

Dec 20, 2018 - Update from Andrew McHenry and Craig Memorial Congregational Church

Hi Linda... Good to hear from you. We're doing well.

Church services have been festive and energetic. We feel bad for the folks in diaspora who can't make it up. I encouraged them to call and check in. We distributed a phone list by e-mail recently.

A check for the city of Paradise (actually it should be "Town of Paradise" - but I'm sure the check'll clear either way) can be sent to the town hall: 5555 Skyway, Paradise, CA 95969

Our church now has a new postal address: P.O. Box 1386, Paradise, CA 95967.

I visited the church grounds for the first time yesterday. It's quite a sobering sight. The only building that survived was our storage garage.

We're planning for Christmas Eve services. Our church is having one at Butte Bible Fellowship in Chico, where I have my temporary office. We're also going to take part in ecumenical services at the Alliance Church in Paradise -- on the theme of "Home for Christmas".

I'm not sure what the long-term plans will be. I think lots of prayers and conversations need to happen first. Some of our financial leaders had a meeting with the folks from Church Mutual earlier this week. I haven't heard what came out of it yet.

My wife and I working on the purchase of a home in Oroville, the county seat. Originally we were hoping to place ourselves in Chico, but the housing market here is too crowded. Plus Oroville is only about 30 minutes away from both Chico and Paradise.

I haven't heard from Rev. Ed yet. I'd be happy to talk to him. Correspondence and gifts have been coming in from all across the country. It's very encouraging... also keeps me very busy.

Thanks again for all your help. God bless you in your ministry,

Andrew