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NEWBERG, OREGON

El TeePee, Woods,
Cloverdale, Oregon,
July 30, 1947.

To the Pastors of the Protestant Churches,
Cloverdale, Oregon.

Gentlemen:--

My interest in the spiritual welfare of the people of Woods, and especially the children, prompts me to write to you in the hope that something may be done for the help of the community here in a religious way.

You probably know something of the situation. There is a church building here, which has been improved considerably in the past two years or so, with repainting outside and in, the installation of a good stove, and other improvements. And for three years or so a man whose name is pronounced as if it were spelled Resenchek, though that is far from the spelling, has come down Sunday (much of the time twice) and Wednesday evening, preaching on Sundays and having bible study and prayer on Wednesday evenings. And a Sunday School which for a time had very few in it, grew till presently it was ministering to a score or more children of the community and as far away as Tierra del Mar. Mrs. -- well, the preacher's wife, was one of the teachers, and while she lived here Mrs. G. S. Rogers was another, her husband helping in many ways. But Mrs. -- the preacher's wife; I'll not undertake to spell the name -- has been ill, the Rogers family have moved to Ocean Lake, and they just do not have teachers for their Sunday School. The preacher is discouraged, as the attendance at the meetings had dwindled to practically nothing; and last Sunday there was no service of any kind.

My wife and I are out here just for this week, and are seldom at Woods, and never for any considerable length of time. But we are interested, and regret to see the children with no opportunity for Sunday School or other religious services. The one man most interested is an elderly bachelor named Galloway, who has done and is eager to do all that he can to help things along, but he too is not feeling very cheerful about the prospect, though he has not given up hope.

I suggested to him the possibility that there might be some of the good people of Cloverdale who might be able and willing to help, as some from Tillamook did help in the Sunday School at Pacific City, and may still be helping so far as I know.

If this appeals to you in any way, it seems to me that it might be wise to confer with this Mr. Galloway. There is real field here which is not being cultivated, a needy field and what might be a fruitful one, though not an easy one.

Sincerely yours,

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