request to the Lord that we have fruits of the work.

I visited the city of Fernandez in Mexico and after some studies two persons young obeyed the

gospel and were baptized. (The Church in this place continues growing)

Also I visited the city Valley in Mexico with some persons that receive the studies in CD's and book each month. These persons gathered to study the scriptures and have established a new congregation in the city.

The brothers in Guatemala and Colombia inform that the brothers continue firm and faithful making the work of evangelization. Also, that the evangelists continue visiting several places.

Again we thank in the name of the Lord Jesus by your support in the work of evangelization and we request that continue participating with we in this work.

Your Brother in Christ
Otto and Mariela Alvarez

Harlingen (9/2)

Appreciated brothers,

We send regards in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and we wish that our God keep you and bless together your family and faithful brothers.

I comment that this month of August we had meetings in different congregations with a

purpose to encourage the brethren to continue firm in the truth and to participate in the responsibility of speaking one to another in the gospel.

Also I had meetings with some preachers to affirm their knowledge of the scriptures.

I inform you that the brothers in Central Mexico had in July and August several activities of evangelization and we hope that with time some people will obey the gospel.

In these countries it is difficult to predicate the gospel because of the quantity of doctrines and teachings that the people have and also because we do not want their traditions.

The social condition in these countries hinder the predication of the gospel with the dangers in the cities and on the highways, but the

evangelists and members of the churches make effort to comply with this responsibility.

During this month in the area of Matamoros City we baptized two people.(see photo).

We have information of the brothers in Guatemala and Colombia that the churches continue firm in the truth.

Brethren, again we hope God will continue to bless you in everything.

Your Spanish brethren in Christ

Report From The Philippines

8/4:

Good morning from the Philippine Island. Grace and peace to you! I am humbly appealing to you for my daughter Kyra Faith, 13 years of age. She is complaining that her throat is swelling and there is something growing inside her throat. She felt painful swelling . I want to bring her to a specialist doctor to determine what is rapidly growing inside her throat.

I need your kind assistance or help in behalf of my daughter's illness. Please help us to pray. Thank you and God bless . Awaiting your reply.

In Christ, Bro. Dickson

8/8:

May I request from you of 20,000 Philippine pesos (PHP; \$430) for her medication and Hospitalization.

Hoping for your kind consideration on this matter, Thank you.!

8/17

Greetings in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Toril Church of Christ in Davao City requested for construction materials for their building:

- 30 bags of cement P 200 each
6,000 PHP (\$128).

- 2 loads of sand gravel P 1,500 per load
3.000 PHP (\$64)
- 500's of hollow blocks P 15 each
7,500 PHP (\$160)
- 25 corrugated roofing P 300 each
7.500 PHP (\$160)
- 2 plain sheets P 300 each
600 PHP (\$13)
- 30 PCS. ROUND BARS 10MM P 300
9000 PHP (\$193)
- Total 33,600 PHP (\$718)

8/31:

We have to travel in Luzon area at Manila to visit the churches of Christ which are affected in recent typhoon...

Thank you and God bless.

Brother Dickson

9/12:

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ from Cagayan, Quirino, Cordillera, and Baguio, Northern parts of Luzon devastated by Typhoon Ineng.

Many church buildings were uprooted, their roofing vanished away; their agricultural plants were damaged; members of the church are in need of roofing , lumber, and primary needs like

food, medicine, used clothing, and clean water as of this time. No network and signal because wirings and electricity was cut off because of the typhoon. They need 80,000 PHP (\$1712) to reconstruct the church buildings and 30,000 PHP (\$642) for food, etc.

Some of my money bought some food for the church members to eat.

Bro. Dickson

9/20:

We have our up-coming meetings on This coming Wednesday September 23, and 24 in Cagayan Valleys, and Abra we need P25,000. may we request additional for foods and surplus

or used clothing for Brethren we need more helps for flood victims, some pictures to follow we need 40,000 or more.

We distributed cook foods, rice, noodle clean waters and others.. we comfort them and encourage them to continue despite what happened to their lives.

Truly your's,

Bro. Dickson

(Editor's Note - We sent 55,000 PHP (\$1211) in responding to their aid request. This came out of our general reserves, we have received very little recently)

KENYA EVANGELISM MEETING

August 17, 2015

VENUE NAKURU (BARUTI)

AGENDA:

WORKING RELATIONSHIP

The chairman of the committee Bro. Laban humbly requested and exhorted each member to respect and love one another in order to create good working condition or environment. We should (all of us) avoid confrontation and infighting of words.

