

Hillcrest Home
News Letter

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The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. Ps. 24:1.

Dear Fellow Christians: Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

When we look out over the hills and valleys of this part of the Ozarks, the above verse comes to our minds, seeing the beauties of God's creation, with all the various colors of the trees, from deep green, orange, purple, and yellow to bright red, it makes us realize the more that we have a great Creator above us, for only God could make such beauties.

We have had some heavy frosts but most of the leaves are still on the trees. We are still in need of rain although we have had some rain lately. Some people have to haul water for their cattle.

It seems like we are unable to raise our guest number above 8, as when one comes in another leaves, or it has been so twice now. Mrs. Walker, the 90 yr. old lady that could get around so well got another lady to stay with her at her home, so she was here only three weeks, and we all hated to see her go as she was so active, but we have gone to see her several times since, and we believe she has a warm spot in her heart for this home. Her daughter thinks she will eventually come back. The day she left here another lady came in from Berryville, which is out of the county. Her name is Ruth McQuown and has never been married. She has creeping paralysis, and often when she is spoken to she cannot answer out loud, and sometimes she will start to tell something and is unable to finish her sentence. She is related to a Congressman of this district, and their county is also getting interested to start a similar Home, and of course, they said they would want our group to operate it. It is the first county west of here and is not the one we had made reference to in our last letter.

We have had an increase in our staff number last Wed. when Lizzie Beachy and Bertha Miller from Iowa came here. We were glad to have them come, and we had been expecting more guests by the time they were coming, as we had several prospects but they didn't make their application, although we are expecting a man from Little Rock in about a week. We had been screening our applications more than we had at first, as so many that were hospital cases would have liked to come in, but we feel we don't have the facilities to take care of such cases.

We have had two services here in the Home now, the first one conducted by the Eagle Heights Baptist Church with about 30 from their church coming out and the second one two weeks later, which was last Sunday, by the Assembly of God Church with about 35 coming out, and our living room was about full. We have planned to have services only twice a month for the time being. The Church of the Nazarene expects to come next Sunday.

Vera Mae, Elizabeth, Lizzie and Bertha are at the Wesleyan Methodist Church out in the country about five miles to attend the all day fellowship meeting. They are having revival meetings there at present and this evening is the last meeting. They are the Free Methodist Group and are only a small group. The evangelist is from Ore. This town is blessed with revival Meetings. I believe we could attend revival meetings most of the time. The Assembly of God is also having a revival at present.

There have been revival meetings in the Little Alliance Church about ten days ago and we attended quite regularly as its only about 2 blocks from here. They had such good sermons but so few attended. The evangelist and pastor and their pinoint were here at the Home and conducted a short singing service which was quite impressive. He had for his devotional reading Ps. 32. When he came to the work Selah, he said the word means "think of that", so instead of reading the word selah, he read "think of that", which makes it more impressive. The evangelist of the Wesleyan Methodist Church also was here last Thu.

We have had quite a number of visitors since sending our last letter. On Oct. 13, Bro. Wilbert Nafziger, Sam Schmidt and Reuben Yoder of Harper Kansas, spent the night with us and the next ~~day~~ night a group of Hutchinson was here with David Miller as driver. They spent two nights here and we enjoyed their visit very much. They last evening they were here one of our guests fell and fractured her hip. She has been in bed ever since and isn't gaining too much. Her husband is also here and is also in bed. Then on Oct. 27, three girls from Culp and Rest Haven spent the day here. Then on Oct. 30, Elvon Helmith and Levi W. Miller stopped here for part of the night as they were driving Melvin Beachy's truck to Florida. On Nov. 2, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Roth, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Kauffman, Mary Yutzzy and Ethel Beckler stopped a short while. Then last Tue. we had the privilege of having Joe Yutzys, Levi Helmiths (Eli's parents), and Mrs. Eli Yutzzy (Fern and Eliz abeth's mother) with us a few days. While they were here we took a trip to visit the Stolls and Wickeys, about 20 miles from here. They surely live in seclusion. We also visited their school from here. rather primitive. Then yesterday Clarence Horsts brought John A. Yoders from Iowa here for dinner. We appreciated every one of them.

We have devotional readings and prayer with the guests that are able to understand it, and we have two men that have quit tobacco since they are here. Both have been chewing. Ben has been chewing since he was a young man and we spoke against it and gave scripture for it. He is a Christian and often when he is alone he will sing or say out aloud, "Jesus will soon be coming", and says he is waiting for Him. He voluntarily quit using tobacco. He had sent for tobacco from town several times until we told him we could conscientiously not get him any more. He thank God that he has gotten the victory over the filth by stuff. The other ~~guests~~ man has quit several times but has begun again, but he told one of the girls that he is going to quit and had quit for some time when one of his sons again brought him a small chew. When we asked him whether he believes the Lord is pleased with it he said "no". So with the help of others we believe the Lord will give him grace to leave it alone. Walsie has not yet yielded her life to Christ. She still feels she has done no sin that she should repent of. Pray for her.

We have had several letters in response to our last letter and we wish to thank you for them. Every letter is greatly appreciated, although we probably cannot answer all of them personally, if we, please take this for an answer and write again.

Remember us in prayer that this work may be carried out to the Glory and Honor of God, and that all of the workers might be a true witness of His.

The Hillcrest Staff.