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News From Graduates

In this issue are extracts from letters that indicate the end result of your support for the school. Brother Lafratiel Polynice is a May graduate of the school and was converted by a graduate of the school, brother Joseph Sejour. They are working together now and we know you would want to hear of their continued progress in the gospel. Lafratiel (May 8, 1997) writes in part as follows:

"I like to hear about the graduates who have studied and now gone to the 'hard' places to teach New Testament Christianity. May their tribe increase!! May the school always be there!" R.C.

"First of all I thank God for giving me the privilege to be a student at the Florida School of Preaching. I thank the Board of Directors and all the teachers who were present to encourage and exhort us. I thank everyone who made this school possible for me.

Before moving to the U.S.A. my family and I lived in St. Martin (French Side). Brother Joseph Sejour (who baptized me and encouraged me to attend the school), brother Wilson Claytus and Herman Andre made two trips to St. Martin and preached the gospel. Many people were converted to Christianity. Now there are about fifty to seventy who have been baptized. Brother Emmanuel Charles, one of the leaders of this new congregation is coming to the Florida School of Preaching.

Since being baptized, I have been working with brother Sejour, and I would like to help the new congregation in St. Martin by working with them periodically.

It is my desire to bring the Gospel to the

Denominational Church to which I once belonged. I have talked with the leaders of this Denomination, and they are interested in learning the truth. This congregation is more than three hundred members. I once led them in false doctrine without knowing. I

would like to go back and convert them to the truth.

For further information, contact The Florida School of Preaching at (941) 683-4043 or contact me:

Lafratiel Polynice

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[In a second letter dated June 15, 1997, brother Polynice writes in part as follows:] "One month is past since I have received my certificate from The Florida School of Preaching. . . . I am still working with brother Joseph Sejour. There are some great blessings in our congregation during the last month. I converted a lady with her five children. I have baptized four of them, the others are too young to get baptized. Brother Sejour baptized nine persons. Together we have baptized thirteen." [We understand that there are others now to be added to this number.]

Should you know of a church or individuals who could help brother Lafratiel, we hope you will encourage them to consider his desire to reach those he once misled while preaching. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the school. Jackie M. Stearsman, Director

April 2, 1997

Greetings from Columbia,
South Carolina.

Dear Jackie,

How are you today? Prayerfully all is well with you, your family and the church/school there. I did obtain your last letter. Things are going well here. My family and I are doing well. We are taking one day at a time and spreading the gospel of Jesus. The North Fort Church of Christ has moved to another location. We had to move at the end of February because of problems such as limited parking. We didn't get

(Jeremiah 1:9-10). It has been a serious challenge especially because of the emotional factors involved. Also, I noticed that mostly women are leaving and their husbands are staying. The children are usually caught in the middle. Some of the children that have come to our congregation are angry, usually because the father didn't leave also. It is a tragic situation, but with God, prayerfully good will come out of it.

I want to recommend your book *A Critique of the Multiplying Ministries of the Boston Church of Christ*. How much are they per book or in bulk? I need about 12 books for

church of Christ. He and I had a long talk. At first he attempted, to no avail, to use movement tactics to invite me to the Columbia Church of Christ. After I thoroughly informed him that I had once been a part of that group and that I was a part of the original stage of it, he was asking many questions. He was concerned with the fact that so many people have left the Columbia Church of Christ and have gone to one of the 12 congregations in the area. He had no knowledge of Crossroads so I will be giving him some copied information on Crossroads.

On April 11-13, I will be speaking in Charlotte, NC at the home coming of the University Church of Christ.

Well Jackie take good care of yourself and I hope to hear from you soon.

May God continue to bless your efforts.

/s/ Sincerely, Servant of Jesus
Anthony Weeks

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I have spent countless hours listening to their experiences with the International Church of Christ. I've had to root out, pull down, destroy and throw down the teachings of this movement in order to build them up and plant God's pure teaching (Jeremiah 1:9-10).

the money to purchase the property that we were looking at. It was not where God wanted us to be, at least at this point. We are now worshipping at another location and it's great!! Please keep us in your prayers as we lift Jesus up (John 12:32).

Over the past month or so many have begun to leave the Columbia Church of Christ. I have spent countless hours listening to their experiences with the International Church of Christ. I've had to root out, pull down, destroy and throw down the teachings of this movement in order to build them up and plant God's pure teaching

about 15 people have come over from the Columbia Church of Christ. I really would like to get your book in their hands. I really want about 12 books as a part of our process to help them make the transition from tragedy to truth. If they want to own their own copy they can purchase the book from you or us.

Last week I was asked again to speak (do the devotional) at our quarterly meeting at the Department of Juvenile Justice. After I spoke a guy from the Columbia Church of Christ came up to me stating that he had heard that I was a preacher and a member of the

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Twenty-Third Annual Lectureship

January 19-22, 1998

Theme: Meeting The Challenging Tests Of Life

Monday

- 9:00 Tests Faced by Those in Poverty, Benjamin Radford, Kissimmee FL
 9:40 Tests Faced by Bible Preaching, V. P. Black, Chickasaw, AL
 10:20 **Break**
 10:50 Tests Faced on the Mission Field, Joseph Worndle, Coral Springs, FL
 11:30 **LUNCH**
- Preachers Forum**
- 1:30 Tests to Grow Spiritually, Kenneth Randolph, Montgomery, AL
 2:00 Tests to His Family, Jimmy Clark, Athens, AL
 2:30 Tests Relating to Elders, David Hartbarger, Ocoee, FL
 3:00 **Break**
 3:30 Questions
 4:30 **DINNER**
 6:30 Singing
 7:00 Tests Faced by Jesus, Bernard Cooper, Lakeland, FL
 7:45 Tests Faced in Soul Winning, B. C. Carr, Lakeland, FL