REPORT FROM USA (BRO. FORSMAN)

Bro. John Kombo the committee secretary briefed the committee about the report from us. He told the committee that there is a shortage of funds as far as Africa Mission Account is concerned and that we must bear with the situation and appreciate whatever is send to us and use it properly.

The report concerning the situation in Tanzania was also discussed. Everyone wondered as to why the problems have persisted.

COMMUNICATION

We did agree that there is need to always communicate in order for everyone to get updated on what is happening to other

congregations all over Kenya. There would be an annual meeting during every month of May in each year. This is important because according to the laws of the government of Kenya every registered church should submit its annual returns showing any change in its management or progress whether the church is increasing in its work. There is, at present, mistrust from the government as far as most of the "churches" or denominations are concerned. In this case, the government is making a thorough follow up to know what they preach, their functions and relationships in the communities in which they work. Although we are happy on our side, the government agreed with our constitution and church declaration. Generally we have no problem with the government.

RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATE

Our registration certificate was renewed till next year 2016

EVANGELISM

So far as the reports from various zones are concerned good work is being done. Some baptisms (though not so many people) have been

conducted as reported to you earlier this year 2015:

- Nakuru – 4
- Kakamega – 3
- Machakos - 3
- Brother John Kombo visited Suna in Migori and baptized - 8
- And he baptized one at his former home in Kakamega - 1.

We also report two new congregations:

- SUNA CHURCH OF CHRIST
- TUMAINI CHURCH OF CHRIST

We are looking forward to holding an evangelism (door to door) meeting in Machakos this year in December, 2015.

The problem at Machakos is that the rent is short to **Kshs. 3000 (\$29 USA)/ Per Month** for the place of worship at Machakos showground.

May God continue to provide good health and strength for all of us in this dear kingdom.

JOHN KOMBO
NAKURU - KENYA

The following was received from John Kombo on August 20th:

Brother Thomas Situma says they baptized 2 people in May this year.

Brother John Mbithi called me on August 18th at around 8.00pm. He said that Bro. Muteti's wife is in a critical condition. She is suffering from cancer. Now churches at Machakos have planned to raised **Kshs. 100,000 (\$950 USA)** needed for her medical treatment expenses.

The following was receive from Bro. John on August 28th:

We had a meeting at Migori – Suna which was attended by nine (9).

At this meeting the following were baptized:

- Phibi Achieng Ouko
- Samwel Ouko
- Oketch Kevin Odedo

We heard that Bro. Kachege at Shirati, Tanzania, lost his wife and she is being buried today August 28th. She also leaves 3 children.

From Bro. Sadat in Tanzania

Brethren,
I just received bad report from Bro. Kachege in Shirati, Tanzania, that his pregnant wife was bleeding last night and when he took her to Shirati hospital and the doctors found that the baby has died in the womb. Now they are doing efforts to remove it out. Much prayers are needed

at this time.

In Him, Sadat.

August 27th: Kachege just called and told me that his wife has passed away. After the surgery they took the baby out and she also passed away at 7 pm our time. Her name was Flora Adeck Kachege

Tanzania Orphanage

When I visited Babati and Nakwa, Bro. Leo told me that they are struggling with dealing with 35 kids in that area. He said they are teaching them during work days in the church building

and Leo cried that they are big in number. Some of their parents died because of the HIV.

They could use some assistance.

Bro. Sadat

Peter in Tanzania

8/19:

Three days ago we did malaria checkup and Jr. had 13 types of malaria while Rachel had three types of malaria. Am afraid about Jr.; hope it's not what I think because there is an outbreak of cholera. We need a lot of prayers right now.

8/21:

It's 21:01 pm and we are rushing Jr. to the hospital. He is not doing well at all. We really need prayers especially during this tempting moment. I really don't know if you are going to help, but we really need assistance since we might be forced to take him to another, better hospital. That will depend with what the doctor will say.

8/27:

Jr. was discharged today but the doctor said that he needs to be rushed to Arusha for more checkups and he advised that he might be

circumcised as he thinks he has a very serious UTI that their machines don't detect.

I paid for the hospital bill and left home with all of them. Jr. really has this problem he keeps scratching his penis all the time. We will keep you in prayer as you put us and Jr. in prayer too.

9/4:

We nearly lost Rachel last night but God was on our side. She was in the hands of doctors. She bleedingsomething awful that made her unconscious. I just took her from the hospital today. On Monday this week as advised by the doctors we circumcised Jr. and hope it will take him one and a half to two weeks to recover before he can travel to Arusha for more checkup.

We are thinking of having a gospel meeting in Dodoma for a week so if it's possible. We will need to have funds to make this happen.

