

# Zion's Advocate

*"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day,  
for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost...."*

1 Nephi 3:187

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**Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos,  
but ministers by whom ye believed,  
even as the Lord gave to every man?**

**I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave  
the increase. So then neither is he that planteth  
any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that  
giveth the increase.**

**—1 Corinthians 3:5-7**

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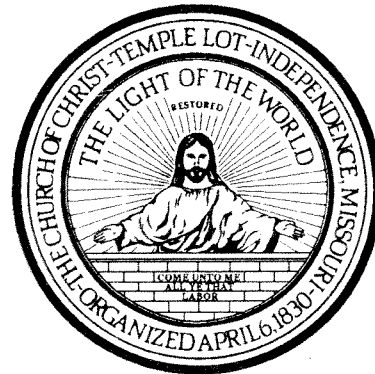
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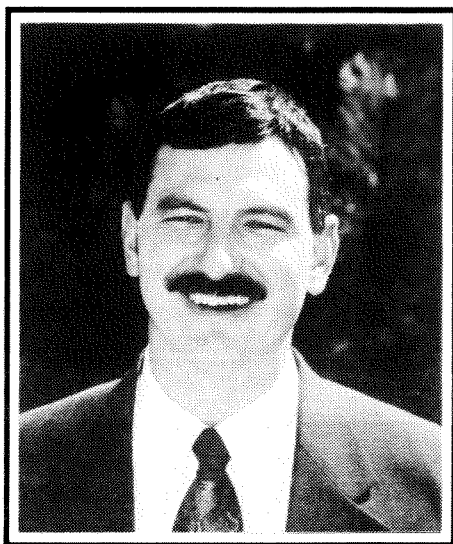
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# The Great Struggle



By Apostle Joel Yates

**W**e have been given the wonderful privilege of living in such an exciting day in prophecy. There are many events that are or will be unfolding now and in the near future and we have been given the blessing of being able to literally see the Lord fulfill the prophecies that He caused to be written so long ago. Most of us in the Church of Christ have seen wonderful changes in the makeup of our church. We have seen the Lord reach out to many on the African continent,

Yucatan, Honduras in Central America, and also many in the Philippines. Most of us have marveled at the e-mails sent from brothers traveling in these areas and have thrilled at what we are able to see God setting up and doing. Those of us that have been traveling in the missionary field have seen a difference in our outreach and have found that the Lord is calling out to many in the United States and Canada, and in other parts of the world, no doubt.

We have a great need to be thankful for all the Lord has done and what He is still doing. It appears the Lord is prospering our way and using us to accomplish some of the things that were prophesied of long ago. We know the gospel will go to the entire world and the Lord will reach out to the tribes of Israel in this day. We have the great privilege of being part of the Lord's work in these things. There are other ways God has prospered us in the church today and many changes in the way we deal with each other. I

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know these changes are the result of much prayer and of humility and love being sought from the Lord. Only when we have done these things has the Lord helped us in our troubles and blessed and prospered us. Even though we still are not perfect in all our works, I am encouraged to see what God is doing even here in America.

We have probably all heard that history repeats itself and in a very large part this has been proven true. As I write these words, that is my concern. In the scriptural history of the Church, whenever the

people prospered it was not very many years before they fell back spiritually into the world. All through the Book of Mormon writings we can see this alarming pattern. When the church grew strong in the blessings of the Lord and began to prosper, in just a few years they would begin to be lifted up in pride and begin to go back into the world. I also believe that we may be at the most dangerous time for us as a church.

There is a law of physics that states that for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. I find this to be true also in the spiritual world. Whenever God begins to do a great work in a certain area, Satan is there to apply pressure and thwart all that God is doing. Two thousand years ago it was written of Satan, "...Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" Revelation 12:12. If Satan's time was short two thousand years ago what urgency he must feel now. Consider what two other ancient brothers wrote in warning for all of us.

*"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"* 1st Peter 5:8.

