

Bro. David Elliot,

As you may or may not know, Jim Reimer has resigned as Pastor of First Southern of Elsinore. He is now pastoring a mission in Redlands, Calif. I have been elected to serve as Interim Pastor. I'm sorry I'm so late in corresponding with you, but I am not "in the know" about all that's going on in Encounter California. Bro. Reimer has been gone 3 weeks now, and I still have not gotten my feet on solid ground yet. Well, enough for the apologies and idle chatter.

The church is looking forward to your coming even though we are down in spirit somewhat under the circumstances. We voted last night to rent you a motel room during your stay here with us. We felt this would be better for you, but if you prefer staying in someone's home, let us know and I'm sure we can arrange some-

thing.

The weather here this week has been in the high 80's and low 90's. I expect the weather to remain about the same and maybe even get hotter. During the summer time it get around 115° or so. Needless to say, dress in something cool.

Will you be the only one coming? I know some churches are sending their song directors and perhaps a layman to assist. The reason I'm asking is so we can make arrangements for lodging. I had not heard so I thought the best thing to do would be to ask. We're certainly thankful to God for your interest and your being able to come.

The church is small. We have 77 on the Sunday School^{roll} with attendance around 57 in Sunday School. The offerings run around \$200.⁰⁰ a week. We were down to 48 in S.S. last Sunday and 19 in L.U. We averaged 30 in T.U. last month.

The church is made up of a wide range age-wise. Our young people's group is low and being drawn away by other interests. Bro. Reimer's wife was their teacher and when they left, the young people combined with the Intermediate temporarily. There are some elderly retired people, but there is not what I would call a heavy preponderance of one age group.

The community itself is mostly retired people with a lot of Jewish people in the down town area. Elsinore is a weekend tourist attraction because of the lake facilities, skydiving, glider planes, motorcycle enthusiasts, etc. Progress in the community has been stymied in the past by the older residents who were reluctant to change, but the recent election for city councilmen brought in some progressive minded men. There is no major industry here, except farming, and it is not very large scale.

Getting back to the church, we have a mission about 15 miles south of us in a little place called Temecula. ~~The~~ Temecula is part of a large subdivision project called Rancho - California. This area is going to grow in the near future and we feel that when it does, the mission will grow too. Right now the work is mighty slow and discouraging.

There is another big sub-division project beginning about 3 miles or so from the church. This is called Canyon Lake and is going to be a community based on water recreation - fishing, swimming - boating - etc. This will be a tremendous mission area also. There is plenty of work to be done here and I hope and pray the Lord will use this church and this Encounter California in a mighty way.

I guess that just about covers the story, so I will try to get this in the mail. My address is Rt. 2 Box 280 Elsmore, Calif.
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