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CHILDREN'S HOME

"Hillview Acres"
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"Sunset Haven"
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RADIO-TELEVISION

"Herald of Truth"
KHJ-TV CH. 9 - 8:00 A.M., Sunday
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KUTV Radio - 8:00 a.m., Sunday

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sunday:

Bible Classes 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:45 A.M.
Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.

Week Days:

Prayer Meeting Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.
Ladies' Bible Class Wednesday, 10:00 A.M.

Monthly:

Prayer Session First Sunday, 5:00 P.M.

TO:

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Home Members	264
Away Members (Missionaries, students, etc.)	21
Sunday Morning Bible Class	120
Sunday Morning Worship	185
Sunday Evening Worship	101
Wednesday Evening Bible Class	

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Budget per week	\$ 1,454.62
Regular Contribution	<u>874.31</u>
Under!	\$ 580.31

BIBLE CLASSES:

3 & 4 Yr. Olds	(Bixler)	\$.70
1st Grade	(Helmuth)	1.18
2nd Grade	(Helmuth)	.20
4th Grade	(Bixler)	.50
5th Grade	(Salvoni)	.75
Single Young Adults	(African Fund)	8.75
35-45 Adults	(Helmuth)	6.75
55-65 Adults	(Helmuth)	4.50

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

Faith Promise	<u>226.08</u>
Total	\$ 1,123.72

WELCOME VISITORS:

Mr. & Mrs. David Kimmerle, 1567 West Lawrence Lane, Phoenix, Arizona.

NOTICE:

Lost! The punchbowl and cups belonging to Carol Lorion has been misplaced. Possibly, someone borrowed it during the holidays. It was last seen in the Church basement. Please contact Carol, if you know the whereabouts of her punchbowl. Thanks.

I, along with the other elders, are quite encouraged these days. We have so many people who are working at helping the Body here become more alive, more positive, and sensitive to each other's needs, as well as, witnessing to neighbors that Jesus does indeed live here. There is room for only some news due to the Zambia Newsletters. We received a "thank you" letter from the John Anderson family which was read after services Sunday night. (They have had a long siege of the flu with Dorothy spending a week in the hospital. Pat Maison is in the North Ridge Hospital after extensive surgery... Sylvia Scherman goes in this afternoon to undergo painful treatment... James Tolle is in the Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital after surgery... Also, his father-in-law in the same hospital recovering from a heart attack... Earsalene Taylor is home now, but suffering from the flu... Ethel Martin, 13876 Garrick, celebrated her 89th birthday Sunday... It is good to have Marie Henry back, I wish Bessie would hurry back... The gym at Olive Vista Jr. High is again available and is reserved for us from 8:00-10:00 every Friday evening. All ages are invited (a family thing) for volleyball, basket ball, ping pong, weight lifting, gymnastics, checkers, carroms, and refreshments. Do you know where the tripod that holds the flip maps is? Sis. Howard White, in the administration at Pepperdine, died last Friday... The next Mission Meeting is set for Feb. 4th at 3:00 p. m. . . We need more of us getting involved with your missions... SUNDAY IS "FAITH PROMISE DAY"! The slides and narration by Norman Helmuth that was presented Sunday evening was very helpful and inspiring. We saw something of what the Helmuths are doing in the new thrust and in a new area of Italy. Rieti, L'quila, and the other cities looked beautiful and so good to see the Helmuth Family and the "Flower Lady" whom I met and is studying the scriptures with the Helmuths. Keep them in your prayers - remember to God also, that they need funds to buy the materials, travel to the cities to take Christ to more "Flower Ladies". Also, the three young people, Larry Huff, Debbie Gullick, and David Buchanan of "Avanti Atilia" who are working for the year with the Helmuths in such a fine way... remember our Brenda Garrett, who is sick at home.

HIGH SCHOOL DAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, at PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY-MALIBU, come for the free Continental breakfast and stay for all the day's activities (lunch will be served for \$1.00). "D" Day is also "Discover".

thunder and large drops of rain began to fall. It rained steadily for 4 hours-- prior to that time it hadn't rained for months. This was a beautiful answer to prayer... an instant answer to needs. God was showing us that although rain hadn't come, He still had complete control over the weather and would work out even this seemingly "desperate" situation to His glory. We do petition your prayers that our faith will continue to grow as God works His perfect will through us.

I'm on my X-mas vacation now and have been for the past week. I'm visiting the brethren up at Chesekezi Language School where Phil and Norma Elkins, Grady and Jan Reed and Sue Russell are deeply involved in the study of the Tonga Language. It has been my Elysium. I've so enjoyed my time shared with Sue. She is also from the States (Colorado), holds the same "single" status as myself, and is devoted to helping the Ngwezi Group in spreading the Gospel. I regard her placement here a real blessing and anticipate a warm and lasting friendship in her.

I have realized one basic fact since arriving. That being every missionary must be flexible! I've heard it said that a missionary is: A constantly moving object prone to spout scripture at any given moment while inexhaustibly moving from place to place! I now respect all of those wives of missionary husbands who at a moments notice can be packed and ready to change locations.