*"For the kingdom of the devil must shake, and they which belong to it must needs be stirred up unto repentance, or the devil will grasp them*

*with his everlasting chains, and they be stirred up to anger and perish. For behold, at that day shall he rage in the hearts of the children of men, and stir them up to anger against that which is good; And others will he pacify, and lull them away into carnal security, that they will say, All is well in Zion; yea, Zion prospereth, all is well; And thus the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away carefully down to hell. And behold, others he flattereth away, and telleth them there is no hell; and he saith unto them, I am no devil, for there is none: And thus he whispereth in their ears, until he grasps them with his awful chains, from whence there is no deliverance. Yea, they are grasped with death and hell; and death, and hell, and the devil, and all that have been seized therewith, must stand before the throne of God and be judged according to their works, from whence they must go into the place prepared for them, even a lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment. Therefore, wo be unto him that is at ease in Zion"* 2nd Nephi 12:23-30.

Considering the writings of Peter and Nephi, we are warned not to take lightly the devil's threat, for he walks about as a lion. Who then can afford to sleep without a watch? Nephi shows us Satan has many tools to destroy, and not just strength, but he will rage in people's hearts. In others' hearts

he will lull them into thinking that they are secure and thinking all is well...after all things are going so good. This must be one of those places we need to be concerned and watchful for ourselves. We cannot afford to be at ease in this day of spiritual prosperity, for if we let our guard down we will find ourselves led about in the wrong direction.

We must remember there was a time in history that Satan was able to accomplish the complete overthrow of the Church. He knows how to make war and has been victorious in the past. Revelation 13:7: "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." How does Satan make war and what has enabled him to be victorious in the past? Let's look at an example of Satan's war with the Church as recorded in Alma 2:6-18:

*"And it came to pass in the seventh year of the reign of the Judges, there were about three thousand five hundred souls that united themselves to the church of God, and were baptized. And thus ended the seventh year of the reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi; and there was continual peace in all that time. And it came to pass in the eighth year of the reign of the Judges, that the people of the church began to wax proud, because of their exceeding riches, and their fine silks, and their fine twined linen,*

*And because of their many flocks and herds, and their gold, and their silver, and all manner of precious things, which they had obtained by their industry; And in all these things were they lifted up in the pride of their eyes, for they began to wear very costly apparel. Now this was the cause of much affliction to Alma, yea, and to many of the people whom Alma had consecrated to be teachers, and priests, and elders, over the church; Yea, many of them were sorely grieved for the wickedness which they saw had begun to be among their people. For they saw and beheld with great sorrow, that the people of the church began to be lifted up in the pride of their eyes, and to set their hearts upon riches and upon the vain things of the world; That they began to be scornful, one towards another, and they began to persecute those that did not believe according to their own will and pleasure. And thus in this eighth year of the reign of the Judges, there began to be great contentions among the people of the church; Yea, there were envyings, and strifes, and malice, and persecutions, and pride, even to exceed the pride of those who did not belong to the church of God. And thus ended the eighth year of the reign of the Judges; and the wickedness of the church was a great stumbling block to those who did not belong to the church; and thus the*

*church began to fail in its progress. And it came to pass in the commencement of the ninth year, Alma saw the wickedness of the church, and he saw also that the example of the church began to lead those who were unbelievers, on from one piece of iniquity to another, thus bringing on the destruction of the people...."*

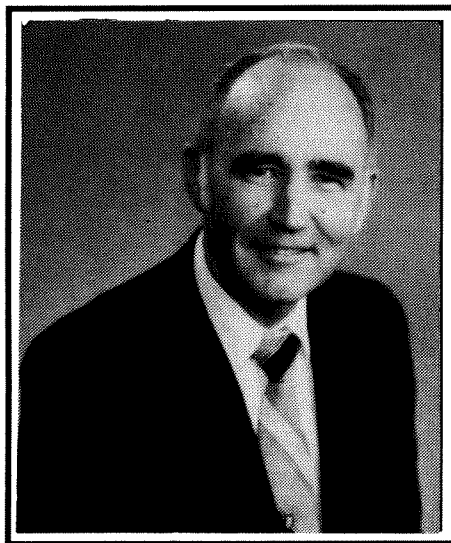
We can see from this scripture how Satan wages war; it is very simple to understand his plan. Satan's goal is to make Christ's Church worldly. He wants us to set a bad example to the rest of the world and make us lose our Godly appeal to the sin-sick world. We must resist at all costs letting the world's influences become normal among us. When we see a brother or sister in the middle of a spiritual battle we must be quicker to go to their aid and assist them with prayer or encouragement, admonishment or sometimes even chastisement in love. We must maintain a level of awareness and caution and not allow our spiritual blessings and prosperity to overcome us with pride. We must make a greater effort to withdraw from the things of the world and not be accepting of them in our own lives or in Christ's Church, for in doing so we will fail in our progress to reach out to a sin-sick world. We must be the example to the world that our God is powerful enough to help us overcome the world.