Tuesday

- 9:00 Tests Unique to Those in Power, Kenneth Randolph, Montgomery, AL
 9:40 Tests Faced by Bible Preaching, V. P. Black, Chickasaw, AL
 10:20 **Break**
 10:50 Tests Unique to Employees, Sam Conley, Haines City, FL
 11:30 **LUNCH**—(Faculty, Student, Alumni Photos)
- Worship Forum**
- 1:30 Worship: Authorized Acts, Tom Holland, Brentwood, TN
 2:00 Expediency, Jimmy Clark, Athens, AL
 2:30 Unauthorized Acts, Jeff Clark, Columbiana, AL
 3:00 **Break**
 3:30 Questions
 4:30 **DINNER**
 6:30 Singing
 7:00 Tests Faced by Joseph, Robert Pirant, Brandon, FL
 7:45 Tests Come to All Stages of Life, Tom Holland, Brentwood, TN

Wednesday

- 9:00 Tests Faced By Police Work, Earl Anderson, Tallahassee, FL
 9:40 Tests Faced by Bible Preaching, V.P. Black, Chickasaw, AL
 10:20 **Break**
 10:50 The Tests of Truth and Conscience, Freeman L. Green, Daytona Beach, FL
 11:30 **LUNCH**
- Crisis Forum**
- 1:30 Loss of Mate, Child, Parent, Billy Lambert, Saraland, AL
 2:00 Loss of Income, John Griffis, Bartow, FL
 2:30 Loss of Health and Aging, Rex Dutton, Brandon, FL
 3:00 **Break**
 3:30 Questions
 4:30 **DINNER**
 6:30 Singing
 7:00 Tests Faced by Abraham, Jeff Booth, Imlay City, MI
 7:45 Tests in James 1, Dub McClish, Denton, TX

Thursday

- 9:00 Tests Faced by Peter, Chris Workman, Tampa, FL
 9:40 Tests Faced by the Restoration Plea, Adron Doran, Lexington, KY
 10:20 **Break**
 10:50 Tests Faced in Restoring the Wayward, B.C. Carr, Lakeland, FL
 11:30 **LUNCH**
- Church Forum**
- 1:30 Fellowship, Billy Lambert, Saraland, AL
 2:00 Leadership, Landis Suggs, Branford, FL
 2:30 Avoiding New Fads, Dub McClish, Denton, TX
 3:00 **Break**
 3:30 Questions
 4:30 **DINNER**
 6:30 Singing
 7:00 Tests Unique to the Young, Mike Elledge, Alachua, FL
 7:45 Tests Faced in Marriage, Roy Dicks, Lake City, FL

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April 4, 1997, I replied in part as follows:

Dear Anthony:

I always enjoy hearing from you. It looks like your are doing a great work and I know of no one that is better prepared to help those folks in the ICC than you. Your experience, love for souls, knowledge of the Bible, are all essential to do the work you are doing.

Sounds like the move is going to be a positive thing for you. I read and enjoyed your bulletin. You are doing a good job with it. Those who are helping you in this area are to be commended. The first impression some have of us is through our publications. You have a fine presentation in yours. I know you have a burden to meet all the needs that confront you.

If you have someone that has access to the Internet, you can find much information on the ICC there. Many are writing of their experiences and letting other know what they have encountered by Kip and his army. Have them do a search on the International Church of Christ. Some others use these terms but you can weed them

out easily. They can print most things there directly, assuming you have a printer connected to your computer that is connected to the Internet.

The work I did is dated, but the principals have not changed. The last chapter in the Book shows Kip's decision to restructure the movement and take full and absolute control of everyone in the movement. I will have the office mail you twenty copies of my book to be used as you deem wise. You are best able to make a judgment on how to distribute or circulate them. I have sold them for \$5.00 each. If the people want to send payment, it will be fine. If it is best that they not be asked to pay for them, I will absorb the cost myself. They should help you in what you are trying to do.

Sincerely,
/s/ Jackie M. Stearsman

[Anthony is a graduate of the Florida School of Preaching and has returned to his native state to work. Before coming to The Florida School of Preaching he graduated from Florida A & M.

As he indicated in the letter to us, he was once a

member of Crossroads/Boston movement. If you need someone to help a person involved in this movement, I recommend that you contact Anthony. His address is:

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[From Joseph Worndle in *The Kerux Newsletter* is taken the following extracts:]

"With over 200 preachers in our ministry, i.e., the KERUX ministry, we find it necessary to educate our preachers. . . . Brother Antoine, who recently graduated from the Florida School of Preaching will be taking over the position as the director for the Port-Au-Prince School of Biblical Studies. Brother Antoine received high marks as a student and he will be a great asset to the work in Haiti. He will be teaching the 25 students along with Wilner Prempin, Samuel Estime, Momphistohn Philippe, Erik Bathard and myself (Joseph Worndle)."

[To know the good being done in the church is encouraging. This is especially true now, because much is being done to destroy the church.]



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