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DEAR MAXINE WILLIAMS:

IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 8TH. I WILL TRY TO RECALL SOME OF THE FACTS RELATED TO YOUR QUESTIONS.

THIS SCHOOL WAS STARTED BY A.EARL LEE, WHO IS MINISTER OF AN INDEPENDENT PENTECOSTAL CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES. HE LEFT THE SMALL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH IN CENTRALIA UNDER A CLOUD AND I WAS ASKED TO STEP INTO THE SITUATION THERE.

THE SCHOOL WAS FUNCTIONING WHEN I CAME AND STUDENTS WERE THERE FROM VARIOUS PLACES IN THE NORTHWEST. A.EARL LEE HAD STARTED THE SCHOOL ON HIS OWN WITHOUT SEEKING ANY ENDORSEMENT FROM THE DISTRICT.

SINCE I WAS NOT AN EDUCATOR IT SEEMED REASONABLE TO CLOSE THE SCHOOL. THE STUDENTS WERE MUCH IN PRAYER ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND WHEN I JOINED THEM IN THIS INTERCESSION IT SEEMED THE LORD WAS TELLING US TO CARRY ON. THE OFFICIAL DISTRICT POSITION WAS THE SCHOOL SHOULD BE CLOSED. REV. MUNGER WAS INVITED BY MYSELF TO COME AND LOOK THE SITUATION OVER. HE CAME AND FELT THE SPIRIT OF GOD WAS UPON THE STUDENTS. HE SOUGHT AND RECEIVED THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE PRESBYTERY TO CONTINUE THE SCHOOL TO FINISH OUT THE SCHOOL YEAR AND THEN IT WAS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO SEATTLE AND HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE. REV. HENRY H. NESS HAD BETTER FACILITIES TO OFFER AND CERTAINLY A MORE CAPABLE LEADERSHIP.

LOOKING BACK..THE ONLY THING I CAN SAY IS THAT THE NORTHWEST WOULD HAVE HAD A SCHOOL EVENTUALLY BUT MAYBE NOT AS SOON....WE KEPT IT TOGETHER UNTIL IT CAME INTO BETTER CIRCUMSTANCES. ONE THING THAT HAS SURPRISED ME THROUGH THE YEARS IS THE EMPHASIS THE ASSEMBLIES NOW PLACES ON THEIR SCHOOLS. I CAN RECALL WHEN THIS WAS VERY MUCH FROWNED UPON. SOME OF YOUR LEADERS IN THE NORTHWEST SOUGHT TO DISCOURAGE ME WHEN I WENT FOR MY EARNED DEGREES SOME 20 YEARS AGO.

GREET BROTHER BUTTERFEILD FROM ME. I AM TAKING THE LIBERTY OF SENDING YOU SOME DATA COVERING THE SMALL PART THE LORD HAS GIVEN US IN HIS KINGDOM WORK.

IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP,
C.WALBERG

