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 $^{^{\}rm 4}$ Located in Bethany, West Virginia, near Campbell's Bethany College.

 $^{^{5}}$ Owen's utopian community at New Harmony, near Evansville, Indiana.

⁶ "The American churches supported evangelistic efforts in the U. K. Those who took the financial support tended to introduce practices similar to those of the supporting congregations in the States. ... These innovations and others disturbed many, and brethren, like my father, that that it was all a 'sell out'. Bitterness and disunity followed from which everyone has suffered." Email from Ian S. Davidson dated 29 November 2010.

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⁸ Motherwell is a city near Glasgow. On 1 March 1947 Ketcherside attended the conference of the Slamannan District churches. These churches had a "special Evangelistic Committee to receive and disburse funds, and to recommend the places where preachers were most needed." See *Pilgrimage of Joy*, p. 130.

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 $^{^{10}}$ Willie Wardrop (1906-1979), an engine fitter by trade whose home was in Motherwell.

¹¹ James Wardrop (1864-1949), the father of Willie Wardrop, was almost 83 in 1947. Ketcherside describes him as "the oldest evangelist in Scotland." James apparently lived with his son Willie and told Ketcherside "the history of the movement, with its hardships and trials, as vividly as if it were in 'living color.'" "High Adventure in Great Britain," *Restoration Review* 19 (December 1977): 216. See also *Pilgrimage of Joy*, p. 130.

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¹⁵ Willie (1912-1999) and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Black (1910-1997) of Dalmellington were leaders in the small congregation in that city which no longer extant.

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² An iron Roman nail dating to the time of Christ found at Inchtuthil, Perthshire, Scotland. A pit with thousands of nails was discovered during an archaeological excavation. Brother McCallum set the nail on a piece of word and Ian Davidson forwarded it to WCK.

³ "I visited Greece during a sixth-form cruise in the winter of 1966. One port of call was Piraeus, close to Athens. Our school party had a guided tour of the Acropolis, Mars Hill, etc. I recall that I mentioned in my letter to Carl, Paul's address to the Athenians. Carl did a tape on it, which I thought was great. He and I were heavily into Greek history and the Greek language. I think Barclay inspired us both, especially on the latter subject." Ian Davidson in an email dated 2 December 2010 to Terry Gardner.

⁴ Davidson recalls three of the books of the books he mentioned to WCK. They are: 1) *Debate on the Evidence of Christianity* between Alexander Campbell and Robert Owen; 2) *The Mind of St. Paul* (1958) by William Barclay; and 3) *New Testament Christianity; or, Important Themes of the New Testament Inductively Studied* (1911) by Lancelot Oliver.

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This past weekend was an interesting one. I was with 1250 college and university young people at Gatlinsburg, (*sic*) Tennessee, on the fringe of Smoky Mountain National Park. We sang, prayed and held workshops. I spoke to them six times. It was a real blessing to see twelve of them immersed into Christ at midnight on Saturday night last. Among those who were baptized was girl from Argentina (an exchange student) and a football player from the University of Kentucky, on an athletic scholarship from Canada.

I can tell you are very busy by reading the last page of the paper you sent me. Thank you for it and for all else. Remember me to the saints who meet with you and to all of the others in the Slamannan District⁵ whom you meet. It is great to hear from you and to receive the nail. How glad I am to be always both

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⁴ Members of Oak Hill Chapel in St. Louis where WCK preached and close friends of the Ketchersides.

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The library is a great one. I am giving all of my hundreds of books to it. The kitchen is large. It has fifty built-in cabiets. We will have ample room in the large dining room for our Tuesday classes this year. We can all eat together which we could not do at the other place.

