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Directory of Churches

Church of God (7th Day)
11641 Cedar Ave.
Bloomington, California
Elder Jacob Miller, Pastor

Church of God (7th Day)
Presbyterian Church (temporary)
McClay and 4th Street
San Fernando, California
Elder Trinidad Padilla, Pastor
Pastor's phone: 361-3934

Church of God (7th Day) Spanish
Templo El Eden
706 South Euclid Street
Los Angeles, California
Elder Trinidad Padilla, Pastor

Church of God (7th Day)
1st and Clay
Fresno, California
Elder E. A. Straub, Pastor
Pastor's phone: (in Lodi) EN 8-0565

Church of God (7th Day)
245 E. Vine
Lodi, California
Elder Fred Walter, Pastor
Pastor's phone: 369-5121

Church of God (7th Day)
517 North Windor
Stockton, California
Elder Fred Walter, Pastor

Church of God (7th Day)
2623 Altos Ave.
Sacramento, California
Elder Ray L. Straub, Pastor
Phones: Home 922-2519
Church 925-6811

Church of God (7th Day) Spanish
5940-71st Street
Sacramento, California
Elder Augustine Adame, Pastor
Phone: Ga 1-2679

Church of God (7th Day)
Taylor Road
Elmira, Oregon
Elder John Moldenhauer, Pastor

Church of God (7th Day)
840 Diamond Hill Road
Harrisburg, Oregon
Elder Max M. Morrow, Pastor
Pastor's phone: 995-8003

Church of God (7th Day)
Two miles out of Marion on Stayton Road
Marion, Oregon
P. O. Box 248
Elder Israel Haeger, Pastor
Pastor's phone: 769-2037
Church phone: 769-5636

Church of God (7th Day)
6021 S. E. 87th Ave.
Portland, Oregon 97266
Elder Nathan Straub, Pastor
Pastor's phone: 774-2001

Church of God (7th Day)
1604 So. "J" Street
Tacoma, Washington
Elder Wesley Walker, Pastor
Pastor's phone: MA 7-1603

Church of God (7th Day)
on Midland Blvd. one half mile south of
Hwy 30 just out of Nampa
Nampa, Idaho
Elder Ray Benight, Pastor
Pastor's phone: 466-3358

This directory is not complete. As soon as complete information about the other churches is received they will be included.

PROGRESS is a quarterly report of activities of the West Coast District No. 1, of the General Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day) with executive offices at 1510 Cook Street, Denver, Colorado. Members of the District Board are: Elder E. A. Straub, Chairman, Ben Coulson, Philip Jarwin, Henry Baker, Alfred Schmidt, California; Elder Rudolph Haffner, Billy Towery, Oregon; Elder Carl Bentz, Idaho; A. C. Tontz, Washington. Shirley Straub, Editor.

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What Is That in Thy Hand?

"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear" (Isaiah 58:1). Our hands are a wonderful and useful gift from God and His are always stretched forth to us.

Remember when Jesus was in the garden lifting His hands to the Father in prayer? They were hands of service. They healed many who were blind and made the lame to walk. Everywhere He went He used His hands to bless and comfort people.

Have you ever noticed advertisements in magazines of what they call beautiful hands? Perhaps they are advertising some product, or a ring or bracelet, fingernail polish or some other product. The hands you see are smooth, clean and white, most pleasing to the eye. However, as we look at these hands we know they are not hands of service. Their owner has refrained from doing ordinary work in order to keep them lovely for the photographer's picture. Even though they are beautiful to look at, they have not served others. True beauty comes from serving and doing the will of the Lord.

Thousands of years ago while Moses was out herding sheep the Lord appeared to him in a burning bush and asked him to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt. Moses was afraid and offered many excuses why he should not do the thing which the Lord asked of him. Finally, he said, "They will not listen to me. They will not believe the Lord has spoken

to me." And the Lord said unto him, "What is that in thy hand?" Moses answered, "A rod." It was only a rod, but God turned it into a serpent and then back into a rod to show Moses that no matter what he had in his hand God could use it in His service.

There was once a boy who had only two loaves and five fishes in his hand, a lunch which his mother had fixed for him to eat at noon while he listened to the Master teach. He knew not that what he had in his hands was going to be the making of a miracle. But, when he heard there was no food to give the multitude of people who were there, he offered his small lunch to Jesus. Remember what happened? There were twelve baskets of food left after all those people had been fed!

David, the young shepherd boy, had only a small slingshot in his hand when he went bravely to meet Goliath. He knew God was with him, and he did not have to be afraid of this huge man who came toward him. David used what he had in his hand and the giant fell.

This past month the District Board passed a resolution to pay tuition to Midwest Bible College for Nathan and Kenneth Lawson. The District paid their tuition last year, but due to shortage of funds it has been unable to do so this year. These two young men and their families have left their homes in Oregon to pre-

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SPECIAL FEATURE

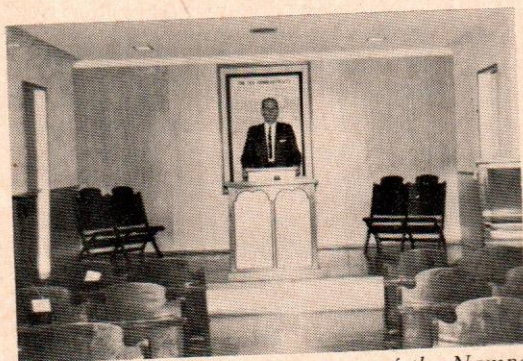
Introducing . . .

The Nampa Church

BY ELDER RAY BENIGHT

HISTORY OF THE NAMPA CHURCH

The present Nampa church group dates its beginning in the early part of 1950, at which time there were about 24 in attendance. However,



This photo shows the rostrum of the Nampa church chapel, with the pastor, Elder Ray E. Benight, in his position behind the pulpit.

many of these had been associated with the Church of God (7th Day) for many years.

The group came into being under the leadership of Elder Reuben Moldenhauer, and services first began to be held in the Labor Temple at 2nd St. and 11th Ave N. This building was destined to serve as their church until February, 1961, although at

first it was thought it would only be used for a few years.

Soon after beginning to meet here, there was talk of having a church of their own, and a building fund was established. It was not until September 26, 1953, that any definite action was taken toward the realization of their goal. At this time Elder Roy Davison and Brothers Fleet Cory and Ray Sheffield were appointed as a committee to look for lots for a building site.

Various locations were considered, but one after the other was either unacceptable by the majority or could not be secured. Then on July 31, 1957, with \$659.32 in the building fund, a special meeting of the church was held at the home of Elder and Sister Moldenhauer to

take definite action relative to building a church. An offer by Fleet and Ruby Cory to donate a piece of land on Midland Blvd., on which to build a church, was accepted, and a board of trustees consisting of Elders Carl Bentz and Edward Miller and Brothers Cory, Wayne Sheffield, and Carl Williams was appointed.

The brethren began planning im-

mediately to build. Plans were drawn for a 30-by-50 foot building with full basement (divided into a large room, two rest rooms, a kitchen, and a furnace room) and a main floor partitioned off into a vestibule, a 30-by-40-foot sanctuary, an 8 foot 3 inch x 16 foot rostrum, two small rooms off the rostrum, and a class room.

Construction was slow, for inasmuch as finances were limited, the work of construction was restricted to labor that could be donated—with the exception of some plumbing, wiring, brick laying, and plastering. Much sacrificing of both time and money was done in the construction of this modest, yet attractive, brick building.