These are my thoughts and

concerns for us today in the Church. We have been promised that Satan will not defeat the Church again like he once did, but we cannot afford to allow him to gain on us in our day at our expense. We are living in very dangerous times; let us give heed to the words of Christ as recorded in Luke 21:34-36:

*"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."*

# THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST TO THE APOSTLE JOHN



By Apostle Don McIndoo

## CHAPTER THIRTEEN (CONT.)

Many Restoration authors, such as Sheldon, McIndoo, and Njeim, emphasize that the second beast of Revelation 13:11 is distinct and different from the beast that arose from the sea (verse 1). This beast, coming up out of the earth, gives the appearance of peace and righteousness, yet shows a wicked power and is a tool of Satan.

Njeim identifies the two horns of this beast (verse 11) as the Papal Roman power in the west and the Orthodox religion of the eastern portion of the old

## SECTION TWELVE

### THE SECOND BEAST

Roman Empire. It is obvious that these two horns symbolize power. Sheldon and McIndoo visualize the horns as symbolizing the civil and ecclesiastical power of the apostate church. Sheldon goes further to state that the intention of this second beast **“was the implementation of the papal will by the sword, and was fulfilled by Frankish kings of Europe in support of the papacy.”**<sup>1</sup>

King Charlemagne of France overthrew the Lombard kings in Italy in A.D. 774 and gave unlimited support and power to the pope. He then began a thirty-year conquest to conquer and Christianize western and central Europe. On Christmas Day in A.D. 800 he knelt before an altar and **“Pope Leo III then placed a crown upon his head, and the people assembled in the church acclaimed him the great, pacific emperor of the Romans.”**<sup>2</sup> This civil (military)

and ecclesiastical (papacy) combination gave rise to the Holy Roman Empire, which existed from A.D. 800 to 1806.

This new beast, **“The Holy Roman Empire was an attempt to revive the Western Roman Empire, which had ceased to exist.... During the turbulent early Middle Ages the traditional concept of a temporal realm coextensive with the spiritual realm of the church had been kept alive by the popes in Rome.”**<sup>3</sup> Thus we see that the Holy Roman Empire both exercised **“all the power of the first beast before him”** and causes the world **“to worship the first beast”** (verse 12).

No religion has played on the minds of its followers to believe in and imagine more supposed miraculous events (verses 13 and 14) than has the Catholic Church throughout the ages. Every Catholic nation has its numerous shrines where some supposed miracle or miraculous sighting of Jesus, Mary or some saint has appeared to a believer. Many of these occurrences involve the pagan, or semi-pagan, beliefs of the indigenous inhabitants of the land. The church

then uses the incident to garner believers from among the indigenous people. In Mexico there are numerous places where tens of thousands of believers gather on the anniversary of a sighting of Mary. These occasions are then used by merchants to enrich themselves by the supposed miracle.

I shall not forget a documentary entitled *"Return to the Sacred Ice"* relating to Catholic worship in the mountains of Peru. An ancient tradition tells of a young boy tending his llamas who reported to have seen Jesus as a child playing among the animals. Then the boy, Jesus, disappeared into a large rock on the hillside. The Catholic Church has built a chapel around this rock. Each year, on a specific date, thousands of Indians come to this chapel to worship. They first prepare themselves, then climb to the heights of a great glacier above the chapel. Upon returning they are always a few less in number, with the understanding that someone was used in sacrifice to the "gods of the ice."

After their descent, they enter the chapel to receive the Holy Communion. Having done this, they return to a valley where they await the rising of the "sun god" over the ridge to the east of the valley. With them is their Catholic priest. His explanation for participation in such ancient pagan rituals is quite revealing. **"When Europe was evangelized it too had its pagan rituals. Rome is open to different forms of worship because there is no one single way of approaching God."**<sup>4</sup>

Verses 14 and 15 tell us that the second beast, or the Holy Roman Empire, shall **"make an**

**image to the beast"** and would insure that all who **"would not worship the image of the beast should be killed."** This Greek word **"image"** means a representation or a likeness of something. First, we must recognize that the image shall be of **"the first beast (pagan Rome), whose deadly wound was healed"** (verse 14) because its motives, its unholy nature and its worship of the dragon was continued by papal Rome. Secondly, we have already shown that history records that the purpose of the Holy Roman Empire was to restore the glory and pomp of the pagan Roman Empire. But how will it reflect the continuation of pagan Rome through the office of the papacy?

