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NEWS FROM ALASKA

Dear Readers,

It is a pleasure once again to be able to inform all of you about how the Lord has blessed us here in Alaska. After my ordination in March, Fellowship Church in Indianapolis extended an arm to the work here in Anchorage. On Sunday evening, May the fifth, I extended an invitation for membership in which Charlie and Kathy Martin told of their desires to become members of Fellowship through the extended arm, and told their experiences of passing from death unto life. The Lord blessed this time together by sending His Holy Spirit to be with us during the good service. A young fellow that lives behind the mission in a trailer court was present and showed a great concern in the service. When service had ended and I returned home, I received a phone call from the young man that attended the service and he expressed a desire to join the Church. I told Rex he would first have to be saved, and he told me he got saved two weeks ago during the morning service at the mission. He went on to tell me his experience of being born-again and how he wanted to become a member. Rex returned the next Wednesday night and I gave another opportunity for membership in which he told of his experience before all that was present.

During the first week of June, Regina Binion (my niece) visited us in Alaska and was able to be present with us on June the second when we baptized the three converts. That day was very special to all that were present and we especially thank the Lord for a wonderful day spent with him.

I am still very encouraged by the progress that is able to be seen in the new converts growing from week to week in the grace of the Lord. I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, and support toward this work, and I would like to ask that you would continue to remember this work in a special way.

Summer has finally arrived in Alaska and we are now receiving almost twenty hours of sun-light and normal temperatures around sixty degrees during the long days.

May God bless you in a special way and we are trusting in Him to provide the increase that is needed here.

Your Brother-in-Christ,
Terry A. Lyles

BENEFIT SINGING

A benefit singing is being held at Longview Missionary Baptist Church, Spencer and Elleta Sts., Gallatin, Tenn., Friday night, August 23, beginning at 7:30 P.M. for 8-year-old Brandy Harrison who has been seriously ill for some time and has several thousand dollars in medical bills. The Wilburn Family and Miller Family will be singing. For full details call Pastor Bob Pitts at (615) 374-2723. Donations may be sent to Mr. Raymond Hall, 1112 Earls St., Gallatin, TN 37066.

ARKANSAS LETTER

Plea for Help for a Preacher Brother

by Elder M. V. Hammack

Dear Brother Vanderpool and Readers of the Baptist Banner:

There is a preacher brother, Elder Rick Jones, whom we have become acquainted with a few months ago living in Paragould, AR. He organized an Old-Fashion Missionary Baptist Church there last September which is very small in number. I was recommended to him by Elder Terry Foster who is well known among many of our brethren, especially the Bethel Association. Brother Foster told him he thought I was around Batesville, AR. Brother Rick tried for nearly a year before he found me. He contacted Elder Jerry Reynolds and he gave him the information he needed to find me. Elder Rick Jones is from Kansas. Elder Terry preached the ordination sermon when Brother Jones was ordained.

After we talked on the phone my wife and I visited his home and

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ADDRESS LABEL

NEWS FROM JAPAN

We are sending you our Christian greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from Japan.

We hope you and your people well and enjoy His blessings from above. We certainly appreciate those churches and individuals that remember us in prayer and in sending us the donations taking a part in our missionary work for the Lord in this land. We thank those who wrote us. A few days ago we received a nice letter and a cassette tape on title "Blood Kin" from The Wilburn Family calling me fellow yoke bearer, which was heartily acceptable. We have been encouraged to do more faithfully for the Lord by your support to the day, for which we are thankful.

For the past over two weeks it has rained without ceasing night and day. Rain, rain, and more rain. The average yearly rainfall did pouring over those past ten days, and it caused a great damages in many places. However, we are thankful for His wonderful protection over His faithful children. We had little damage.

The attendance to our services for both adults and children has been low in number. In heavy raining people of this country hate to go out. In fact, they don't like rain and to get wet in any way. Could you tell