During 1958 the project suffered a setback when wind flattened all four walls of studding. This was very discouraging, but with renewed zeal and determination the damage was repaired, and progress was continued.

Credit for securing the first lumber for the building goes to Julius Miller, who was then a member of the church. He was in the logging business and contributed logs which he had hauled to a mill at Crouch, Idaho, where they were cut into rough lumber. It was then hauled some 60 miles to Boise to be planed, and from there transferred about 20 miles to the building site.

Special credit is also due the young people of the church who contributed \$150.00 of the \$212.00 cost of the lighting fixtures for the main floor from money they had received through special projects and offerings.

The ladies' "Helping Hand Group" of the church is also to be specially recognized, for they have contributed

some \$1,420.00 toward the cost of the building. Specific amounts given are listed in the report of the "Helping Hand Group" which follows in this special-feature section.

The basement was finished first, except for the plumbing in the rest rooms and built-ins; plumbing, and some other work in the kitchen, and as soon as it was usable, regular services were discontinued in the hall. This was during the first of February 1961, about 11 years from the time the church was first organized.

Progress toward completion of the building moved along slowly at times, for funds and man power were often lacking. However, the vision of having a fully-constructed new church home remained bright, and with much perseverance and determination the vision gradually materialized. Finally the sanctuary (finished with white ceiling tile and plaster and scored light oak-finished paneling and natural-finished oak flooring) was ready for use.

On October 27, 1962, Elder Nathan Straub (now pastor of the Portland church who was visiting in Nampa at the time from Spokane, Washington, where he was then pastoring) had the privilege of conducting the first service in the new sanctuary.

Although a well and water system was not provided (so as to make the rest rooms usable) until the first part of 1965, the building served well as a place for worship and was greatly appreciated.

At the writing of this report, the building is completed except for built-ins and some plumbing and wiring in the kitchen and a few other minor details. When completely fin-



Elder Ray and Sister Ella Benight at home with their two sons, Ross, age 10 and Terry, age 8.

mage sale which was sponsored jointly with the church groups in Caldwell and Meridian.

THE YEAR 1965: We are still doing much the same as in the past. Somehow, the meetings have been changed from Wednesdays to Tuesdays. This year we gave \$400.00 toward improving the church grounds, including the installing of a sprinkler system, shrubbery, sidewalks, and gravel for the parking areas.

Our present membership is 15, with the following serving as our present officers: Cora Stewart, president; Marian Miller, vice-president; Ruby Cory, treasurer; Esther Dowers, secretary; and Oline Sheffield, assistant secretary.

ACTIVITIES OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE

The local young people's organization is having some difficulty at present finding time for regular meetings due to evening work schedules of some of the members. They have been very active, though, and have given substantial help to the church and its building program. Every third Sabbath they sponsor a program which is presented following the worship-hour service.

ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH

Sabbath school and worship service are conducted every Sabbath morning, and prayer meeting and Bible study is scheduled for every Wednesday night at 8:00. A church bulletin is prepared each week by the pastor. The first Sabbath of each month we cooperate with the church groups in Boise, Meridian, and Caldwell in Valley Rally meetings. These consist of a potluck lunch (shared by all after each group has had their own morning services) and a program afterward sponsored alternately by each of the four churches. However, talent from all the groups is called on for each program. Fine fellowship is enjoyed, and a very gratifying spirit of brotherliness has developed.

The church has started a literature-mailing-out campaign. Some 1000 pieces are mailed out about once a month.

The church board meets on an average of once a month, and an annual meeting of the church is held in December.

The church participates in all the nationally-sponsored departmental promotions for funds and other needs.

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and by her smile-accented cheerfulness. She lives in the hearts of all of us.

She is a highly esteemed and revered sister who, although she was crippled by infantile paralysis when

four years old and has been involved in serious car and other accidents and has had her share of sickness, has lived to be one of the oldest (if not the oldest) living Church of God member. She still is able to attend church and "Helping Hand Group" meetings quite regularly, and is still mentally alert and enjoys studying and discussing the Word of God.

Sister Davison was not only the first president of the "Helping Hand Group," but was also the first president of the National Women's Association, which was organized in 1939 at a camp meeting held in Stanberry, Missouri.

She was baptized by Elder Henry T. Whitehall in about 1900 in Scranton, Iowa, and became a member of the church at that time, and has been a subscriber of the Bible Advocate since that time.

She has made her home in Idaho since 1928, and now shares her home with Sister Grace Carlock who assists her with the care of the house. We pray the Lord's richest blessing upon this faithful daughter of the King as He spares her to continue in our midst.



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LOCAL REPORTS

BLOOMINGTON, CALIFORNIA

ELDER JACOB MILLER

It is again time to send in my report from the Church of God in Bloomington, California.

God is blessing the work in this area, but there are also many trials and tests for us to bear. Even in times of trials there are blessings from the Lord. We can say with the apostle Paul, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (II Corinthians 4:17).

Since our last report we have had one Sister who has united with the Church. She is Elva Shaw. Sister Shaw has moved to Tacoma, Washington, since becoming a member and will be attending the Tacoma Church where Elder Wesley Walker is pastor. We at the Bloomington church will greatly miss her. We know she will be a blessing to the work in Tacoma, for she has a great desire to work for God.

We thank God for His healing power which He bestows on His children. Some in the Bloomington church can testify of this power, and we thank God for His goodness. One man came to the church recently and prayer was made for him. God stretched forth His hand to heal. This man and his wife had not been attending church for many years, but now they are coming every week and showing great interest in the church and God's

Word. Please pray for them that they will continue to live for God and seek His will.

SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA

ELDER TRINIDAD PADILLA

Here we are in the month of December, the last month of the Roman Calendar, and, of course, the end of the year. Now we can look back to the beginning of 1965 and examine our work for the Lord to see how much we have done for the lost souls of this world. Some of us might be ashamed of our work and others might be happy that we have done our part. I am always aware of the words of Jesus as found in Matthew 24:45-47. "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his Lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods."

In this area the work of God is moving and progressing very nicely. We are thankful for what our heavenly Father has done for us. Our local church here in San Fernando is growing tremendously! Our attendance has gone over 85 and many more are still coming. We have found many families in this area who did not know of the Church of God. It is amazing how this Church is growing in spite of my being away so much preaching re-

vival meetings in other states. Our local group includes both English and Spanish people. We have a Spanish Sabbath school every Sabbath.

Also, we have organized a Spanish church in Los Angeles. Due to the many Spanish brethren we have in the Los Angeles area, it was necessary to begin a Spanish church. We organized this church about two months ago and our attendance is about 40 each Sabbath. For those who are interested in the Spanish church, I am including the place where we meet and the address so you can tell others to attend our meetings. We meet at: TEMPLO EL EDEN, 706 South Euclid St., Los Angeles, California. This street is located east of the Santa Ana Freeway. We organized this church with its regular officers being as follows: Pastor, Elder Trinidad Padilla; Master of Ceremonies, Tino Marquez; Secretary-Treasurer, Inez Adams; Assistant Sabbath school teacher, Trinidad Garcia. Please remember this work in your prayers that it will continue to grow.

The radio work is progressing rapidly! We are now receiving many letters and inquiries are being made concerning the Church of God. I have sent some of our ministers very good contacts. Some have even expressed their desire to come into the Church. This is very encouraging and makes us feel like we are accomplishing something worth while.

