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Royalwood, Houston Update

We still need churches to help with interest free loans to Royalwood, Houston. The total payoff and closing costs of the redeemed note was \$211,066.47. The churches have raised \$152,179.48 in interest free loans and gifts. Arrangements were made with the bank to pay the note, and the property has been transferred to the Missions Department; \$58,886.99 is still needed to keep from having to make an additional loan.

Fifty-nine churches are needed to place \$1000 on deposit, interest free, at this time. Any amount would be appreciated. Please give this prayerful consideration.

Letter from Bro. Ewing

To: Sister Churches of the BMA of Texas

Years come and go, and we reflect on each one and try to find what is remarkable about that year. We, at Royalwood, Houston, can truly say 1990 was a most remarkable year for our church. We entered 1990 with great difficulty and did not realize things could get worse. But our Lord, in His great love, allowed us to journey to a place where we had to call upon Him to deliver us. Our Lord used His vessels of grace in churches and individuals across the state to minister to us.

As of this date (January 16, 1991) Royalwood property is free from the lending institutions because of the gracious acts of churches and individuals who have given gifts or made interest free loans on our behalf. Words cannot express our hearts. We can only say, "Thanks for caring." Through our indebtedness and my cancer surgery, I can only say people do care. I can never go to a pulpit and say the people of the BMA of Texas are unconcerned. Royalwood Church and my life are testimonies to the BMA of Texas people do care. I will never know this side of heaven how many prayers have been offered on our behalf. We, at Royalwood, must go forward for the Kingdom. We have been given great assistance by State Missions, and we are seeking to build leadership and ministry.

The events of 1990 have accomplished many things in the life of Royalwood. Two of the most notable are:

- 1. Difficulty has served to draw the hearts of our church to people across Texas, and we are humbled God moved on people's hearts to support us.
- 2. God has used my illness to address the problem of subtle spiritual pride within my heart. If a fellow pastor doesn't think he will ever have to depend on anyone, remember we do not know what tomorrow or 1991 may bring our way.

Again, we, at Royalwood, say "thanks" and may the Gracious Redeemer bless each life. Our God is so very good!

> Verlan Ewing, Pastor Royalwood, Houston

Church Rews

ROCKDALE, SULPHUR SPRINGS

Sunday School attendance for January 20 was 60; two teenage girls made professions of faith. Our Valentine banquet will be February 15. The building fund is increasing; work is being planned for our parking lot.

Henry Grubbs, Pastor Sue St. Clair, Reporter

JACKSON, JOAQUIN

The youth entered a float in the Logansport Christmas parade with the theme, "Jesus is the Answer." Bro. Bill Sheffield, missionary to Guatemala, was guest speaker December 2; an offering of \$290 was received for his work.

The youth visited in the nursing homes distributing candy December 8; that evening

they had a hayride and went Christmas caroling with the youth of Lone Cedar Church. December 13 the benevolence committee, under the leadership of Evalyn Horn, gave gifts in the three nursing homes and fruit plates to the community shut-ins.

December 16 was our Christmas program; Bro. Ferman McCann was special guest; he showed slides of the places in the Holy Land. The auxiliaries are collecting aluminum cans as a mission project. The money will be used to help pay the cost of a student attending the Bible Institute in Guatemala. In January seven attended the district Sunbeam meeting and two attended the district WMA meeting. January 20 four joined by transfer of letter.

R. D. Warr, Jr., Pastor Glendon Warr, Reporter

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