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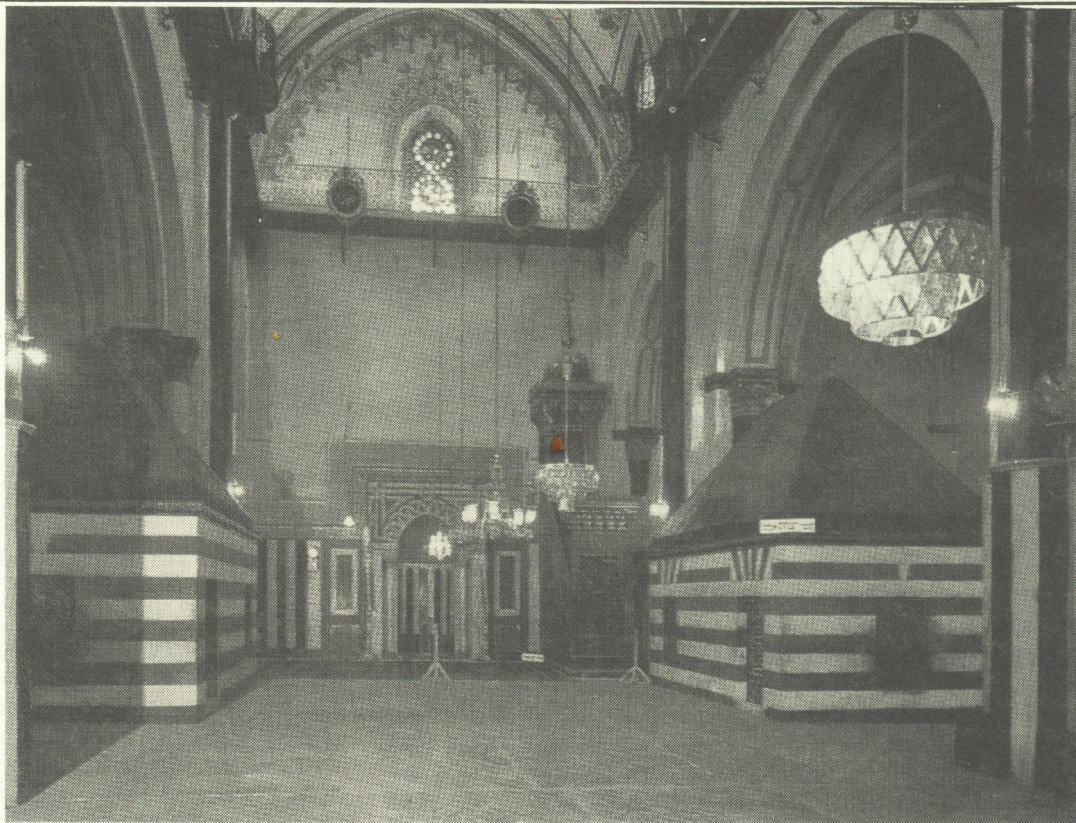
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The present structure of the mosque which stands over the cave of Machpela is mainly Crusader. In the mosque there are six tombs which are said to stand directly above the graves of the patriarchs and their wives buried in the cave. The Moslems never descend into the cave which is considered to be too sacred to walk in. The tombs of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are covered with green and gold cloths and those of Sara, Rebecca and Leah with crimson cloths.

HOMECOMING AND REVIVAL

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio, will be observing their 25th Anniversary on Sunday, August 18. Lunch will be served at 2:00 P.M. with special services at 4:00 P.M. Our revival will begin on August 19 at 7:30 P.M. Pastor Charles Stapleton is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth Stapleton. Everyone is invited.

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INDIANA LETTER

As a result of many prayers, mission work is now in progress in the Effingham, IL area. For this we are truly thankful. We ask that you continue to pray for this work, that the Gospel will be heard in this area. Anyone having friends or family living in this area wishing to attend may contact:

Carole Carter
 600 S. Maple Apt. 5
 Effingham, IL 62401
 (217) 347-7546

We would also like to mention, we are planning a weekend Revival for Aug. 2, 3, 4 or until the Lord should have it end. Remember this meeting in your prayers that God's will will be done.

Sincerely,
 Carole J. Carter

NEWS FROM JAPAN

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me any Japanese song that is happy with rain? I know hundreds of them that are sad and worried feeling composed in minor tune. When the rainy season gets over after three more weeks, we will have summer. Students will be out of school then. We hope our plans to reach people with the words of God will be blessed.

Some days ago a primary school boy had an auto accident and was carried to the hospital by the ambulance but he died without having surgery, because his parents, native Jehovah's Witness believers, refused the blood transfusion to their son. The parents and leaders of the organization presented the reason why they did when interviewed by the press conference. Will you look at Gen. 9:3-4 and Levi. 17:13-14? That are their authorities. But the problem is that heathen people of this land don't know they are cults and heresies and think they are like us. I have been questioned by many people on the matter. It seems people turn their back to us with the matter.

We are keeping on the work at any time, even though when we don't see any visible result. We do it with you, co-workers together.

Following is the report of donations we received for the second quarter of the year with so much thanks.

APRIL:

Calvary Baptist Church, Carthage, TN, 50.00 & 50.00; Plunkett's Creek Baptist Church, Carthage, TN, 466.03; Beckwith Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet, TN, 75.00; Elder Walter V. Deweese, Franklin, KY, 412.00; North Carthage Baptist Church, Carthage, TN, 139.58; South Carthage Baptist Church, Carthage, TN, 176.92; Faith Baptist Church, Nashville, TN, 94.39. TOTAL \$1,463.92.