I believe much more could be accomplished if we had more radio programs. We now have the best equipment to record good programs and also some very inspiring booklets to offer.

Recently I wrote a letter to all the ministers of our district asking them to take up a special offering each month for the radio work. I am including this letter so you may read it and will want to support this work which is bringing many souls to Christ and adding to His church.

We are hoping to start a radio program here in this great Los Angeles area. With a few more dollars this should be possible. Please help us to preach the gospel over the air and pray that these radio messages will bring comfort and salvation to many lost souls.

I am including some pictures of myself making the radio programs and also of the equipment. Recently we bought a new RCA microphone which cost us over \$200.00, and a new mixer which also cost us over \$200.00. This makes it possible to record with the best quality possible and the programs sound as if I were personally in the radio station. We also have two Ampex tape recorders, and a Roberts. These are all Broadcasting Tape Recorders of the highest quality. All we need is more radio stations for our programs.

When you come to Southern California, make sure you stop for our services and come by our home. We invite everyone to visit us whenever possible. Be much in prayer for us and our work in this large area.

San Fernando Church News

Since our report in the last Progress, we have enjoyed the fellowship of many visitors here in San Fernando.

Among those honoring us with their presence were: Elder Padilla's

parents from Bloomington, Elder and Sister Christ Kiesz, and Brother and Sister Sam Kiesz of South Dakota, Brother Dais from Lodi, California, Elder and Sister Ray Straub of Sacramento, the Forkel family from South Dakota, Brother and Sister Whitford of Michigan, Brother and Sister Matt and daughter of Riverside, and the Ben Coulsons of Riverside.

We were privileged to hear two inspiring sermons from Brother Coulson in December, while Elder Paddilla was in Mexico City attending the Ministerial Council there.

Last month the young people of the church sponsored a hamburger-fry at the William S. Hart Park in Saugus. About 65 were present to play games, climb the hill to the castle for an interesting tour of the William S. Hart home, and then to partake of the open-air-grilled burgers, etc. Our youngsters say "thanks" to the large busload from Pomona.

Sister Howard is back in church after being ill for some time. We all thank God for her return to health.

The Light-Bearers meet the first Saturday evening of the month. On December 6, while we met at the home of Sister Louise Baker, the young people, chaperoned by Brothers Hauser and McLemore, enjoyed ice skating at Topanga Plaza.

At present the women are selling candy, and planning another rummage sale. Our friendship basket has been traveling, and has brought us \$25.00 in the few weeks it has been moving from one family to another.

A collection was taken for the Bettancourt family, amounting to

\$31.00. We want to praise the Lord for His healing power. Brother Bettancourt went to surgery several weeks ago. Some discs in his back which were crushed were removed and replaced with bone from his leg. He is now back home and able to walk. While the doctors marvel at his quick recovery, we know nothing is impossible with God. Join us in praying for this Brother, that he may be completely restored to health.

Sister Louise Baker hosted a bridal shower for Sherry Crawford on December 11 at her home in Mission Hills.

Quite a number of our congregation attended the lovely ceremony uniting Sherry Crawford, daughter of Naomi Crawford with Danny Sweeney in holy matrimony on December 19, at the 7th Day Baptist Church in Highland Park. We wish the newlyweds much happiness in the Lord.

December 18 we surprised the Paddillas with a grocery shower, and many shelves in their cupboard received fresh supplies.

Also on December 18 we all went to the Harold Christensons after church and enjoyed a turkey dinner in honor of Harold's mother who celebrated her 86th birthday, on the 22nd. Sister Melba St. Clair shared the birthday honors and the same birth date.

LODI, CALIFORNIA

ELDER FRED WALTER

With the end of 1965 upon us, we find ourselves reminiscing over the events of the past year. With the ushering in of October came many

events to Lodi and Stockton that inspired and encouraged us.

The first week-end of the quarter found us at Fresno and Visalia. Brother Darrell Dais and this writer enjoyed the blessings of worshiping with the brethren "down that way." That evening there was a Youth Rally at Stockton.

This writer had the privilege of hosting a "Hymntime" program on a local radio station (KCVR) for a week. The Searchlight Bible Course was advertised through this medium. As a result four persons have been enrolled in the Correspondence School.

Then came young people's meetings, business meetings, literature distribution and a weiner roast at the Ogren farm.

In November we all traveled to Sacramento for an inspiring Youth Rally. We also enjoyed the presence of Elder Ross Johnston and his family in services at Stockton. He spoke to the church about the many phases of Christ's ministry to man. To be conservative, it was inspiring!

Also in November came a new arrival to the Ogren family in Stockton. Little Suzy joined the Kenneth Ogren family, via the County Hospital, healthy and happy.

The last of November the pastor and his family traveled to Oregon to enjoy Thanksgiving week-end with Sister Walter's family. That week-end Brother Philip Jarwin was guest speaker at Lodi and Stockton.

In December the Lodi Church enjoyed the presence of several visitors from South Dakota. Elder Christ Kiesz spoke at Lodi on December 4 while the pastor spoke at Sacramen-

to. The Stockton Church enjoyed the services of Brother M. L. Richardson that day. Brother Richardson recently joined the Church after being with another seventh-day denomination for forty-two years. He has worked zealously for the Church since joining, passing out over a thousand tracts.

On December 11 the Junior F.Y.C. took an active part in a special children's program at Sacramento. On the following Sabbath evening a well-planned, inspirational young people's program was presented in the Stockton Church.

On December 21 a tour of General Mills in Lodi was conducted for all the grade schoolers from Lodi, Stockton and Sacramento. It was planned by the Sacramento F.Y.C.-ettes.

On December 26 a day of skiing, tobogganing and sledding was enjoyed by several from Stockton and Lodi. The pastor that day had the privilege of performing a marriage ceremony in Pleasant Hill, joining in Matrimony Jose Olagues and Beverly Farley.

It has been a very busy three months and the blessings have been manifold. May 1966 be a blessed year for you. Make it a year for God and His Church!

Lodi, California Church News

We have been blessed with visitors this past quarter. They came from different states.

Brother and Sister Elden Crowson from Junction City, Oregon spent a week with her parents during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Janie Severson spent a few days

with her parents during Thanksgiving. She attends college in Fresno.

Sister Pauline Schlenker from North Dakota spent some time in Lodi visiting with her daughter and family, the Elmer Daises. Visitors from South Dakota included the Rudolph Hoegers, the John C. Daises, Elder and Sister Christ Kiesz and the Sam Kieszes.

A potluck dinner in the church basement was sponsored by the local women. Besides out-of-state visitors we had relatives and friends present from the Sacramento area. After eating and visiting for a few hours everyone assembled in the church for the Youth Rally.

On December 5, the young people with the help of the sisters sponsored a "Round the World" dinner in the church basement. Dishes of food were made to represent different countries.

Elder and Sister Alfred Walter and family spent Thanksgiving week in Oregon with Sister Walter's family, the George Turcotts.

The Willing Workers have not been able to get their projects under way due to so many interruptions. One planned project is the Dinner Exchange. Each lady prepares a dinner for the name drawn and they in turn pay \$1.50 per adult and \$.85 for children into the treasury. It sounds like fun. We are all anxious to get started. A quilt is in the making which is to be presented as a gift when appropriate.

