



Church Of Christ

LAGRANGE, INDIANA

ONE-HALF BLOCK SOUTH OF US-20
ON TOWN LINE ROAD

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Dear Bro. Church & Family;

It has been said that a poor excuse is better than none so with perhaps a very poor one, but one which we feel is a first class one, we are writing to you tonight. Not that we especially need an excuse for writing to an old friend such as you, but we have it, and are using it now.

THE EXCUSE:

We at La Grange are in a very hard row of stumps financially due to no fault of our own, as every thing is as peaceable as possible among us. Within the past year we have lost some five families by moving away to other jobs, or other homes, and have only gained one to replace them. The population is just a little fluid here, so we are not surprised to lose a family once in awhile, and usually soon pick up one to replace them, but this time we have been a little slow in replacement.

The families that moved consisted of one school teacher, one factory worker; (Man & wife both working) good contributors. One building contractor, one farmer, and one who worked in a local chicken hatchery. This last named family had only been baptized a few months. (Both man and wife) and had four children whom we had hoped to keep with us. The family we gained came from the christian- (Church of Christ) and came in with us. Three of them already christians, two more younger ones. This loss by moving meant a loss to us in contribution of close to forty dollars a week.

With winter coming on with its additional expense the strain is going to be extremely heavy one the ones who are left unless we can obtain a little help till we can pick up again. We are all making considerable sacrifice in order to get by as easily as reasonably possible. We pay Bro. Garner \$47.50 a week, \$2;50 of which is for janitor work. Our other expenses are for heating oil, class supplies, and payments on a mortgage.

We just don't see where we can economize any where, and still carry on as we should. We do have some possible prospects, which we hope to contact during the meeting of Nov. 12 through 19, and ad of which I am enclosing. We have no idea where we could get a preacher for less money than we are paying, And he is happy with us, and doesn't want to leave. However if we don't succeed in obtaining some help from some church, or individual, we may have to try doing without a preacher for awhile, a year or so perhaps. So we are appealing to you, and the Granny White Pike congregation: "Come over to La Grange and help us."

P.S.

Roger: this is Earl writing at Fred's request.

Is Bro. Hendon still in Nashville?

If he is, and if you at Granny White Pike have already obligated yourselves to full extent, would you call him, and tell him what we are writing, and what we are needing, and maybe he can get some help from the Central congregation.

\$100.00 a month for the next six months would put us over the hump and in good condition to continue on.

Whatever your reply, we thank you, and pray God's blessing upon you and yours.

In all Christian Love,

Fred Cox, Earl Garner, and all the church at La Grange.