Sheldon writes that in the eleventh century the Holy Roman Empire **"consented to the authorization or recognition of a College of Cardinals...."** This body of men, originally seventy in number, is appointed by the pope. Upon the death of a pope, they in turn elect the new pope from among their number. Their primary function is **"to assist the papacy as a supreme governing body of the church."**<sup>5</sup> So we see in them a mirror image of the pope and the continuity of his office. Further, during the time of the Inquisition, six of these cardinals constituted the Holy Office as chief inquisitors, who coerced the worship of the "beast" or suffered the heretics and unbelievers with torture and death, thus fulfilling verse 15.

The language of verses 16 and 17 show the universality of papal control and dominion over the peoples of the Holy Roman

Empire. In order to buy, sell or participate in commerce **"all"** must be recognized as giving allegiance to the papacy. Their recognition shall be by some identifying **"mark."** This particular Greek word appears only in the book of Revelation. Its meaning is twofold: something **etched or graven**, such as a tattoo, or something **sculpted**, such as a statue, or idol. In this instance it was to make readily apparent one's allegiance to the beast.

Barnes writes, **"...this has eminently characterized the Papacy. All possible care has been taken to designate with accuracy those who belong to that communion, and, all over the world, it is easy to distinguish those who render allegiance to the Papal power."** And how are they readily identified? Often by the **graven crucifix** they wear. Always by the shrines with **sculpted images** and idols, where they kneel and with the **right hand** make the sign of the cross, touching first the **forehead**.

I must confess that when I first read Brother Sheldon's *Babylon's Fall* in which he identified the cross as an **"emblem of Satan, as a banner of his kingdom!"** (p. 35), I was somewhat skeptical. Why, we even had a cross attached to the front of our own church building in Phoenix! I must say this study has effectively eliminated that skepticism. While in Mexico I finished reading a 700-page history concerning the relationship of the Roman Catholic Church with the Jewish community of Europe. It is entitled *Constantine's Sword: The Church and the*

*Jews*. This exhaustive study of the history of the church from the days of Constantine to the present was written by a former Catholic priest, James Carroll, also a research associate at Harvard's School of Divinity.

Throughout his study, Carroll repeats, **"This is the story of the cross."** He shows that the **cross** was the symbol that brought victory to Constantine and later brought him and a flood of unconverted pagans into the "church." The **cross** was the symbol of the spiritual and political unity of the church and the Holy Roman Empire. The **cross** was the symbol of the first Crusade, in 1095 A.D., which ravaged the Jews of Europe. The **cross** was the symbol of the torture chambers of the Inquisition by which millions of Jews and Reformers were put to death. The ultimate theme of his research, running through the pages of history, was that the **cross** of the Roman Catholic Church emotionally and spiritually prepared Europeans for the terrible, unthinkable Holocaust of Nazi Germany.

In the development of his theme, what Carroll unwittingly does is completely outline, step by step, the fall of the church into the depths of the great apostasy. Every step of the way he attributes to the **"cult of the cross."** Over and over, he states, **"Always in this story there is the cross."**<sup>7</sup> As did Brother Sheldon, this informed author states that the cross **"is a ubiquitous (omnipresent) symbol of a certain religion...."**<sup>8</sup>

Those outside this communion could neither buy, nor sell (verse 17). Throughout the his-

tory of this beast, many popes have made such commerce unavailable to the heretic or unbeliever. For example, Pope Alexander III, in 1178 A.D., ordered that **"no man presume to entertain or cherish them in his house, or land, to exercise traffic with them."** Concerning the Waldenses, he ordered that **"no man should presume to receive or assist them in selling or buying."**<sup>9</sup> Pope Martin V made a decree that **"they permit not the heretics to have houses in their districts, or enter into contracts, or carry on commerce."**<sup>10</sup>

