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Dear Friends,

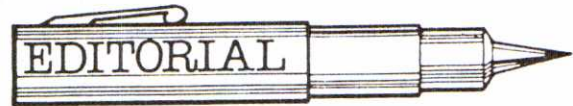
It's been a day or two since the last Newsletter, and a lot of water has passed under the bridge.

In June the congregation accepted a letter of resignation from Pastor Mark Wiens, to be effective 1 September 1991. Wheels went into motion immediately at Western District Conference Headquarters in the pastoral search process for a replacement. Several names were submitted as possible candidates and a possible contender from Missouri was selected. However, at this writing we heard that our man of choice accepted a teaching position near his place of residence, and we are back to square one in our search - please pray for us in this trying period of our growth and development as a church here.

Meanwhile, Moses Mast accepted interim pastorship for us for the time period from 1 Sept. 91 thru 31 Dec. 91, except for one Sunday a month. The Oklahoma Convention of Mennonite Churches and the WDC arranged for pulpit supply for those off Sundays. Moses and Sadie are giving us the benefit of their experiences in Central America and in other Oklahoma churches, with their spiritual leadership, but will be accepting a VS assignment in Hesston, Ks., after the first of the New Year.

After eight months, the Brethren in Christ Church wished to reoccupy their building, and for several weeks after our "eviction" late in June we were "street people." Rosewood Mortuary then offered us the use of their chapel facility on Sundays.

Bill Klassen



VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Many people mention how they would truly like to be involved with Voluntary Service and Mennonite Disaster Service, but we simply don't have time. Well, I can understand that, so let me give you some options - Personal Voluntary Service.

How do we do this? Look around your neighborhood, see what the needs are - every neighborhood has its needs. See the old crazy man wandering up and down the street? The old widow trying to do her own yard work? The fellow next door who can't hold a job but can always hold a beer? Your job starts with simply being friendly, visit with them. There is no need to be pushy, simply visit and set a good example. Help the old lady mow her yard. You will be surprised because two things will happen. One, those people will become your friends, and, two, their lives will start changing for the better. A third thing often happens, too. Your VS projects will soon be doing good with others and people who see what you have done will start their own projects. Good works are contagious.

Terry Hostetler

NEW MEETING PLACE:

With completion of the Bluebird day care facility, the owner/builder partnership will allow us to share their facilities for Sunday worship services at 11801 Southwood Drive starting on 17 November 1991. (See sketch)

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