In Christ,
Bro. Peter Boaz

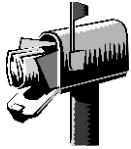
Buchanan, Liberia

I am James Abednego Suahgba. I am married and have 8 children. My wife is Ceedy Zea Suahgba. My ultimate desire and love for the gospel of Christ is to speak where the Bible speaks, silent where the Bible is silent, do Bible things by Bible ways, and call Bible things by Bible names. Yet in all these efforts in many trying to correctly divide the word of truth, we were still blind to the command, "This do in remembrance of me," given by Jesus when He instituted the Lord's Supper. In our participation of the Lord's Supper, within 22 years had been out of order by using many cups and many pieces of bread until October, 2008, when we set the observance of the supper in order after going through many biblical study materials from the United States.

There are nine churches of Christ now in Liberia that are in full obedience to the truth and do not use multiple cups in the Lord's Supper. There congregations are as follows:

- Central Buchanan C of C
- Nyonben Town C of C
- Guwehyee C of C
- Yarpa Town C of C
- James Town C of C
- E. L. W. A. Road C of C
- Chocolate City C of C
- Raymond Field C of C
- Tubmanburg C of C

Bro. James A. Suahgba
Buchanan, Liberia, West Africa



Cards and Letters

Glenwood, WA

Our dear loved ones in Christ,

We apologize for being so long in reporting our news from Glenwood. We are still here, enjoying God's Word, and each other's company. Thank you to all for supporting the Courier with your news, articles, and financial assistance.

We enjoyed a wonderful meeting here July 6th – 12th. We were blessed with wonderful fellowship, singing, and lessons. We had 2 lessons each from Bro. Kevin Lamb, Bro. Denny Davis, and Bro. Ellis Forsman, and 1 from Bro. Richard Johnston. We offer a big thank you to each for your study, preparation and presentations, and most of all to God for His Word. Thank you also to our visitors, and we welcome you back at any time.

We welcome our own folks back from their travels also. It seems Bro. Greg and Sis. Peggy Stacy just returned from a long trip, and now they are on their way again. We pray God's traveling grace upon them, and all on their journeys.

Bro. Ben Mason hosted a 94 ½ birthday party for his wonderful mother, Rennelle. Apologies if misspelled. We sure appreciate their kindness, good will and love.

All our love to the church spreading throughout the world,

The church of Christ congregation
At Glenwood, WA

Lorenzo, TX

We have blessings and sadness here at Lorenzo. Our summer meeting with Bro. Denny Davis of Yuma, AZ, and Bro. Richard Johnston of Yakima, WA, was a great blessing and inspiration to us all. They both are excellent speakers and we thank them and their wives for their efforts. Thanks also to the visitors who came many miles to support the meeting.

We are excited also to announce that Kyra Axtell (Sis. Leesa Boling's granddaughter) was baptized and there was much rejoicing here and also in heaven over this precious new child born into the family of God.

We are saddened that our beloved Sis. Olene Howe has gone to be with her heavenly Father. While her passing is cause for rejoicing in heaven over a faithful child who has gone home, we feel the loss here. We are comforted by our memories of her in each of our hearts. We can only be comforted by knowing that our loss is heaven's gain. She truly was an example of a beautiful lady whose goal was to be a servant of the Lord and a friend to all she came in contact with. She was an inspiration to us all.

Sis. Wynetta and Bro. Jerry McCay attended the weekend meeting at Stilwell, OK, with guest speakers. It is always good to visit other

congregations whenever possible. Our hearts were gladdened by hearing the word of God shared, the singing of praise to Him, and the

fellowship and love shared by brothers and sisters in Christ.

In Christian love,
The Lorenzo, TX, congregation

It's time to start planning Your vacation!

Big Spruce Church Camp

July 17-24, 2016



We are looking forward to seeing - **ALL of you** – at the Big Spruce Church Camp, July 17-24, 2016. We want to make **YOUR** 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. To help with the cost we are planning a **BIG Auction** (probably Friday evening after services). This is a fun way to raise funds, to make this a big success everyone **PLEASE** bring or send crafts to be sold at the auction (if possible hand made by you or one of our brothers or sisters in Christ). Note: **PLEASE** label each item as who made or sent it.

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 2016!!

THE NEWCASTLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Would like to invite you and yours to a weekend of Christian fellowship — Spiritual singing and Gospel preaching on October the 16th, 17th and 18th, 2015.

We will hear some good gospel sermons from...

Bro. Larry Wood of The Lorenzo Church of Christ

Bro. Jack Warford of The Stilwell Church of Christ

Friday the 16th services at 7:00 PM — with fellowship to follow!

Saturday the 17th services at 11:00 AM — with fellowship & lunch to follow!