In the final verse we are told that the number of the man representing this beast is 666. This refers to the fact that words in Latin, Greek and Hebrew can be reduced to a numerical value. Perhaps the most commonly accepted understanding of this verse is that it refers to the Latin title once written on the miter of the popes, *vicarius fillii dei*, or representative of the Son of God, which was equal to 666. The earliest solution to the number of the beast was proposed by Irenaeus in the second century. He, and many others, believed it to stand for *Lateinos*, the Greek word for Latin man. Barnes, writing about the Roman Catholic Church, quotes a Dr. More: **"They Latinize everything: mass, prayers, hymns, litanies, canons, decretals, bulls are conceived in Latin. The Papal councils speak in Latin, women themselves pray in Latin. The Scriptures are read in no other language under the Papacy than Latin. In short, all things are Latin."**<sup>11</sup>

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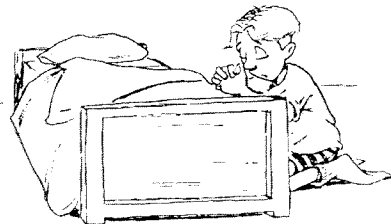
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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Who Hears Our Prayers?

Our \_\_\_\_\_ (1)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2)



Don't quit          
G I R A N P Y (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Call upon the Lord        
I L D A Y (Psalm 88:9)

Search for God with all your        
E R A T H (Jeremiah 29:13)

Must pray in the name of          
R S I C T H (2 Nephi 14:11-12)

Ask, and it shall be        
V I N E G (Matthew 7:7)

Prayers of servants will be            
E R S N A E W D (Mosiah 11:169)

Have        
H A I F T (Hebrews 11:6)

When you pray,           
E B E V I E L (Mark 11:24)

Pray over              
Y E R V T I N G E H (Alma 16:219-222)

# Honduras Testimonies

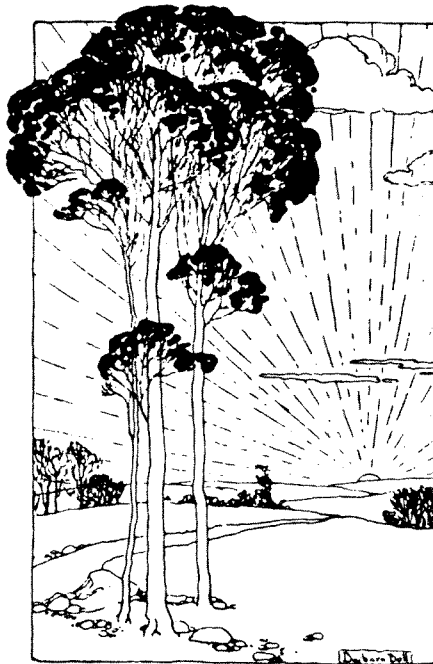
December 10, 2001

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I would like to share a couple of testimonies with you all. Tuesday the third I went up to the mountains with another man named Santos. We walked about ten hours up mountains and down again. I thought that we would never arrive. We had to go over three mountains to get to the place where we were going (colored rock). When we got there I was shot. I fell on the ground and lay there for about two hours before I had the strength to get up. I began thinking that it might be time to invest in a horse.

Anyway, we had planned to have a meeting with the people there the next day so we went to bed. The following day we got up and everyone went to work. I went out and helped. Their job is to pick coffee. I learned for the first time what it was like to pick coffee. When evening came people began to show up for the meeting. There were about eight to ten people there. We had a good meeting. After that, we decided that we would stay another day and have another meeting the following night. When the following night arrived I recognized that one of the couples that had arrived the first night had returned.

When we were done I was surprised that the husband of the couple came and asked if we were coming back. I said if the Lord permits and if there are people who

want us to come back we would be happy to. He said very seriously that he hoped that we would be back and that we should notify him and that when we come back the next



## PATHLIGHTS

time it would be at his house and that he would invite his friends. I was very impressed with the feeling in what he had said, and noted it in my mind. When the couple had left, Santos told me that the man was born Catholic and that many churches had come and preached to him and he would have nothing to do with them, and that he had never asked any church to come have a meeting at his house, and that he was not in favor of Christianity.

The people of the house were more amazed than I was at the man's sincerity, because they also knew that he was a man of the world, not interested in churches. They could hardly believe that he had invited us to his house for a meeting. God works in mysterious ways.