MAY:

Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Smith County, TN, 98.36; Elder J. Henry Smith, Santa Paula, CA, 50.00; Plunkett's Creek Baptist Church, Carthage, TN, 519.81; Faith Baptist Church, Nashville, TN, 94.28; South Carthage Baptist Church, Carthage, TN, 134.15; Kokomo Baptist Church, Kokomo, IN, 257.92; North Carthage Baptist Church, Carthage, TN, 206.81; Fairview Memorial Baptist Church, Bowling Green, KY, 144.84; Calvary Baptist Church, Carthage, TN, 50.00. TOTAL \$1,556.17.

JUNE:

Plunkett's Creek Baptist Church, Carthage, TN, 440.81; Beckwith Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet, TN, 75.00; Faith Baptist Church, Nashville, TN, 84.00; Beech Grove Baptist Church, Tipton, IN, 25.00; Calvary Baptist Church, Carthage, TN, 50.00. TOTAL \$674.81.

To Koi Baptist Church:

APRIL:

Summer Shade Baptist Church, Summer Shade, KY, 45.00; McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, TN, 179.05; Lyons Baptist Church, Louisville, KY, 200.00. TOTAL \$424.05.

MAY:

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Nashville, TN, 60.00; McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, TN, 108.00; Summer Shade Baptist Church, Summer Shade, KY, 45.00. TOTAL \$213.00.

JUNE:

New Friendship Baptist Church, Russell Springs, KY, 500.00; McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, TN, 107.50. TOTAL \$607.50.

To Yamaguchi Church:

Summer Shade Baptist Church, Summer Shade, KY, 45.00 (April) and 45.00 (May). TOTAL \$90.00.

We will keep praying for you all. We would like for you to pray for us.

May God bless you.

Yours sincerely,
Koji Tajima

ARKANSAS LETTER

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spent the day, after which he and his family attended the revival at our Mission. We were convinced by the conversation that we had with him that day and a preacher brother that we have known for a long time helping in his ordination that he was a sound Missionary Baptist preacher and that the church he organized was sound. The name of the church is Old Paths.

Brother Rick and family attended the revival five nights. Paragould, AR is about a two hour drive from our Mission. We invited him to come and stay with us at our home and others who attend the mission invited him home with them for the night.

They have two boys that have got saved since he started the work in Paragould and they have a daughter who is still lost. Please pray for her that she will get saved soon. She was on the altar during the revival at our Mission. Brother Rick and family were so glad to find the Mission. He seemed like he was almost walking on air during our revival.

Brother Rick is in a financial situation. He is in his early thirties and about six years ago he was very badly injured. He worked for a termite spraying company. While drilling, the clutch on the drill malfunctioned and threw him on his back on concrete. He has had a number of operations. He has been disabled to work ever since. His doctor said that he would never be able to work again. His doctor has ordered him not to lift over 25 pounds. His doctor also said that the condition of his injuries that nobody would hire him because he would be such a risk.

The state that he was injured in requires that after 5 years that the injured must make a settlement with the company. Up until that time he was drawing over seven hundred dollars a month on disability. He had to sue to get a settlement. He sued for a hundred thousand dollars which would have been very little for a man that young to be disabled to work for the rest of his life. But that state had something to say about how much he got so he only got forty-five thousand dollars and his lawyer got sixteen thousand of that. The lawyer told him that a settlement in a lump sum would not affect him drawing disability but they told him different when he went to sign up for it.

He bought a home with what he had left after paying the lawyer. He only had enough to pay half of what his home cost and the payments on the other half are \$125.00 a month. They figured that since he settled for forty-five thousand dollars that he could only draw \$219.00 a month until the year 1990. At that time he will go back to drawing over \$700.00 a month. Because of the settlement he will not be able to get any help from any social programs or any state help.

His wife got layed off from her job during our revival. She had worked for the government for six months. Brother Jones said that because of something that the president got passed that they would not count but three months of the six that she worked and that she could not draw unemployment.

So you can see that they really need help. There are five in the family and after paying their house payment that leaves them \$94.00 a month to live on. So please, churches and individuals, help him all you can. He is sound and worthy of your support. His home church is the only church that is sending him any support and I understand that they are only paying the rent on the building that they are worshipping in. Only two individuals I believe he said from back home had sent him any donations and Elder Terry Foster was one of them. If churches and individuals choose not to help him, I don't know what he will do.

Our revival at Bethel Mission closed June 11th. We enjoyed a great revival. God truly blessed his people and there were two precious souls saved and one told about getting saved before the revival started. It truly was a revival where God's people were made to shout the praises of God.

Elder Rick Jones' address is Rt. 1 Box 238, Paragould, AR 72450.