Saturday the 18th services at 4:00 PM — with Sandwiches, & Ice cream to follow!

Sunday the 18th services at 10:30 AM — with fellowship, lunch & singing to follow!

PLEASE let us know when you can be with us and we will make arrangements for places to stay –

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- **Stanley & Judy Goodwin 940-229-1946 940-229-0192**

In Christian love, The members of “The Newcastle, Texas - Church of Christ”

In Loving Memory of Mary Olene Howe

Our hearts are grieved at the sudden passing of Sis. Mary Olene Howe on Aug. 23, 2015, following heart surgery.

Olene, 87, of Lorenzo was also called Meema by her family. She was born July 18, 1928 in Seymour, TX. She married Van Earl Howe on Feb. 24, 1945 in Seymour. They were married 58 years before he passed away in 2003. She was a homemaker extraordinaire and her cooking & sewing skills were legendary. She immensely enjoyed singing & gardening. She loved playing

cards and dominoes, especially Pinochle and Forty-Two. Olene loved helping others when she could. Her greatest joy in life was spending time with her family, whom she adored. Olene was a member of the Church of Christ for nearly 75 years. One of her favorite verses by which she lived was, “*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*” (Phil. 4:13). One of her favorite songs was, “*Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me*”. We who knew her believe she accomplished her earthly purpose.



Olene is survived by her six daughters and their spouses; Earlene Jared of Valparaiso, IN; Kathy Burt of Ralls; Vandra Wood of Idalou; Amy Orendorff of Lubbock; Oletta Spurlin of Wasilla, AK; Leesa Boling of Idalou; her son;

Willie Howe and his spouse of Red Oak; two sisters; Reba White of Lubbock; Jaetta Loftis of Lorenzo; twenty-five grandchildren; forty-five great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. This large, loving family was a wonderful legacy.

The following is an excerpt from Sarah Boling (grand-daughter):

Yesterday, as I was going through pictures, it occurred to me that Meema was so many things to so many people, but one thing we forget sometimes, is that she was our heart, soul, and glue... especially after Papa died. Because of her and Papa, we were very blessed, in that we got to spend a LOT of time together growing up! Through the years, even though families grew, and began their own traditions, there were still certain holidays that we knew that we look

forward to seeing each other at Meema's house, whether it be for Christmas Eve singing or hunting Easter eggs. We all enjoyed those traditions, but we also know that we did it because we loved her so much, and it made her incredibly happy to see everyone together. Family was very important to her, and no matter what we did, she loved us because we were hers.

One thing (other than being incredibly stubborn, that is) that she was known for, was the love she had for others, and not just for her own family (including several foreigners from other states). She even extended that love to a lot of kids that she took care of every day when she and Vandra had the daycare. She was a beautiful soul, and she will be terribly missed. I'm so grateful that I was able to know her and grow up with her in my life, and that I was blessed with such a HUGE family, and all the times and traditions we shared. Here's to all the lives she touched, whether they were related by blood, or not. In (wonderful, happy) memory of Mary Olene Studer Howe.

Surely she will hear the Lord say, "...*Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.*" (Matt. 25:21).

She was lovingly laid to rest Aug. 29, 2015.

Bulletin Board

Meetings

Oct. 16-18, 2015
July 17-24, 2016

Newcastle, TX
Delta, CO

Larry Wood & Jack Warford
Family Camp Meeting

Baptisms

2015	Kenya	19 baptisms
Aug. 28, 2015	Migori, Kenya	Phibi Achieng Ouko
Aug. 28, 2015	Migoru, Kenya	Samwel Ouko
Aug. 28, 2015	Migori, Kenya	Oketch Kevin Oodedo
July 13, 2015	Delta, CO	Ana Sage
July 29, 2015	Lorenzo, TX	Kyra Axtell

Passings

July 11, 2015	Hillsboro, OR	Gary Calhoun
Aug. 27, 2015	Shirati, Tanzania	Flora Adeck Kachege & child
Aug. 23, 2015	Lorenzo, TX	Mary Olene Howe

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Laban Ambogo's family	Matundu, Kenya	Malaria
Peter Boaz, Jr.	Tanzania	Severe Malaria, blood loss, UTI
Peter Boaz	Tanzania	Back problems
Rachel Boaz	Tanzania	Severe Malaria, blood loss
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
Gene McKinney	Gleed, WA	Diabetes & heart problems
Jeannean McSwane	Glenwood, WA	Severe infections, pain, blood clots, & falls
Otto & Mariella Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel
Jerry McCay	Lorenzo, TX	Eye treatments for Macular Degeneration
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 & 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
Iris Stewart	Yuma, AZ	Heart problems

And all those who are aging or in nursing homes.

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