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Jefferson, Oregon,  
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Dear Brother Dodd:

Have been so busy ever since camp meeting, continuing meetings here in the tent at Jefferson, together with moving, at Eugene, and keeping the Eugene work going, distributing circulars over this community advertising the meetings, making private calls, with Bible studies, etc., that I have not had an opportunity to sit down and write in a report of the camp meeting or the evangelistic meetings that have continued since.

Will try to enclose a report.

We got moved all right, altho I was short of enough money to move on. But the owners of the place where we lived agreed to let me pay one month's rent later, so we moved.

If there are funds on hand to send me another check at this time, it is very badly needed, whatever you can send up to \$50. At our final ministers' meeting here, the last day of the camp meeting, with Bros. Dugger, Kiesz, Severson, Haerber, and West, they told me I was entitled to draw \$80.60 per month, plus expenses for the radio bill and the Plain Truth, minus, of course, whatever I receive. I have been receiving an average of around \$50 to \$55 per month, and not over \$40 several months recently, out of which I have maintained a family of six in a city of 20,000, paid the radio bill, Plain Truth expenses, hall/rent when I have used halls for evangelistic campaigns, signs, advertising, traveling expense, etc. We have sacrificed a great deal to do it, and made every dollar go as far as possible. But I feel I would prefer to continue financing my work as before, as largely as possible out of what I receive here by faith, only calling on the treasury there for funds when I am behind and it is necessary to keep the work out of reproach. I know you have far more demand on the treasury than it will supply, and I want to draw just as little out of it as I can, leaving all possible to keep other workers in the field, for surely they are needed now more than ever before. I would prefer to draw nothing out of the treasury, but when bills begin to pile up that are unavoidable (I run no personal bills whatever aside from house rent, water and light, the radio, and occasionally a few mimeograph supplies or paper when necessary to get out a Plain Truth on time,) then it comes to a place where I must draw a little or see the work stop.

I have been a little negligent about reporting tithes or offerings received. I am not a detail man, and during my more than 20 years of business experience, I never was able to force myself to send in reports to companies I was associated with, as regularly as they wished. Because I have not reported fully, I think some have gotten the idea that, thru the radio and the Plain Truth I have been receiving quite an income, but that is far from the truth. If the facts were known, I doubt whether we have a man in the field who has carried on as much on as little, or who has had any less for the actual support of himself and family. I am glad to do this for the works' sake, and only explain it so you will understand I am not ever asking for money from the treasury that is not a dire need.

I will try to do better about reporting tithes received, as well as activities and the progress of the work, but I have a single-track mind, and when it is concentrated on other phases of the work I never seem to think about reports or such details. I just want you to understand the reason, and that it is not, as I find the impression has been given out by some who have left the organization, that I am the type who is unwilling to co-operate.

Here is report of tithes received the past few weeks, as far as I have kept a record, and as I say, I will try to keep this up better.

Credit following tithes, in B.A.:

Henion sisters,	\$1.60.	Bro.	Genness,	\$4.
Milas Helms,	10.30			
Ora Hasber,	1.00			
Oscar Spires,	5.81			
W. E. Conn,	1.50			
W. E. Conn,	2.00			
<del>Ed. H. H. H.</del>				
E. M. Blenis,	5.96			
Mrs. C. A. Craffoot,	5.00			
Florence Curtis,	1.50			

Here is a brief report for Bible Advocate, and will try to send more complete one later. Only have a couple minutes left now.

The Western District Camp Meeting was one of the greatest spiritual blessings ever received in Oregon. On the last day of the Camp meeting 15 were baptised, nearly all new converts who surrendered to the Lord during the meetings. A division among brethren, caused largely by unfortunate misunderstanding, was healed, things were made right, brother asked brother for forgiveness in tears, and as a result the local church, now meeting at Jefferson, but called still the Dever Church, was reorganized, with ~~Mr~~ Milas Helms appointed a local elder in addition to Ggy Benight, who has acted as local elder for some time. Yancy McGill and Othe Jellison are the deacons, and the writer will act as minister, preaching at the new Eugene Church Sabbath mornings, and immediately rushing to Jefferson for the afternoon service here. All the brethren were glad to have opportunity to meet and know Bro. Dugger, whom we all felt we knew by correspondence and thru the Advocate.

Due to local interest at the nightly evangelistic meetings thru the Camp Meeting, the big tent was left standing and meetings have since continued every night with good interest, Elders Kiesz, Severson and the writer conducting the campaign, altho Bro. and Sister Kiesz left for Washington after the first week. Since the close of the Camp Meeting, five more have been baptized.

Several of the ministers, if not all, from here, are planning on going to Galena, Kansas, for the Feast of Tabernacles meeting. I had planned to go, and surely would like to be there and meet many more of our ministers and brethren, but due to pressure of the work here I will be unable to leave. We will close the tent meeting here Sunday night, after which I plan to start another evangelistic campaign right away. Have calls for meetings at West Salem, and Oregon City, besides Coburg and Springfield near Eugene, and want to get to them all during the Fall and winter. It is planned, the Lord willing, that I shall take the big tent to Portland early next summer for a big campaign. The way is at last opening up to get on the air in Portland, which will pave the way for the big evangelistic campaign. We plan to put workers in the city going from house to house for thirty days prior to the opening of the campaign. Also plan to put out several thousand

circulars every week thru the campaign. And so with the radio, reaching probably more than one hundred thousand people, the house-to-house personal work, passing out tracts and getting acquainted and extending personal invitations, and the circulars, we hope the Lord will bless our efforts with a filled tent. I believe we can seat about ~~11/1~~ 500 in the tent. If we can keep it filled or nearly filled, I believe the Lord will give us a harvest big enough to raise up a good-sized new church in Portland. We now have only two or three scattered members there, and no church closer than Oregon City. This will be the biggest effort we have ever undertaken in Oregon, but I believe there are many in the cities as well as in the towns and rural districts who will "hear His voice," and step out and "follow the Lamb, whithersoever He goeth." Portland is a major city of about 350,000, and we plan to make this a real city-wide campaign. Pray that God will prepare the way ahead, and abundantly bless this undertaking.

We plan to send the tent to California for the winter, and I think both Brother Doverson and Kiesz plan to go there, using the tent. I suppose Bro. Heber has written you that before Camp Meeting ended we got over \$125, I believe it was, pledged to buy another tent for the Western District next Spring.

I did not have time to finish this letter last night, and have several calls to make this morning, so will now close.

Your fellow-servant in Christ Jesus,