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² "I'm nothing exceptional. By 1984, I was preaching and teaching regularly, mostly in Motherwell and the Slamannan District churches, but also in places as far apart as Buckie in the north of Scotland and London. I was also a Sunday School superintendent. (Sunday School is for children in the U.K.) Beginning in 1980, I had undertaken special annual talks on subjects of my own choosing. These were normally delivered over a three week period on three Saturdays every August. 1980 - "How to Study the Bible"; 1981 - "The Kingdom of God"; 1982 - "Our Pagan Society"; 1983 - "History of the Churches of Christ in Britain"; 1984 - "Paul's Epistle to the Philippians". Each was the fruit of one year's thorough studying. The annual talks ran to 1992. I had to give them up because of pressure of work. By 1992, I was a bank manager for the Royal Bank of Scotland plc. So all the time I was pursuing a pressurised and, at times, hectic banking career. Something had to give! In 1983, I began writing for the "S.S." - alternate monthly articles on Scripture Readings. Later, on the retirement of Brother R.B. Scott in London, I took the whole thing over, including the compilation of the annual Scripture Readings. (Each Sunday a reading from the O.T. tied in with a reading from the N.T.) I'm still on this! Indeed, I still write short articles for this magazine." Email from Ian S. Davidson to Terry Gardner on 12 December 2010.

³ "The Scripture Standard began in 1935 as a British magazine mainly for the "Old Paths" churches. Walter Crosthwaite was the first editor, then Carlton Melling, then James R. Gardiner, my brother-in-law. A few years ago, Robert Marsden of Wigan, England, took over the editorship after James retired. Now the magazine is handled by brother Allan Ashurst of Manchester. It is no longer a monthly magazine, but a quarterly one. I suppose it has mainly been a teaching magazine with the odd "News" items thrown in. I mainly wrote articles on the N.T. Sunday readings. (I wrote on all the books of the N.T., including Revelation.) But later on, I produced a series of articles on, for example, "Archaeology" and "The Historical and Cultural Background of the New Testament", etc. Other articles came from other brothers and sisters throughout the U.K. and beyond." Email from Ian S. Davidson to Terry Gardner on 12 December 2010.

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³ "Geoffrey Lodge is still alive and must be well into his 80's. He and his wife Bessie have settled in Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. He was a headmaster by profession and probably came into the church through the influence of a brother Bob McDonald of Dewsbury, Yorkshire, whom I knew well. His wife Bessie was a daughter of brother Fred Hardy, a builder and a close associate of Bob McDonald. The Lodges worshipped for a time at Wembley congregation, London. There is no record of their association with a Church of Christ thereafter. I spoke to a sister this week in Yorkshire, who knew him. She said: 'I love brother Lodge'. She also said that he was a man of firm views." Email from Ian Davidson to Terry Gardner dated 23 December 2010.

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⁵ "Carlton Melling died on the 9th of August, 1984, aged 77. He was born into a very large family when times were hard. At the age of 18 months he lost the use of his right arm and hand through a form of polio or infantile paralysis. He later suffered from diabetes, which eventually caused blindness. He is associated mostly with Scholes, Wigan, although he spent 8 or 9 years in Yorkshire during his career as a librarian. He returned to Scholes from Yorkshire." Email from Ian Davidson to Terry Gardner dated 23 December 2010.

 $^{^6}$ An apparent reference to Ronald Reagan (1911-2004) who was reelected on 6 November 1984 in a landslide carrying the electoral votes of 49 states.

 $^{^7}$ Margaret Thatcher (b. 1925) Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (1979-1990) narrowly escaped injury in the bombing of the Brighton hotel on 12 October 1984.

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I am especially saddened by the need for discontinuing the classes on interpretation but I know you have invested your time well. Give my love to all over there and I shall go turn on the cassette player. God bless you, keep you, and make His face t shine upon you, Yours and His,

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¹ Written to Ian Sneddon Davidson of Motherwell, Scotland (1949-). Letter written in 1985.

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How thoughtful generous and kind of you to send me The Second City." It is extremely interesting and stimulating. I Claimed about the pre-Revolutionary tobacco interests and their effect on the C. i, and also about Alexander Hamilton and when he received his knowledge of constitutional law. I also learned about the origin of the term "Scotch" tape! little realized how Glasgow grew-from villages and how the workers walked into the factories of various kinds including the one when they made saap from whole fat, It was extremely interesting. I cannot thank you enough for your thoughtfulness and generosity and promise you that, by the time, I finish of te ill know man about Blargow, which have always admired. He are very busy at the Cornerstone, The winter which is upon us makes it imperative that we get with it in helping people, God-be with you, bless you, keep you, is the prayer of, your and This,

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It is a positive truth that our brethren are divided over many things which are inconsequential, unnecessary and irrelevant. They grieve the heart of God and accomplish nothing. I am convinced that most of our arguments mean nothing to Him!