SACRAMENTO CHURCH NEWS

During the past quarter the ladies' association of the Sacramento Church has given to several different worthy

causes. They are: \$104.00 for a new rug in the nursery, \$10.00 to Spring Vale Academy each month to help with a student's tuition, \$100.00 to the district radio program, The Searchlight Bible Broadcast, \$60.00 to Midwest to apply on new maps which were needed for the school, \$25.00 for the children's hamburger fry which will be in January, and \$362.00 for a new piano to be used in the sanctuary at Sacramento.

Some of the fund-raising projects sponsored by the Women's Association: bake sale in November which brought in \$140.00, and a rummage sale in December amounting to \$150. They are also selling spices.

The new officers for the coming year are: Roberta Schueler, president; Luella Brenneise, vice-president; Sandy Haeger, secretary; and Dora Davis, treasurer.

Since the pastor has been gone several Sabbaths this past quarter, there have been guest speakers filling in. They have been Brothers Gene Price and Phil Jarwin and Elders Christ Kiesz from South Dakota and E. A. Straub from Lodi, California. Elder Wesley Walker spoke to us on the night of December 29 during our Prayer meeting and Bible study.

The FYCettes have been very busy lately under the direction of Brother Harvey Fischer. During the months of November and December they worked on a project for a special program which they presented to the church on December 11. With the help of Brothers Harvey Fischer and Phil Jarwin they constructed a large lighthouse out of papier-mache and painted it. They put a revolving light in the top. On the night of December 5 the children enjoyed a costume

party, played games, and finished working on the lighthouse. Refreshments were served at the end of the evening.

The program which they presented on December 11 was entitled "Every Home a Light House." There were poems, talks, and Junior choir numbers. Sisters Barbara Kauer and Darlene Kiesz were in charge of the choir and worked every other Wednesday night to help the children learn their numbers. The FYCettes presented these two sisters with a corsage before the program to show their appreciation. At the close of the program they called Elder Ray Straub up front and presented a huge card to him for his birthday which they had made out of parchment paper and each child had signed his or her name to the card.

On December 21, the FYCettes were taken on a field trip. They left the church at 8:30 and went first to the Granny Goose Potato Chip factory where Mrs. Feldon, a sister who has been attending the Sacramento church, took the group on a tour through the factory. The children enjoyed seeing how the potato chips are made and received samples that were still warm from the oven. At the end of the tour everyone was given a bag of Granny Goose Potato Chips. From Granny Goose they went to Lodi to tour the General Mills plant. When they arrived at Lodi they went to the Lodi Church and had their sack lunch in the basement. Some of the children from Lodi and Stockton also went on this tour through General Mills. The children enjoyed the outing but were tired when they arrived back home in Sacramento. We want

to thank all who took the effort to make possible this tour.

The young people have been selling chocolate candy bars lately to help raise funds. Recently they decided to give \$350.00 of their funds to help pay for the new piano which is now being used in the sanctuary.

SPANISH SACRAMENTO CHURCH

ELDER AUGUSTINE ADAME

"Paz a Vosotros."

Greetings, Brethren, in the name of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It has been a few months since I reported for "Progress" and a lot of things have happened since then.

Here we are at the end of another year. We can look back and see what we have contributed toward the work of the Lord. We can visualize where we failed to meet God's will, but we can also try to correct our failures. Like the year starts anew, we can renew our Christian living.

When I was at the Ministerial Council in Mexico City, I saw the people serve God and attend the daily services with great enthusiasm. These services started at 7:30 p.m. and the church was full to overflowing each night by 6:30 p.m. There were good sermons and singing at all the meetings, and we were richly blessed by being there. We thank God for the safe return home. Brother Samuel Sanchez, from Sacramento, attended these services with me.

Our new church in Sacramento is not quite finished but will be shortly. We are working on the tile floor at present. By the next report, the Lord willing, we will have it completed.

Since the last time I reported we

ELMIRA, OREGON

ELDER JOHN MOLDENHAUER

have had visitors here from other Churches of God. Brother and Sister Haeger were here to visit our church. This was his first visit since he was transferred to Oregon. I do not blame them because I used to bother Brother Haeger every day when he lived here. Anyway, I knew he was around, and that he would only visit the "house of Israel," so I told him to come to visit the Gentiles, also, which he did. We also had Brother Daniel Camero and Sister Anita Davis. Brother Camero sang a very nice and inspiring hymn. We were happy to have them with us. Brother Inez Adame was here to visit from Los Angeles.

We have some on vacation, including Brother and Sister Cervantes who are in Mexico City visiting relatives they have not seen in seven years. They will be there one month or so. Sister Julia Armendariz is in Juarez, Mexico, and her stay will last about three weeks to a month. We miss them and we pray that their stay will be pleasant. May God give them safety as they travel.

The baby department is always growing here in Sacramento. My wife and I have a new baby girl, and we are very happy with her. Brother and Sister Jose Garcia from Roseville are twice as happy, however, as they were blessed with twin girls.

I have been studying with members of the Adventist Church and they have noticed through our studies a difference in the Church of God. Pray for these brethren, for they are sincere and are looking for more truth.

Please pray for us here. We need your prayers.

I am happy to report that we appreciate our new pastorate here in the West Coast District. The weather is quite different from the Middle-east, but that is a small thing to become adjusted to these days. We all can be particularly happy that the Heavenly Father's presence is wherever God's people are located. Each publication of the Progress Report brings us closer to the coming of the Lord.

This past quarter proved to be a busy one for me as this is my first pastorate. Many things come one's way in the ministry, and one has to be ready to give a satisfactory answer to all who ask. In some cases, I had to depend on the guiding hand from on high to help me and others in making the right decisions.

Our attendance is encouraging at the present time. The highest number on the register for this quarter was 64 with 7 of the regular members absent due to sickness. We are hoping and praying that there will be new interest created in this locality so that new ones will be added to the fold.

We had an elderly couple coming to the services here for about two months. This family moved in from Idaho and came in contact with us through our picture which appeared in our weekly newspaper here. After a few visits with the couple, they decided to come and fellowship with us. Due to ill health they have now made their home in Pearce, Arizona. Brother and Sister Fred Denham would appreciate any of the Church



Ground breaking ceremony in Elmira. Elder Rudolph Haffner, State Conference Chairman, Brother Marion Strunk, a local elder, and Elder John Moldenhauer, pastor of the Elmira, Oregon church.

of God people to make their acquaintance and visit them in Arizona. They feel that they have found the True Church and are willing to learn, and obey the Holy Word. I would like for some of the brethren who are in that area to go and see them, if possible.

On November 24 at 8:00 a.m., I was privileged to conduct the devotional hour at the Goodwill warehouse in Eugene. This devotional is conducted by different ministers in the Eugene area. The group consists of about 40 employees. I was happy to be able to witness in this way.

Our State Youth Rally this month was held at the Elmira church on the evening of December 4. It was an interesting and a very well prepared and presented program. It was well attended by our own church as well as the churches from Marion

and Harrisburg. Elmira won the plaque for this month.