In another town we go to called Oculi we began meeting in the house of some evangelicals, but their pastor came and chastised them for listening to something other than what he preached. They were a little worried so we thought it best to find another place to meet. The next time we arrived Santos said that there was another man who had invited us to meet at his house, so we went there and had our meeting. When we were done I noted that the man of the house was very interested in what we had to say, and he invited us to continue coming back and meeting with them. When we left, Santos let me know that he felt the man was very interested and that perhaps he would change his life, and that the man had always been a drunk. He has continued to invite us back and is working very hard to change his life.

*Elder Ronnie Gill*

## MISSIONARY MOMENTS

# Zamorano & Oculí Honduras

## Apostles Don McIndoo and Plácido Koyoc Yam and Elders Bob Oldham and Ronnie Gill

**F**our days each week there are services in the Zamorano church. Elder Ronnie Gill has been laboring zealously in six different mountain villages and one more here in the valley of Jamastran. Since three days each week, services were held both in the villages and here in Zamorano, we divided our forces. I remained in Zamorano to conduct the services, while Plácido and Bob went with Ronnie to the mountain villages. There were often three or four services held there each day. The three brothers took turns giving the studies or preaching. Ronnie translated for Bob when it was his turn. The people in these villages asked Bob and Plácido to share their testimonies with them also.

The people in these villages sustain themselves with agriculture, growing corn, beans, vegetables, bananas and coffee in the higher elevations. They are very poor, but most friendly and hospitable. The marvelous thing about these people

is their desire to learn and their attentiveness to the Word of God. Plácido sent an e-mail to his family with this description: "In Oculí I had the opportunity to preach a message entitled, 'Prepare Thyself for an Encounter with the God of Israel.' The message appeared to have an impact on each of those present. They were very attentive and nodded their heads in acceptance of the message.

Brother Florentino told me later that the message had touched his heart. It would be remembered and would change his life.

Monday, September 16th, 2002

**T**he four of us, together with Joani and their four children, went to Oculí for an historic meeting, the organization of the Oculí Local. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Brother Oldham at 10:30 A.M. Brother Ronnie then read a number of scriptures to the nine baptized members, explaining their new responsibilities as a local of the Church of Christ. Then Bro. Plácido read and explained Article 11 and Article 15 of

the Articles of Faith and Practice.

Elder Ronnie Gill was unanimously accepted as Pastor of the new Local. Then, after a lot of open discussion, a full slate of officers was elected, including an assistant to help in the event that Ronnie couldn't be present, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, a Welfare Committee, a Sunday School Teacher for the children and an Assistant Teacher.

Brother Ronnie then challenged the members to strive to witness to others, set a good example before the villagers and to be ready to share the responsibilities and to help one another. After this, I made a few remarks, read a scripture and declared the Oculí Local as being officially organized and recognized by the Church of Christ. The meeting was closed at 12:35 P.M. by prayer by Brother Plácido.

## NEWS

## COLLINS, MISSOURI

The leaves are falling and blowing here and there. They pile up in a little bunch at my back porch steps. I saw a large flock of birds flying in formation last week—heading south for the winter, I guess. At first I thought they were geese, but as they passed over me I could tell that was not the case. Allen said he believed they were pelicans! I was impressed. I've never seen such a huge group of birds! They were beautiful to watch.

Fall is definitely in the air. It's cooler now and so much quieter since so many of our warm weather feathered friends have gone until next spring. It's a nice time of year for walking and watching the leaves change colors. I hope wherever you are that you can enjoy the season's changing and admire God's handy work. He put this all into motion for a wise purpose.

Our brother and friend, Johnny Lee Mathis, passed from this life August 2nd, 2002, from complications of a recent stroke. Johnny's wife, Peachie, stayed day and night by his bedside. She has devoted her life to caring for Johnny, particularly since Johnny's first stroke several years ago that left him unable to speak as he once had. Johnny was not content unless Peachie was by his side.

Funeral services were held August 5th at Hathaway-Peterman Chapel in Wheatland, Missouri, with Elder Allen Kauffman officiating, assisted by Elder Curtis Yates. A large group of family and friends gathered to show their respect and love for Johnny. He will be missed by so many. I must mention that Johnny was an avid fan of the late Marty Robbins and sang many of his songs. One of our

favorites was played for his funeral service entitled, "Faith." As it played, I remembered hearing Johnny sing with tears in his eyes because of his strong conviction to the gospel.