I shall be very anxious to read about your finding with reference to women's work in the culture of which we are part. And anything I read which will contribute to your thinking I will mail to you. It is a necessary theme.

I am delighted that you will have a short time to yourself at Bournemouth 3 and relish the idea that you can spend it there. God bless you.

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 $^{^{3}}$ Bournemouth, a large resort town in the county of Dorset, on the south coast of England.

⁴ Albert Edward Winstanley (circa 1920 – 2004). One of the first full-time preachers in British Churches of Christ. Founder of the *Christian Worker* in 1967 and a staff writer for *Truth for Today*. Suffered a stroke in June of 1987.

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Bruce has been so good to several of the brethren over there. He wrote the preface to the book by Edward Fudge.³ We were speaking of him in Texas a matter of a few days ago, and then, lo, I get his book this evening. God will surely bless you for sending it. Thanks a million. May He continue with you.

Yours and His - /s/ Carl

¹ Letter sent to Ian S. Davidson (1949 -).

² Frederick Fyvie Bruce (1910-1990). Not clear which book is referenced ... perhaps it is *In retrospect: Remembrance of Things Past* (1980).

³ Edward William Fudge (1944 -). A reference to *Our Man In Heaven, An Exposition of the Epistle to the Hebrews*, (1973). Bruce penned the forward writing, "It is a pleasure to commend Mr. Fudge's exposition of the Letter to the Hebrews."



W. Carl Ketcherside

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Dear Ian:1

I am delighted that you could take the little trip. And I am especially glad you included the piece about Carlyle's² birthplace.³ It is not only attractive but it is informative. I am sending it to an editor and book publisher friend. And the fact that you will have had the distinct pleasure of seeing Bruce⁴ makes me sigh for the same opportunity.

It is a blessing for you to be able to look in on the cotton industry. And I am anxious to hear about your conclusions with reference to women. It is possible that we may never know from what is said in the scripture. At least this should deter us from being too critical. One way to do a study is exactly as you are doing it and I wish you well.

The Cornerstone is doing well. There are good audiences present now at every meeting. Pray for it and for us as we minister there. It is a blessed thing to be able to work for Jesus.

Yours and His, /s/ Carl

¹ Letter sent to Ian Davidson.

² Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881) Scottish satirical writer, essayist and historian.

³ Carlyle was born in Ecclefechan, about 5.5m southeast of Lockerbie in Scotland. His birthplace has been open to the public since 1883. The birthplace includes a collection of portraits and Carlyle's personal possessions.

⁴ Frederick Fyvie Bruce (1910-1990).



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You have quite a task working on the slides of British Churches of Christ. I am glad of the meeting on I Corinthians 11:1-16. And you did exactly right in agreeing to separate opinions. God will respect that. He knows our hearts. He will not respect it if we no longer have anything to do with each other.

I am glad Leroy wrote. He is a fine brother – a real Grade-A person. And his book³ was excellent. It has done much good, and will do more.

I must hurry down to the Cornerstone. I worked there all day yesterday. It is all going good. God bless you and keep you.

Yours and His, /s/ Carl

¹ Letter sent to Ian Davidson.

² Three biographical videos of W. Carl Ketcherside were produced by Good New Productions, International titled, "Venture In Faith," (1982).

³ Likely a reference to *The Stone-Campbell Movement, An Anecdotal History of Three Churches*, College Press Publishing Company: Joplin, Missouri (1981).

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¹ Letter written to Ian Davidson likely in mid-1988.

² Frederick Fyvie Bruce (1910-1990). Possible reference to Bruce's autobiography, *In retrospect:* Remembrance of Things Past (1980).

³ Hindley is a town with in the Metropolitan Borough of Wigan in Greater Manchester, England.

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Please know that I love the paper. You are doing a great work for the Kind and He will reward you in the last great day. I am always both yours and His.

/s/ Carl

¹ Letter written to Ian Davidson on 6 June 1988.

² Reference to videos of Carl Ketcherside produced by Good News Productions, International titled, "Venture In Fatih," (1982).



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Nov. 25

Dear Jan:
This was in the Christian Herald
which I receive and since it relates
to Paisley I thought you might be
interested, I have met Luis Palaw,
who seems to be a very nice and
interesting man.