For the past year or more the brethren here felt the need for new classrooms. In their planning for such facilities they came up with the thought of building a fellowship hall which will give them classrooms, rostrum and seating area, kitchen facilities and rest rooms. After the decision was made to go ahead and draw up the plans, it took much effort on my part to find an architect we were able to afford. We are happy to report that after 2 months or more, the plans have finally been drawn and have been approved by the various State and County departments. After receiving the building permit we decided to have a ground-breaking ceremony, which was held on December 12, at 2:00 p.m. Most of the members gathered for the event with enthusiasm in their hearts. The building

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The Elmira Church board gathered for the ground breaking ceremony. Left to right: Vernon Williams, Don Larson, Bill Wallen, Don Lawson, Marion Strunk and Elder John Moldenhauer.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER

I N C O M E

SEPTEMBER 30, 1965 BANK BALANCE

| Church | Tithe | United Fund | Foreign Missions | Free Tract | Chr. Edu. | Radio |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bloomington* | \$ 2,306.25 | \$ 171.52 | | | \$ 25.00 | \$144.01 |
| Pomona | 708.60 | 2.00 | | | | |
| San Fernando | 1,560.55 | 49.61 | | \$ 20.41 | 19.44 | |
| Fresno* | 861.93 | 34.65 | | | | |
| Stockton | 875.81 | 51.22 | | 23.12 | 7.41 | |
| Lodi* | 1,887.30 | 359.79 | | 20.03 | 86.81 | 3.00 |
| San Jose (Spanish) | 49.35 | | | | | |
| Sacramento | 2,851.79 | 378.48 | | 27.43 | | 100.00 |
| Elmira | 1,173.91 | 74.55 | | 8.67 | 27.78 | |
| Harrisburg | 2,197.53 | 239.40 | | 38.27 | | |
| Marion | 2,013.11 | 137.38 | \$15.56 | 18.67 | | |
| Portland* | 687.42 | 22.62 | 2.63 | 13.93 | 10.00 | |
| Nampa | 622.45 | 55.23 | | 12.95 | 8.26 | |
| Tacoma | 1,932.33 | 79.85 | 3.50 | 54.06 | | |
| Walla Walla | 402.35 | | | | | |
| Isolated Members | 864.83 | 19.00 | 67.11 | | 10.00 | 7.00 |
| TOTALS | \$20,995.51 | \$1,675.30 | \$88.80 | \$237.54 | \$194.70 | \$254.01 |

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DISBURSEMENTS

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| Pub. Dept. | Youth. Dept. | Totals |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| \$ 10.00 | | \$ 2,656.78 |
| | \$10.96 | 721.56 |
| | | 1,650.01 |
| | | 896.58 |
| | | 957.56 |
| 42.24 | | 2,399.17 |
| | | 49.35 |
| 28.40 | | 3,386.10 |
| 18.46 | | 1,303.37 |
| 48.88 | | 2,524.08 |
| | | 2,184.72 |
| | | 736.60 |
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| 19.00 | | 2,088.74 |
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| | | 967.94 |
| <u>\$176.02</u> | <u>\$10.96</u> | <u>\$23,632.84</u> |

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| Dist. Offerings | \$ 75.00 |
| soc. (For. Miss). | 195.00 |
| Radio Broadcast and | |
| arch | 100.00 |
| (Youth Camp) | 75.00 |
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| (ice) | 44.55 |
| Balance | 11.69 |
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| Salaries | \$12,153.40 |
| Mileage | 3,942.51 |
| Other expense | 641.14 |
| | <u>\$16,737.05</u> |
| Radio | 1,083.75 |
| Office Supplies | 18.77 |
| Clergy books | 26.00 |
| Telephone | 105.85 |
| Printing (Progress & Stationery) | 201.33 |
| Postage | 20.00 |
| Taxes | 42.30 |
| Insurance | 151.85 |
| Mexican Trip | 889.25 |
| Social Security (Savings) | 538.46 |
| Revival expense | 100.00 |
| | <u>\$ 3,177.56</u> |
| General Conference | 5,818.93 |
| Dec. 31, 1965 Bank Balance | 647.45 |
| Cash on Hand | <u>3.00</u> |

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will be 30 x 60 with 9-foot sides and open-beam structure. We hope to start the actual building soon, and we will report more of our progress on this project as time goes on. We know that it takes finances to erect such a building these days. If there are any who would like to contribute to such a cause, we would be very thankful and give God the glory for directing you in this way.

Elmira Church News

Another year has nearly passed and we at the Elmira church are grateful for the opportunity to be a witness for our Lord in this community.

The Juniors have had several meetings during this quarter. On October 3, Sister Gwen Carlson took them on a trip to a private rock garden and museum in Springfield, Oregon. Later they met for a business meeting and election of officers. Brother and Sister Don Lawson treated the Junior class to a turkey dinner at their home on October 16. After a very enjoyable dinner, the afternoon was spent in discussing Bible questions.

On November 13, the Juniors met for a social at the home of Brother and Sister Vernon Williams and on December 12 all young people 15 years and younger gathered at the home of Brother and Sister Don Lawson for a party sponsored by Brother Don Lawson for his Junior class.

The young people met at the home of Brother and Sister Dennis Walen on November 13 for a social and business meeting. Officers for the new year were elected as follows:

Arnold Williams, president; Bonnie Rogers, vice-president; Frieda Brown, secretary-treasurer; and Donna Larson, assistant secretary-treasurer.

The Men's Club sponsored a Harvest Sale Sunday evening October 24. Various items were donated and approximately \$200.00 was received for the local building fund.

The Mustard Seed Circle met at the home of Sister Alma Strunk November 29. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Betty Williams, president; Emma Larson, vice-president; Alma Strunk, secretary-treasurer.

The State F.Y.C. meeting was held December 4 at Elmira. The theme of the program was, "What's That In Thine Hand?" It was a close race but Elmira won the plaque.

We were happy to have Dale, Nathan and Kenneth Lawson and their families present a program for us Friday evening, December 17 by way of tape and slides. We certainly appreciate their time and effort in preparing this program for us. May the Lord continue to bless them.

HARRISBURG, OREGON

ELDER MAX MORROW

With October came a return of the schedule of services as they had been conducted prior to the busy summer months. Choir rehearsal was resumed on Friday nights, and the Youth Bible Class was set up to seven o'clock. Likewise, the ladies were back in full force for their monthly meetings, and the Workers' Conferences were resumed.

To stimulate more enthusiasm among the young people, a Youth Bulletin for the month was printed

and distributed, listing the projects, services, and other meetings outlined for the youth. The same was repeated for December.

As one of the new undertakings by the young people, they went out on a Sabbath afternoon to spread cheer and friendliness to elderly, sick, and/or shut-in people. It was so well received and so much enjoyed by those who participated, that a regular schedule has been adopted for such missions.

Throughout October, pulpit emphasis was on stewardship; each week the topic was on a different phase of Christian responsibilities. Money, talent, time, and church loyalty all came up for consideration.

Local finances are showing an improved response, and the people are working hard toward reaching established goals. Special measures are being taken in an effort to meet the local budget that the church board adopted early in the year. With the blessing of God it appears that both the United Missions Fund and the State Conference Budget goals will be met. Apart from this, faithfulness in tithesaying and giving of offerings for other purposes are on the climb.

Attendance remains on the upward swing, too. Comparative figures show weekly averages of 93 in Sabbath school and 100-plus in church for the fourth quarter (up to the middle of December); whereas, the averages for the third quarter were 85 in Sabbath school and 101 in church.

Early in the period two families announced their decisions to make Harrisburg their church home. The Charles Duncan family from rural

Fall Creek and Elden Fischer family from Corvallis made their requests for membership transfers on consecutive Sabbaths. Their fellowship and assistance are gratefully enjoyed.