My little Aunt Norma Cook was making plans to celebrate her 85th birthday when her asthma flared up and sent her back to the hospital. (Many of you already know this from e-mails I have sent requesting prayer for her.) But all was not lost—Aunt Norm celebrated her 85th birthday in the hospital and enjoyed it very much. Uncle Roland (Sarratt) brought Aunt Carol and Aunt Elaine down to see her. Donna, her daughter, brought her a tiny cake with candles in the shape of "85." Jack and Betty Martin came to see her. There were flowers and birthday balloons all over her room. She was so pleased that it all went so well. She enjoyed everyone so much. At this writing, Aunt Norm is still in the hospital. She's feeling pretty good, just not sure what will be next.

Jack and Betty Martin are doing well. Their family comes to visit them as often as possible. Their son Andy, and his wife Sharon, were here just this past weekend. Allen and I were gone so missed out on them singing a special for church Sunday. I have received such good reports that they surely will need to come do this again soon.

Allen and I got to go to Puryear, Tennessee, and hold services with Robin and Daniel Harris and their sweet little boy, Joseph. We had a study-discussion Saturday night on "faith," and then sort of continued that in Sunday School the next morning. We had such a good time and enjoyed our visit so much. We plan

to go to Puryear again at the end of November.

Wesley Harrison of Urbana is having surgery to open up blocked passageways that will enable him to breathe. It's very serious. When he sits down he falls asleep, neither can he breathe at night to sleep. He has a machine to assist him, but the passageways are so blocked that oxygen can't get through. Please remember him in your prayers. Wes was at church Sunday and asked for administration. His wife, Linda, and mother, Nancy, are very concerned—as we all are.

I have a few quotes from sermons to share with you.

- *Remember—the Lord is trying to do a work in your life.*
- *If you'll spend time with the Lord you'll be different.*
- *To handle yourself, use your head. To handle others, use your heart—use Christ's heart.*
- *Life is meant to be enjoyed—not endured.*
- *All of life is a choice. We are where we are because we choose to be there.*
- *We must endeavor to persevere.*
- *What is our "But First?" What do we put in front of Jesus?*
- *Indecision IS a decision!*

Your reporter,  
Czerna Kauffman

## NEWS

## YUCATAN NEWS

October 15, 2002—  
 Things here in Yucatan are going as well as might be expected. We have been able to visit a large number of congregations and have a general idea of conditions here. We thought you would all like to know about them.

In the northern part of the state near the coast it looks as if a huge forest fire had passed over the landscape. There are few standing trees, and those left standing are leafless: there is no shade anywhere. All the signs, including road signs, have been destroyed, and many roofs are gone or damaged. All of our landmarks have disappeared and we find ourselves going back to familiar streets that we passed right by. Nothing looks the same.

The beautiful yard of the Koyoc family is a disaster. Their lovely shade trees and fruit trees are all toppled or leafless. There is still standing water and no electricity. The roof of the church was damaged and they hold services outside. Since there is no power, the evening services begin at 5:00 p.m. Several church members lost their homes or their kitchens. Any roofs of sheet metal, asbestos or carton have disappeared. One thing they have not lost is their faith and their gratitude to the Lord that there were no deaths or injuries.

A little farther south in Motul, the church windows were blown out, the bathroom roof blown away, their covered patio and stage destroyed. There was damage to the homes or rooms of several members, but power was restored last Friday. The church in nearby Kopte lost its entire roof, as did Rodger Can's home across the street. They have no

power, so meetings are held in Rodger's home at 5:00 p.m. Several members lost their roofs of carton (a sort of corrugated, creosoted paper). A good friend of Rodger's (the bishop of the local Mormon church) gave him more carton to roof the church building. Rodger has used it to help the members reconstruct their homes, and we will place a better roof of metal on the church.

Farther south in Ticul, and the two Dzan locals, there was minimal damage to homes. One family lost their second story home but are thankful that no one was injured. The three churches have cement roofs, so they are intact. One of the new churches in Dzan has beautiful, large windows— just the kind that gets destroyed by such winds, but they praise the Lord that they were untouched. On the west side of the church (the side from which the heavy winds came) there were a number of soft-wood trees that would have fallen through the windows, but that neighbor had recently cut them all down. How great the providence of our Lord.