Interesting man, We had am weekly Bible Study this Threeday morning. There were only 34 there today. It generally suns very

near to and sometimes over that. The

are studying the enslavement of a nation

which believed in one God by an idola-

traces nation which worshiped the lower animals - the created rather than the

Creator!

I pray for your studies and work as well as for your writing and speaking. Do not God has gifted you remarkably. Do not let Him down. Yours and His,

Care

December 26

Dear Jan: I am deeply gratified with your ever so gracious letter and especially with the first day cover, and the old stamp accompanying the card. It is truly relaxing to have them and makes me deeply grateful. I shall attempt to use them to the glory of God and the furtherene of This kingdom, We have been extremely busy at the Cornerstone as Christmas has approached, nell gave away 314 blankets in two days, beside 65 women's coats and a lot of other stuff beside. We has bundles of toys to dispose of and in addition gave away many other things to the glory of God and to the good of the Kingdom. We read with joy apparent and with uplifting praise about your great I nydom work, God is using you to combat sectarianism and to help motivate men as His divine servants. You are great for and Scotia and I love to hear and learn about all you do to the furtherance of This works Thank you and God bless you, yours and His,

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THE CORNERSTONE 3258 OHIO AVE. (AT UTAH) ST. LOUIS, MO 63118

Dear Jan: I received the packet containing all of the "goodie" and I thank you for it ever so much. All of it is both timely and good if it is distributed. Of Ct ise it will do no good in a drower or lying on a shelf. It must be placed in a human hand, Obviously same will ignore it but if it is read by only one person with a great need it will be a worthwhile project. The little "moitation" is also to be congratulates on its format, anything is better than nothing but a little time and effort expended on it can make it really worthwhile and I commend the buthen for it, I also thank you for the reprint treatise on "The Resurre tion "by David King, I have already read enough in it to know that he and I read the same book about the resurrection. I am thrilles with the Sound in Faith and thank you for it. It represents a tremendous amount of reading and a considerable investment of time to prepare this and I trust the

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their behalf. I read the "New sletter" with which it concluded with a great deal of appreciation and joy. Nell also read it and we talked about it at length. It were glad to see mention of agnes and James and wallies on in it.

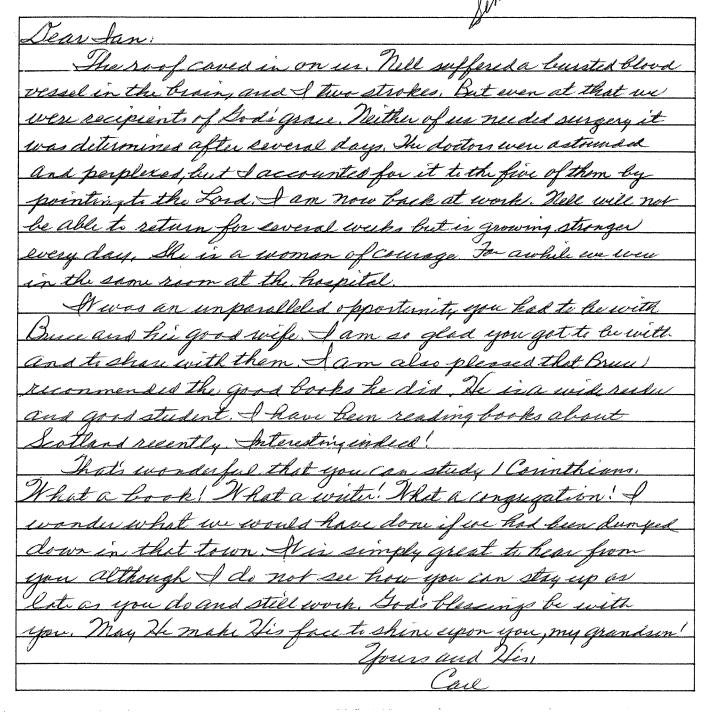
I have not seen Halley's comet yet and doubt that I will amidet all of the billiant light of the city. But I have read more than 3/3 of "The Second City" and found it very intensting and enlightening. Sod he with you, bless you, keep you. He love you dearly and an always bath

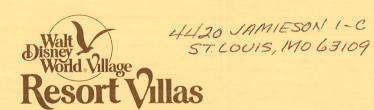


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Dear Jan:

Hords fail to be adequate tools to frame my heart felt thanks for the book about William Barclay. When I learned how close James Martin had really been to him I was especially pleases with it. In the same mail many Hendren sent me a book called Love in Bomb City. Both of them detailed the truimph of the love of Christ over the things which beset our earthly pilgrimage.