On numerous occasions a demonstration of manpower was seen at the local church. (The news reporter will give some of this.) With volunteer help from the brothers the parking lot improvement has been nearly completed, though additional space will need to be surfaced soon since the present area barely accommodates the usual Sabbath attendance. On other work days several of the men gathered to put in forms and then pour the concrete for an extension of the patio entrance and for a sidewalk around the church to the parking area.

The young people were not without demonstration of manpower, either. On Sunday, November 7, they held what they had advertised to the community as "Slave Day." They volunteered for any respectable work at whatever price the "slave masters" set. Despite the drizzle that fell much of the day, they netted a sizeable amount for their treasury—and had lots of fun doing it.

Harrisburg was host to the Youth Rally in November and presented an impressive program before a capacity-plus attendance of 200 or over. "The Trial of Mr. Nominal Christian" was the core of the program with specials interwoven to accent the message of the play. Harrisburg won the traveling plaque for the most points accumulated by the participating youth groups.

Gracing the back wall of the sanctuary, near the entrance, is an attractive pegboard tract rack, framed

in stained shingle mold. Brother and Sister Eugene Moore kindly contributed their labor to construct and finish the rack which accommodates two dozen wire pockets the size for our tracts.

November was an exceptional month for the local group as far as hospital cases were concerned. First, June Crisp was involved in a car accident that necessitated traction for about a week. Then, Cathy Duncan was admitted for observation due to a brain pressure and later underwent exploratory surgery that revealed no cause for the pressure. But praise the Lord! after being anointed with oil and prayed for by the elders, Cathy quickly recovered to the amazement of the hospital staff. She is now at home and ready to return to Sabbath school as soon as her doctor permits. Finally, Brother James Smith underwent surgery just before Thanksgiving and is now up and around in his son's home despite his elder years—he is past 80.

With all these recoveries, plus the spiritual victories, the local church had abundant cause for thanks-giving, and this did not go unexpressed. On the Sabbath before Thanksgiving Day a series of spontaneous testimonies aptly set the mood for Elder Christ Kiesz's sermon on the blessings of sanctification. On Thanksgiving morning a good representation of the local group attended the community Union Thanksgiving service in the Christian church. And on the Sabbath following Thanksgiving, the sermon was "Thankful for Enough to Share." Such expressions of thanks-giving are certainly well-pleasing to God. And He deserves more besides!

The Deborah Circle of the Harrisburg church has had a very busy schedule this fall. Our first meeting was in September. We have a devotional hour before our business meeting each time. Lesson studies for the past few months have been on pettiness, fault-finding, self-seeking and pretense. The purpose of these studies is to give us a closer walk with God, and to help us show more kindness to our fellow man.

Our first social of the year was October 16. We needed some screen dividers to separate classes. No funds were available for this project so the Deborah Circle decided to use one of its embroidered quilts for a door prize to raise the needed funds. \$54.00 were donated for this, with Sister Numan Haffner receiving the quilt. Games were played and doughnuts, coffee and cider were served for refreshments.

Our projects for the year are to help a needy student at Spring Vale Academy with \$25.00 a month for the school year, to help raise our United Fund Goal and the Oregon State Conference Budget, and to do as much missionary work as possible.

November 20 was the night for the "Mock Wedding" and the annual pie social. Funds received from the pie social amounted to \$101.65 and the door prize, which was a quilt, brought \$41.75 in donations. Sister Ilene Sherman won the quilt.

On November 25 our annual Thanksgiving bake food sale was held in Junction City. \$87.71 was received from this project.

During our first meeting it was decided that each lady should have

her own project to earn as much as possible.

The past two weeks we have been busy selling Watkins vanilla and pepper. If this project can be finished in three weeks we will receive \$50.00. We also are selling Fuller toothbrushes. Our club receives half of the funds from this project.

December 18 was the night for our pancake feed and country store. Our December bake food sale was a bakeless sale. We have had two work days this fall knotstitching a quilt.

It sounds as if all we are interested in is earning money, but it takes funds to carry the Gospel forward. May God bless each effort that is put forth.

There were many visitors from far and near this past quarter. We are always thankful for those who come to worship with us here at the Harrisburg Church.

MARION, OREGON CHURCH

There has been much activity since the last report in September, particularly among the young people. Planning and presenting the youth rally was the first project of the quarter for the FYC. Other noteworthy projects have been a subscription campaign to secure new subscribers and renewals for the church papers, as well as to start an organ fund.

At a fun night for the whole church on November 20 in the Jefferson school gym, the young people sold hot dogs, potato chips, and soft drinks to earn money to add to the organ fund. The December project will be a hamburger sale and fun festival. The youth are already busy

getting ready for the January youth rally.

The local ladies' club, the Good Samaritan Circle, began its new year of activity in October. More ladies are attending meetings this year than previously, for which we are thankful. At the first meeting, money was raised to send to the Felarca family in the Philippines. The family was in desperate need and the Circle will continue to help them should the need arise.

At a rummage sale in Salem, December 1 and 2, the ladies earned close to \$150.00 to be used as needed in missionary and gospel work. The club voted to help the FYC with a hamburger sale at a fun festival to be held the evening of December 11, all proceeds to go into the FYC organ fund. The group will also help the FYC hold a bake sale in Salem December 23, the proceeds again to go to the organ fund.

The presence of Brother and Sister Fred Fischer from South Dakota has been appreciated in services the past month. The Fischers arrived at the home of their daughter and family, the Will McGills of Marion, November 4. On the evening of November 6 the Fischer children, Elden and Cecyl Fischer and Will and Lucy McGill, sponsored a surprise for their parents' 35th wedding anniversary in the fellowship room of the Harrisburg church. Including the children and grandchildren, about 35 relatives and friends gathered to visit and renew acquaintances. An attractively decorated cake, baked by Cecyl Fischer, was served with ice cream and coffee or punch. Elden showed slides of important family events which occurred through the

past years. The event was also a surprise for Elden; a cake, baked and decorated by his sister Lucy, was presented to him in honor of his birthday.

Dan Tierce, earlier believed to have had mononucleosis is now known to have Hodgkin's disease. Dan has responded to treatment and is able to be out of bed and plans to return to school next semester. Dan's mother, Mary Tierce, is now very ill and must stay in bed for a lengthy time. Remember both Dan and Mary in prayer that both may recover full health. Sister Gladys Tilley was also ill recently with a serious strep infection and was hospitalized for a time.

Bob Sheffield received his draft notice recently, so he is now working at a hospital in Portland to serve his C.O. time and fulfill his obligation to his country.

A "welcome to Oregon" social was held the evening of December 5 at the Otis Jellison home for John and Phyllis Selleck and children who recently moved to Oregon from Missouri. Friends and relatives presented the family with fresh fruits and vegetables, canned goods, and with items for kitchen use.

Receiving honors last month at Albany Union High School was Pat Jenness, the first in her class to be so honored this school year. Each month shorthand II students take national tests for speed and accuracy. If they can transcribe completely new material with 95 per cent accuracy, they receive a certificate of commendation from New York. Pat Jenness, a senior, has qualified for a certificate.

PORTLAND, OREGON

ELDER NATHAN STRAUB

We will begin this report by mentioning that one of our local sisters, Lela Holmes, was in a very serious auto accident near the close of last quarter. She received severe head injuries and was near death for 10 days. She had her accident near her home, north of Vancouver, Washington and was taken by ambulance to Vancouver where it was decided they could do nothing for her. She was then taken across the river to Portland where doctors worked many hours to save her.