Your Brother in Christ,
Elder M. V. Hammack
Rt. 1 Box 265
Bald Knob, AR 72010
501-724-5871

SMITH COUNTY COURTHOUSE SINGING

Last year's tremendous response to the "Wilburn Family Appreciation Day" gospel singing at the Smith County Courthouse has prompted us to have a Smith County Courthouse Singing again this year.

The Singing will be Sunday, August 25, beginning at 3 pm on the courthouse lawn in Carthage, TN. The Wilburn Family and other area singers will be featured. Refreshments will be available, and some seating provided, but bring a lawn chair to assure a good seat. The singing will be moved in the courthouse in case of rain.

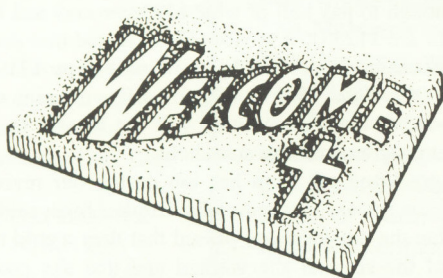
We would like to ask all to help us pray that the singing will be a blessing to those who attend, and will be uplifting to the Lord's cause. Come enjoy the day with us.

Yours in the Lord's service.

Singing promoters,
Stan Blades
James Kent
Dewey W. Lankford
Barry Witcher

- Take time to live – it is the secret of success.
- Take time to think – it is the source of power.
- Take time to play – it is the secret of youth.
- Take time to read – it is the foundation of knowledge.
- Take time for friendship – it is the source of happiness.
- Take time to laugh – it helps lift life's load.
- Take time to dream – it hitches the soul to the stars.
- Take time for God – it is life's only lasting investment.

Rotary Rambler, Norton, Kansas



REVIVALS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1080 Old Dickerson Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool is to be assisted by Elder Neal Forshee. Services daily at 7:15 P.M.

Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 921 East 10th St., Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor Jimmy Hogue is to be assisted by Elder Doug Curtis. Services daily at 7:00 P.M.

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 5208 Nolensville Rd., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor D. W. Story is to be assisted by Elder Steven Brooks. Services daily at 7:30 P.M.

Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, College St., Lafayette, Tenn. Pastor Benny Maggart is to be assisted by Elder Kent Parsons of California. Services each night at 7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY - AUGUST 11

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Long Hollow Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Pastor Bobby Sutton is to be assisted by Elder Charles Patterson. Services daily at 7:30 P.M.

FINANCIAL HELP ACCEPTABLE

Greetings to our sister churches and may the Lord richly bless you in your efforts for Him. As you may or may not know the church in Adams, Tennessee (Williams Chapel Missionary Baptist Church) has recently called me to her pastorate. The church was started as a mission point out of Greenfield Missionary Baptist Church in the fall of 1978 by the efforts of Bro. Charles Watts. The Lord richly blessed the mission supplying its needs both spiritually and naturally. In the spring of 1982 the mission purchased a one-and-a-half acre lot, located in Northern Adams, to eventually build a permanent place of worship instead of the old store building where the mission was started.

On April 29, 1984, following the leadership of the Spirit, the Adams mission was organized into a church. We there at the church feel a strong need to proceed now with the building to have that permanent place to meet and to worship God in the Adams community. Due to several factors, a loan to construct the building with has been hard to obtain and we would be very grateful to any of our sister churches for their financial support of this effort and especially grateful for the support of their prayers. The Lord has greatly blessed us in times past and we are confident He can and will do so in the future. Pray for us and we here will try to pray for you. May God bless you all is our prayer.

Sincerely and Prayerfully Yours,
Williams Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
Elder Frank Kirby, Pastor
P.O. Box 42
Cedar Hill, Tennessee 37032

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*A man may give without loving,
but he cannot love without giving.*

New Bethel Baptist Church To Celebrate 191 Years

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1080 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. will be celebrating 191 years of history on Sunday, August 4, 1985. The church was organized in 1794.

In recent years the church has added extra rooms for Sunday school, library, office, baptistery and fellowship hall. At the present time extensive work is under way on church grounds and the church building. All contractors have promised to have work completed before the anniversary celebration August 4.

On the celebration date, Sunday School will be at 10:00 A.M. At 11:00 A.M. Elder H. C. Vanderpool, the pastor, will be preaching.

Lunch will be served at the noon hour and ample time for fellowship and those coming from other services to come and eat with us.

There will be plenty of good old congregational singing, special songs, etc. Singers, song directors, members, former members and the public at large are invited to come and be with us on this great day for the Lord and his people.

Revival begins that night. See revival announcements.

Radio Broadcast

Elder Brad Adams has a radio broadcast each week. The programs can be heard over WNAH 1360 AM, Nashville, Tenn. The broadcast is each Saturday at 8:45 A.M. You are invited to listen.