Nell is doing very well in overcoming her problem and is no doubt on her way to ofull recovery. We appreciate the Card you sent and I especially thank you for the list of subjects covered by the Slamannan Conference through the years.

I have been at the Cornerstone every day this week. It is co satisfying thing to be able to help the poor and needy and I rejoin at the turn of events which made it possible for us to do so. Next week we will be busy all day for two full days from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. in a clothing give-away. The also give away Bebles and testaments and we are just finishing giving away fruit cakes, washing powder and vegetables.

I exhart you to pray for this necessary work of faith and

labor of love. Our city has many homeless street people in it and ear are trying our best to meet the needs. God be with you in all things is my prayer,

yours and His,





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Dear fan:
My heart bounced with joy when Arecevied your ever so
gracious letter. It was simply a stupendous thrill. I am sorry you
have to write so late at night. By midnight I cannot even think, much
less wite. I give thanks to the Father of all mercy for the fact that you
are able to travel among the churches.
I am also happy that you received a copy of the tapes and
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the difference.
The letters from R.B. Seatt sound interesting indust and I hope
you get them exited and presented. Paul was especially glad to
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I am happy that your father is so contented. He is a good
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Yours and His,
Carl

W. Carl Ketcherside

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63108 August 1 4420 JAMIESON AVE., 1-C

(314) 645-4158 Your letter came just as I am working Dear Jan: frontially to get my work in shape so I (n enter the haspital for surgery, I go in Monday. I was then most of the day Thursday of last week. They took 14 X-rays and finally told me I had a blockage in the candleading from the bladder. The usine was not draining from it. I was eliminating only what flowed 'over the dam! I had just finished the conquiring of a wholesale infection of the urine So I shall undertake to find the Cause of my difficulty. I am profoundly touched by the first day of issue of the Jersey stamp and of thank you for it. You are so thoughtful thank you for it. You are so thoughtful and kind to think of me in that regard. I will treasure this black of stamps. I am intrigued by your study of the Holy Spirit. You will learn much and be greatly enriched by the investigation of the sacred oracles on that theme . I have read David King on the subject. Beo Crosth waite, bless his memory, presented me with it, I read it with much profit and help. I have never kept a drary. It was like

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My dear brother:

What a joy it is to hear from you. My heart is filled with appreciation for the letter filled with good will. That is a beautiful thing you are doing in Reeping Contact with the lad from "Auld Scotia" in I larida. It must be like a fresh shower

and that is simply great that you taught on those three Saturdays. I read the adwith deep appreciation for what it indicates. That is the kins of thing that will make the Cause grow. Even if but few came it would still be a powerful thing as people still be a powerful thing as people read it. Keep on doing things like that.

I too have been quite busy. Neel and I took a reen down to south Messourie where our son (who recently retired from his work as a technician) is in a Passion play, taking as a technician) is in a Passion play, taking the part of annas. I have also spaken at Washington University, and last night went to alton, Illinois when I allowed myself to be questioned for I hours by the audience, to be questioned for I hours by the audience, I he is too had you could not make it there was very impressive. I heard about there was very impressive. I heard about it from two sources. The talks on the Holy Speint will be terrifice.

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My precious brother:

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Deavelan: What a blessing to Rear from you an this fine day It will hit 70° soon It is already 66. That is something for march in St. Louis. The weather has generally been good for this time of year. That is why ene have had such good crowds at Bible Study on Tuesday. It almost always hits near 50-Catholics, Methodists, Baptists - all alike! We worked at the Cornerstone the last 2 days and had a real crowd them. It is true that now there are about 60 who come on Sunday - walking in off the streets. Fray for this please. I have never had fewer than 18 at night on Wednesday there. Im delighter you made it to Tranent for the social. That is good! And I am glad to hear your estimate of good ald John Mc Callism. Apparently it will take now than he has suffered thus for to do him in I glory in his ability to keep his head in the air and to keep going. That is good with a Capital "G." Joseph makes the Old Testament for me. I love to read about him, think about him, and rejoice in him. He was filled e October 20