We praise the Lord that Sister Holmes has been able to be back in church with us a number of times since the accident. Neither Sister Holmes nor her husband will drive the car anymore, which makes it difficult for Sister Holmes to get to church. They are making an effort to locate in Vancouver itself, so she can ride a bus to church.

On September 18, the congregation gave an offering for the Felipe Felarca family in the Philippines. The offering amounted to just over \$47.00. In addition to this, the church will soon mail several parcels of clothing to this large family. The pastor knew Brother Felarca during part of the time when he lived in California. Brother Felarca, before his conversion, had lived in Portland for a time and worked on the truck farms in this general area.

September 25 was a big day for the Portland church. Not counting statewide meetings we had a record attendance and we spent a considerable amount of time discussing giving to the work and the duty of tith-

ing. Over a period of years the Portland church had lagged behind very sadly in meeting its pastoral expenses and we were being subsidized on a monthly basis by the district treasury.

In the morning the pastor discussed the responsibility of Christians to tithe and to keep the doors of the church open for those who seek the truth. After a very fine potluck dinner, Brother Lloyd Smith took charge of the afternoon service and spoke on a layman's view of tithing and meeting God-ordained responsibilities. After his talk he opened the topic to the floor for discussion. Seldom can a pastor be in a more encouraging meeting than was that one.

Our tithe income has soared since that time! Praise the Lord! We appreciate the devotion of faithful brethren so much.

On October 2, we had a very fine program presented by the children's department of the Sabbath school. The name of the program was "Putting on the Whole Armor of God," and each child was outfitted with one of the pieces of armor named in Ephesians. Each had a short verse to say about his or her particular bit of armor, and the whole gang sang two songs on the same theme. These were "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus" and "Onward Christian Soldiers." Those in charge of the program were Mary Straub and Rena Fay Tierce.

We have been in a drive for 100% attendance. Our laymen have been assigned the task of calling those absent from services and telling them how much we missed their fellowship in the service. In addition to this we have gotten some "We Missed

You" cards, and we have been mailing these to those absent. Instead of being exclusively the pastor's task, we have extended it to a task for all. When one calls an absentee, he, himself, will be present next time, too.

On October 30, the Portland church was host to the 3rd Quarterly meeting of the Oregon State Conference. We enjoyed a crowd which made the record for the present pastor's tenure. The day began with Sabbath school as usual.

The State Conference began with the worship service, which is a devotional conference as opposed to a business meeting. We enjoyed a special number, "The Holy City," which was sung by Mr. Oliver Creswick, of Portland, a personal friend of the pastor.

Elder Rudolph Haffner was the speaker of the hour and entitled his sermon, "The 11th Hour of Time for Service." After this we enjoyed a potluck lunch in the basement. During the noon hour we were delighted to learn that this day was also the birthday of the two look-alike McGill brothers.

The afternoon featured a sermon by Elder Max Morrow, entitled, "The Direction and Purpose in the Church," and a sermon, "One Hundred Fold Reward in this Life and Everlasting Life," by Elder John Moldenhauer.

On Sunday, November 21, we enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner in the church basement. This was not a fund-raising dinner, but a fine turkey dinner, during which we all were seated and enjoyed some nice quiet informal fellowship. We also enjoyed a fine program of various

numbers. The cooks were Rena Fay Tierce and Marie Boyer. The decorating was done by Mona Bassler. The program was prepared by Lloyd Smith and was directed by Don Harder. Aside from these special efforts, others did many other tasks that helped to make this evening pleasant. We were delighted to have Elder and Sister Haeger from Marion, Oregon, with us for the evening.

At the present time the church kitchen is being painted by a painting contractor as a gift from Mr. Bill Bassler, the father and husband of one of our church families.

We are looking with excitement to the new year with its new tasks and challenges.

TACOMA, WASHINGTON

ELDER WESLEY WALKER

It is good to be able to greet you again through the medium of the district reporter. I hope the Lord has been as good to all of you in other parts of the district, as He has been to us. We have been very busy this past quarter. I hope the news from here will be a blessing to you.

On Friday, September 24, I journeyed to Walla Walla, to keep my appointment with the group in that area. I took my family with me this time, as they had never been to Walla Walla, nor had the brethren there met my family. We enjoyed our visit very much! They have started their radio program "Faith For Our Time," but as yet they have not received results from the program.

October 10, the women (with some of the men) met together to get

ready for their rummage sale. It turned out to be a long day of hard work. By late evening everything seemed to be in order. The sale began the next day with better results than were anticipated. The Lord blessed their efforts with \$120.00 for their treasury.

Also, this same Sunday, we were privileged to have two visiting ministers with us. They were Elders E. A. Straub and Israel Haeger. While they were here, we called the church together for a Sunday evening service, at which time we were glad to have Brother Haeger speak to us. We hope these ministers will be able to return again soon.

The following day these two brethren and I left for Oregon to attend a meeting of the Foreign Missions Board. This was held in the home of Elder Max Morrow, the chairman of the Committee. This is my first time to serve on this committee. It is interesting and one is able to see the great work that needs to be done in the foreign field.

The young people have been active in their work for the Lord. The first project they completed was the placing of Advocates and the Aim in the local county hospital. Each week a bunch of the church papers is given to the hospital to distribute among the patients. The church name and address are stamped on the back of the papers. This way they not only have the privilege of reading the papers, they also see it is from the Church of God (7th Day).

The most blessed event which took place during the past quarter was the baptism of three precious souls on Sabbath, October 18. This is always a happy occasion. One of

the candidates was a man who has been blind since his youth. He heard our program over the radio and contacted me. After many studies he took his stand for the Lord. The other two were a man and his wife who had come in contact with the church about a year and a half or more ago, through an advertisement which the local church had in the paper. They did not attend at that time. A few months ago they happened to remember our church and gave me a phone call. I went out the next day to visit them and they have been attending since. They examined our teachings and found them in harmony with their views and the Bible. They then requested baptism. The three have proven to be a blessing and I feel they will be a great help to the church.

On Sunday, November 14, the young people cleaned the church. They wanted to do their part to help make the appearance of the church more attractive. The floors were all cleaned and waxed, windows cleaned, etc. The sidewalks were all trimmed which made a big difference in the appearance of the grounds. The next day one of the members brought his pickup and hauled off the trimmings.

The ladies' organization went to two rest homes to take fruit baskets to the patients one Sabbath. They took the children's choir along to sing. The patients felt this was a special treat to have the children sing for them and asked the ladies to bring the children back again.

Saturday night, November 20, the young people sponsored a church social. This was held in the school gym at Little Rock, a town about for-

ty miles from Tacoma. There was lots of volleyball and basketball. It was from 7:30 until 10:00 p.m. and by that time each one was played out. We had several visitors out that night and the informal atmosphere proved to be just the thing for us to become better acquainted and I am happy to report that most of the visitors are regularly attending church now. The social was a great success, not only for the recreation, but for the purpose of getting better acquainted with the new people. We hope to do it again sometime in January, if we can secure the gym.

On Thanksgiving day the church met together for a special service of praise. This service is always an informal service. It is a program for the whole church, where each one can give a poem for the occasion, a song, or whatever he feels like doing to reveal his feelings for God's love and care. It was a good service and at the end I spoke on the subject of Thanksgiving. After the service we all gathered in the all-purpose room where the ladies had prepared a Thanksgiving dinner for all. Throughout the entire day we were well reminded of the blessings of God.