Our Reunion center in Merida had all the windows blown out, but the main construction is intact.

The church in Mayapan is intact, although they lost some of their trees. These people all subsist on their cornfields and gardens planted in clearings in the surrounding jungle. The exceeding rainfall inundated and destroyed all such crops. There are places the water was six feet deep. These people will need help to subsist until new crops can be planted and next year's harvest.

There are still several places we have not had time to visit. This after-

noon we will go to Uayalceh, which is also an agricultural community. We are anxious to talk to the pastor there. Tomorrow the ministry will meet in Merida to make plans for the repairs and aid that will be needed. Keep us in your prayers.

*Apostle Don McIndoo*

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

# The YUCATAN Situation

As of now, we have no idea about how much money will be needed for repairs and economic help here. It is a good thing we are here, however, as these brothers need a lot of motivation to get things started. Next Wednesday we will have a minister's conference. By then, we will have met with the pastors of seven locals. It is obvious that the greatest damage occurred in the northern towns. We pass right by our streets, since we can recognize our landmarks. Roofs and trees are in scarce supply. The government is helping a lot. They have brought in workers from neighboring states to get the power lines back up. It looks like

most of the posts have been replaced, and now they are stringing the lines. President Fox has been here several times since the hurricane. He has donated generators to the towns without power to pump their drinking water again. The biggest share of government aid will go to the hard hit industries to help restore the economy. The pig ranches, chicken and turkey farms all had metal roofs, which were destroyed. Orchards were destroyed and many factories. This is where the financial help will be focused. The government and other private parties are supplying food, drinking water and clothing, but it will probably not be

enough. We will let you know more as we find out.

Your brothers in Christ,  
Jay and Don

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## WOMEN'S RETREAT

**Friday, January 17, and Saturday January 18, 2003.**

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To the Sisters of the Church of Christ (Ages 18+): In an effort to follow the teaching of scripture as found in Titus, chapter 2, we invite all women to join us for a Women's Retreat. This will be an overnight fellowship activity and details will be announced through the CCEG.

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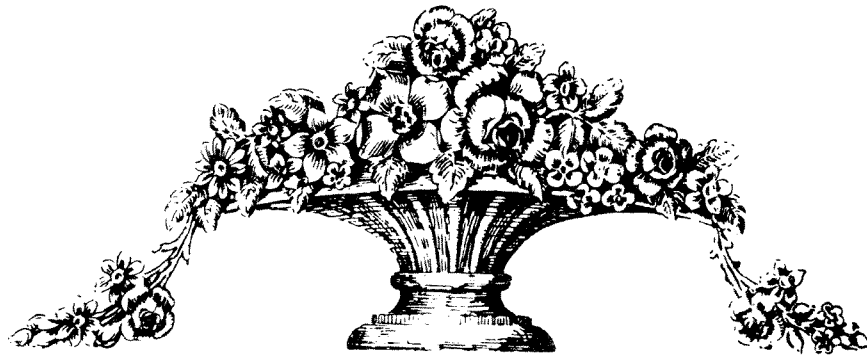
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OBITUARY

# Margaret C. Casey

December 25, 1915—September 27, 2002



**M**argaret Christie Casey, age 86, of Phoenix, Arizona, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday morning, September 27, 2002. She was born on December 25, 1915, to Elmer E. and Laura Long, and was one of six children. At an early age the family moved to Independence, Missouri, where she grew up in a good Christian home.

Margaret was a pianist since the age of ten years old, progressing to church organist. She was active in

the church music ministry until the age of 83, when she had to move to Arizona to live with her daughter, Suzanne Marlene.

She was an active member of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) in Independence, Missouri, since the age of eleven.

Her hobbies included sewing, crocheting, reading, collecting antiques and painting.

She is preceded in death by her two husbands: Harry Davis Mann and Wilburn Hayes Casey, one brother and three sisters.

She is survived by her daughter, Suzanne Marlene Mann of Phoenix, one grandson, Ryan Mann of North Carolina, one brother, Elmer Long of Manhattan Beach California and many relatives and friends.

Services were held at Lowmans Funeral Home, Phoenix, Arizona, on October 1, 2002.

*Submitted by,  
Suzanne Mann*

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