Dear Jan:

What a blessing it was to see your letter in the mail. With what interest of have read every word you wrate including no 23 of Sound In Faith That was a tremendown Blessing - informative, interesting and inspiring. your interview of Bro. nisbet was also sensational. What a thoughtful thing to do. The old brother told it like it was. I am amozed at his memory. The makes me ashamed of my own poor one. That is a fascinating thing you are doing in the local motherwell paper. Surely God will Bless it in his own good time and way. It is one avenue that is available to us and we should take more advantage of it. I have read the book of Marmon, I

have an original as it was published by that prince of ignorance, Joseph Smith, I also have a modern copy. You cannot imagine the changes that have occurred in an inspired book, purportedly translated by the Lord himself, who, at the time did not speak good English!

CARL KETCHERSIDE w.

LABORING WITH GOD CORNERSTONE

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Date: Dear Jan: It is a rare privilege to have your ever so good and gracious epistle. I also am work ingevery duy, although novas hard as you are perhaps. The Cornerstone demande two and I try to give it. You are right about Margaret, Shey literally Contacts they have with you. At have anything from you and you also an great to write andrew or of am getting ready to tell of the significant "...compel them to come in, that My house may be filled..."

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W. CARL KETCHERSIDE

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CORNERSTONE

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Dear Ian:1

Nell² is no longer with me, having gone to meet the Lord. Last Saturday,³ a week ago today,⁴ she went in the bathroom to vomit and fell dead immediately. It was how se wanted to go always, but it is very hard on those who remain.

We had two funeral services—one here,⁵ the other at Flat River, where she was born. We deplored formal and stilted meetings, so Sue (my daughter) read an article she had written on "Living With A Christian Mother," the four grandchildren sang a song, and people who had known her stood and paid tribute to her. I am quite lonely but am doing his will as best I can. Yours and his,

/s/ Carl

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Am pleased beyond measure that you had such a wonderful time on Malta.

¹ Letter sent to Ian Davidson.

 $^{^{2}}$ Nell Ketcherside (1906-1988), wife of Carl Ketcherside.

³ 13 August 1988.

⁴ 20 August 1988 is the date this letter was apparently written.

⁵ St. Louis, Missouri

Cornerstone

I have decided, through God's grace to answer all of the cards received in this way. There are in excess of 150 from all over the United States and some foreign countries and they are still coming. This does not count ones which were attached to the flowers or those which enclosed a memorial tribute to Nell. They were all answered, thanks to our daughter Sharon Sue, who did noble work after her mother departed to be with Jesus.

It was apparent to those of us who lived with her and were close observers that she was beginning to show her age. But she was so kind and considerate of all that they said they did not notice it. On the 12th of August I took her to her beauty parlor to get her hair done. It was a weekly ritual. She had a notation on her license that she must not drive after dark and she was beginning to delop problems which made it difficult to drive during the day.

On the 13th I arose first and got breakfast. She did not eat much. She told me she had a pain across her back at the shoulders and one across her entire upper abdomen in front. I urged her to lie down and soon she did. At supper I fixed what she especially liked but in vain. She could not eat. We had called our doctor and he was out of town on vacation.

A little before six she sat down in her chair. I went in and asked her how she was feeling. She told me the pain across the back had stopped but she had such a pain across the front that she felt like she had to vomit. She arose and went to thebathroom. I waited six or seven minutes and got up and peeked in, She was lying on the floor with her feet doubled under and her head between the stool and bathtub. I tried to straighten her out and get her to say a word to me but she was gone.

We had two services for her - one at St. Louis, the other at BonneTerre. There were huge crowds at both places. The large auditorim in Saint Louis was crowded out with 475 people. Nell had always rebelled against the funeral custom of having a stilted service. I arose and thanked the folk for coming and expressing their love and introduced Sue who read a beautiful poem she had written about "Living With A Christian Mother." Then I told all in the audience who wanted to tell something about what Nell meant to them to hold up their hands. Hands went up all over the place. After they had spoken for 30 minutes I then introduced Bro. Renollet who spoke a few choice words.

At Flat River, Bonnie Shasteen sang a song about "home" and Sue read her poem. Then we had the four grandchildren sing her favorite song she had learned while with me in Ireland. Brother Renollet read a beautiful chapter from the Word of God. We buried her in Farkview Cemetery where she had placed our stone about six months before. Everything was quiet and sweet.