On November 26, I kept my appointment at Walla Walla. Due to the cold weather there were some that were not present, but I visited with them in their home later. While at Walla Walla this time, I endeavored to find another place for them to worship. At the present time they are worshiping in a field house in a park. This is better than meeting in the home, but does not quite have the atmosphere of a church. In my search I came across two churches which seemed to indicate they might

rent to us, but I had to leave before arrangements could be completed.

While in Walla Walla I received a phone call from a Sister in Tacoma. Her husband had passed away and she wondered if I would return and officiate at the funeral. This lady had just attended our church once when her husband passed away. She appreciated the way the funeral was conducted and has continued to attend our church. May the Lord bless her in her sorrow.

In my last report I mentioned that our attendance was on the upward swing and at that time our high was in the middle eighties. We were all made to rejoice today when our attendance went up to ninety-one and there were eight of our regulars missing. This does not mean it has been this high each Sabbath, but it does show the Lord is blessing and for this evidence we rejoice in His wonderful love.

WHAT IS THAT IN THY HAND?

(Continued from page 3)

pare for the ministry. The tuition payment will compensate for but a fraction of the costs involved in their schooling.

With this report of Progress you will have an envelope in your hands marked "Tuition." These have been put in your homes so that you might help with the schooling of these two young men. Please put your donation in them and send them to the District Treasurer, Shirley Straub, 3153 Northmington Drive, Sacramento, California.

Some of us may not be able to give a great amount, but if we give as we are prospered, the whole sum will be enough to help with this worthy cause.

God will show us what our part is in this great task of preparing men for His work. Perhaps a miracle will result from what you have in your hand to give. God's hand is always stretched forth to us, let's stretch ours toward Him!

Hello!

This is "Progress" speaking. I have been coming to your home each quarter during the past year. Through my pages you have been reading about the progress and activities of our beloved church, the West Coast District. Although I come free to your home, I do cost the district some expense. If you enjoy reading my pages and have an offering which you would like to give for my support, please send it to our District Treasurer. I would feel so pleased and thankful to think you want me to keep coming to your home!

Letter from Overseer

Dear Brethren,

Another quarter has passed and we are still in the land of the living. God has given us life to enjoy, but not entirely for ourselves. All of us remember the scripture in Isaiah 58:13 that we should not turn our foot from the Sabbath from doing our own pleasure. God has made this seventh portion of the week for us to rest and worship Him, just as Jesus did when He was here on earth. God tells us that one tenth of our income belongs to Him, and if we do not give it to Him to be used for His service we are marked as robbers, Malachi 3:8. These are simple and plain facts, and trying to evade them will not excuse us in any way when we come before judgment.

We have some brethren who may be weak in both the above-mentioned facts. In general, however, I must honestly praise all of you Brethren for your faithfulness to God. I feel sure your blessings must be numerous! God loves obedient children even as we love our children and can never do enough for them. God is good to all, even the sinner, but He has many special blessings for those who obey His will. **I WANT TO TAKE THIS SPECIAL PRIVILEGE TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR SPLENDID COOPERATION.**

In August our financial condition became quite critical and for three months we operated in the red. Workers had to wait for their pay. We also were behind in our obligations to the General Conference. At this point we notified the ministers, and they in turn notified the members of our plight. We are still behind, but we feel sure God will continue to bless with more funds. Soon there will be sufficient finances to carry on His work to its full extent. We thank you brethren for your faithfulness in supporting the work, and may God bless you.

Since our last report we have had many blessings. On September 26, I left home for a tour through our District. My first stop was at Reno, Nevada, where I visited with Brother and Sister Anderson, a fine young couple who are interested in our message. Brother Anderson is a teacher in a high school in Reno.

In Ogden, Utah, I met Brother and Sister Combe. This young couple had written for a minister to stop by some time ago. They have studied into the Church of God doctrine and were so well informed of our church that there was very little new I could tell them. They are good Christian people and I extended the right hand of fellowship to them. They are faithful supporters of the Church, which is encouraging since they are not privileged to meet with those of like faith.

In Filer, Idaho, I met a young man of about 19 years of age who

is a wonderful Bible student. I studied about three hours with him, and then I had to leave to make my appointment at Nampa. I was deeply impressed with this young man and hope to see him again before too long.

In Nampa we had a nice meeting with the brethren. I showed the picture of our foreign trip there, also at Clarkston, Washington, and in the home of Brother and Sister Carl Knott at Spokane, Washington. On my way west I met many old friends in the Tri-city area. I also spent a pleasant week end at Toppenish, Washington, where we enjoyed two good meetings with the brethren.

In Tacoma, Washington, Elders Haeger, Walker and myself met in a committee with Brother and Sister Wm. Blankinship. Both this meeting and one in the evening with the brethren at Tacoma were much enjoyed.

On my way home I showed the last series of our foreign mission pictures at Marion, Oregon, preached at Portland and Elmira, visited and spoke about the foreign trip at Madras, Oregon, and met with the Foreign Missions Committee at Elder Max Morrow's office in Harrisburg, Oregon.

I stopped at Grants Pass to visit with Brother and Sister Wood, who are faithful members of the church and also with Brother and Sister Glasford in Anderson, California.

The whole tour was a most pleasant one—one that gives a minister new courage when he sees the work progressing and all the brethren in good spirits.

I am still pastoring the two churches at Fresno and Visalia. We should have a full-time man there but finances do not allow this at the present time.

I want to also thank all of our ministering brethren for their very fine cooperation and hard labor. Much more could be written about every subject mentioned but time and space do not allow.

SEARCHLIGHT BIBLE BROADCAST

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Dear Co-workers and fellow-servants of Jesus Christ.

"For we are labourers together with God, ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building" (1 Corinthians 3:9).

Today a billion souls have yet to learn that Christ died for their sins.

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Souls are dying at the rate of 100,000 a day. The heathen world is increasing at the rate of 400 million each generation.

Almost 2000 years after Christ, there are more people who have never heard the name of Jesus than there were in the hour when He was born.

Therefore:

"Necessity is laid upon me; yea woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:16).

"I am a debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise" (Romans 1:14).

"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14).

"Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing" (Matthew 24:46).

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:6).

As co-workers in the service of Christ we are enjoined to works befitting a Christian. One of the greatest Christian characteristics we can manifest before the world as witnesses of Christ is giving. We give of our time, talents and finances to see souls saved for a better life. In your offering to SEARCHLIGHT BIBLE BROADCAST you will demonstrate your desire to use these means to proclaim the good news of the kingdom



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Trinidad Padilla

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Deep in the heart, when grace is there
Mixed with the truest love,
Then faith mounts up on wings of prayer
And reaches God above,
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As nothing else can do,
To help His pilgrims on their way
To make the journey through.

Deep in the heart, when grace is there
It's great what we can stand
As on our Lord we lay our care
And go at His command;
Or stay where trials sore oppress
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But there is where our God can bless
And make our lives sublime.

Deep in the heart, when grace is there
Though Satan's all about
Who seeks to bring us to despair
Through dread and fear and doubt,
Our Lord is there to keep us safe
Beneath His holy wings,
And so we do not fret and chafe
Because of testing things.

—Walter Edison Isenhour.