My teaching is going well although I rather regard December as a "LOST" month, due to Christmas holidays. We all three are gaining constructive knowledge and I definitely would go so far as to say that the teacher is learning more than her students.

I do appreciate all those who sent me X-mas cards. It helps to make X-mas merrier just to know that someone from home is thinking of me. If I'm at all lucky, perhaps Father Christmas will even find his way to my mud hut... Must run now, I think I hear someone on the roof.

With prayers that your new year will be a productive one for Jesus,

--- Becky

SHEWMAKERS:

December was a fast month for us. Most of our time was spent just enjoying having our family together again. Donny was with us from November 29th until January 2nd. He got in some hunting and fishing which he thoroughly enjoyed. He is doing good school work at Rift Valley and likes the sports real well. His only complaint is that the school is too far from home.

The house that we are suppose to look after, during the rainy season, is still not vacant because the owners are having difficulty obtaining their travel documents. However, we are happily situated at Sinde Mission, just 17 miles out of Livingstone. The girls like it better here because it is more like living on the Ngwezi where they have their animals and the Berryhill children to play with. So now, it really won't matter to us if the town house is never ready. It is a great feeling to watch the rain come down without being afraid that we won't be able to get to town for a long time.

There still hasn't been much rain so far this season and the crops are suffering. It looks like it is going to be a "hungry" year for the people of Zambia.

Beginning next week, when the regular school year begins, the Berryhills and I will be privileged to attend Tonga classes two days a week for the next three months. The teacher is a Christian and one of the strongest members of the Livingstone Church.

During the first week of January, Stan attended a 4-day translation seminar at Choma. This was an orientation course on the theory and practice of translation as applied to Bible translation. The United Bible Societies Translations Consultant, Dr. Jacob Loewen, is training and selecting the translation committee to translate a Popular Language Tonga Bible. It is proposed that the Bible should make as much sense to a Tonga-speaking person, as say the Good News for Modern Man (TEV) version does to an English-speaking person.

SHEWMAKERS: (continued...)

It is a tremendously exciting experience to share in the "opening up" of the original meaning of God's inspired word, and then to make a meaningful translation of that word.

Who knows but what this new translation may be one of God's ways of equipping in these last days truly independent Tonga Churches to do their own study and interpretation of God's will in the light of their own cultural experience. Perilous times could well be in store for the Lord's Church here. It will then be imperative that the Bible be clear and meaningful. There is the possibility that one of our closest friends, Leonard Malindi, will be chosen to be a "first draft" translator. Please pray for Leonard and myself as we share in this project.

ALEXANDERS:

How are you? We three are fine! November was a good month for us. We came home from South Africa bringing little Frank home for the first time. Everyone came to see the "new stranger" and many gave some ngwee as a gift to him. We have been amazed how much little Frank has grown this month. It sure is great to be parents!

We were thrilled to start worshipping with the Christians at Siciyako (our village). Ba-Siciyako, the headman, and his wife became Christians while we were gone and now the Christians of Siciyako meet to worship in their own village.

Two weeks ago, we went to Lusaka for a meeting with missionaries there, who invited us all for a discussion on Extension Leadership Training and fellowship get together. Also, enjoyed visiting with the teachers at Namwianga Christian Secondary School in Kalomo, on our way up and back.

Last week the Hollands, Fred and Grace, Brethren in Christ Missionaries, came for a visit. He was our teacher at the workshop on writing "programmed materials" last year. We are suppose to go for a 2-week revision workshop in January to revise

the material Frank wrote. They helped us put together the first 5 weeks of the Church Growth course. Frank plans to duplicate the last 5 weeks of the course this week.

Rachel, a young Christian woman, died in our village and there was mourning and wailing for about a week. This last week, two new babies were born in Siciyako -- tiny little ones and we went to visit as is the custom.

It has really been hot and the people were worried about not having the rain come in time for their crops. So they planned a get together to pray for rain. It was a thrill for Ba-Siciyako to be praying for rain to God this year instead of talking to his ancestral father about it in a rain ceremony as he did last year. The Christians prayed for rain Sunday morning and it started to pour, and it rained for 5 hours or more without stopping. Isn't that wonderful? So now the people are plowing their fields.

God be with and bless all of you.

BECKY REMLINGER:

From the snow covered plains of the Ngwezi--where Santa wears a loin cloth and rides a Honda! How is it that I find myself homesick for snow on city sidewalks? I suppose it's because my mind tells me when December comes she's clad in ski togs and ear muffs.

We've now moved into Sinda Mission on the assumption that the rains were close behind... but much to our dismay, December has arrived and still no rain. This is quite unusual for this time of year, and it could mean that the Africans will have no maize next year. Since maize constitutes almost their entire diet, you can readily see how desperate the situation is. Aware of their need, several Christians from surrounding villages banded together to pray specifically for rain. This was a considerable change from last year's rain dance. They had designated a time and place long before their eventual gathering. As they met together and began to pray, it started to

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