We are sincerely grateful to everyone of you who sent such beautiful cards and remembrances. God bless all of you. Of course, we realize that Nell did not have to lie in bed and twist in pain. I thank God for that and give him grateful thanks. We celebrated our sixtieth anniversary together in June. We were all at Jerry's place near Branson. All of us were there including son and daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. As we started back toward home it seemed to me that it might be the last time we would all be together like that.

I am doing well. I am teaching again. As a matter of fact I began the moring after the funeral service at ten o'clock. It was what Nell had wanted and we had not had a disagreement in at least ten years. She was a delight to live with and a pleasurable help in my work.

Write if you would like. The address is 4420 Jamieson Avenue C-1, Saint Louis, Missouri 63109. The telephone is 645-4158. God be with and bless you. Yours and HIS,

Carl

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I frequently receive letters commending us for starting "The Cornerstone" as if it were some great thing we are doing. It is not! The fact is we benefit more than anyone else. Nell and I were sorting clothing with a motley group recently. I paused and whispered my thanks to the Father for allowing me to share with them. One was a quiet mother whose alcoholic husband held a butcher knife to her throat for two hours one night in a threat to sever her head from her body. Another was a mother of two little ones from Honduras, married to an American who is rushing himself to the grave by drinking. A Catholic, she continues to live with him partially by my counsel and encouragement.

the third is a woman, mother of seven, who spent 24 years in Tunisia, in Africa, married to a Muslim. She had to jump from an upstairs window and escape down an alley to keep from being killed by Islamic fanatics. We have been used of God to restore her to usefulness when the police were about to incarcerate her because they thought she was crazy. She speaks three languages fluently - Arabic. French and English. Another was a man, wounded in the war, who went berserk from loneliness at Christmas time, drank himself into a stupor and lay immobile for 3 days. As soon as he came out of it he called me to confess what he had done and promise to do anything to make it right. He works with us diligently all of the time.

The fifth was a blind man, a former tavern owner, now a Christian as of four months ago. He believes that God sent us to the community. I love him. I love all of the others too. Who could have dreamed five years ago that I would be working side by side with these who need us, and whom we also need so much? We find no dull moments. Those who are helpless, hopeless and harried - and a very few who are heartless, are knocking at the door asking, seeking, finding. I have come to the conclusion that providing, clothing, food, blankets and toys is the least thing we do. It is so easy to gather up a bunch of clothes Louis, MO 63118. we no longer want and send them without a prayer or a thought.

It is conservatively estimated that there are six thousand homeless in the city. They burrow into all kinds of rude shelters. Some of them freeze to death as did two recently. Many of them go through the garbage dumpsters seeking for a few morsels of left-over food. I have gone and talked with them often and supplied them with a can or two of this or that. Dressed as I am in khaki pants, and wearing an old plaid flannel shirt, they are no longer afraid of me. They think of me as one of them who was fortunate enough to find the bread. It is amazing how quick the profanity disappears from their language when I begin to talk to them about the love of Jesus.

We have a fine group of talented young people to work with and they can do everything from installing electric lights to fixing a real meal. We have a vacation Bible study, a meeting for Teen-agers, a discipleship class, a quilting, a weekly and monthly clothing give away and a meal for street people once per month in which they can find a fellowship they have never before experiences. Every Saturday night we have a Bible Study for any who wish to come. Recently half of those attending were from the community.

We have contact with people from Mexico and Cuba, Chile and Honduras, Laos and Vietnam, as well as black and white Americans. Some have done time in prison, some are alcoholics, some are on dope, some are shacking up with other than their legal companions — but we begin by receiving them as and where they are and seek to get them to change by allowing them to see our genuine interest in them.

We thank you - oh, how we thank you - for your sending clothing, food, blankets, shoes, toys, and other things. Surely He will bless you for your compassion, your concern and your love for others. We never ask for anything but if your heart is moved to share you can simply make the check to The Cornerstone. If you'd like you can send it to our address at 4420 Jamieson, 1-C, Saint Louis, Mo. 63109. Our telephone is (314) 645-4158. The address of The Cornerstone is 3258 Ohio (at Utah), St. Louis, MO 63118.

Will you please pray for this venture of faith?

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