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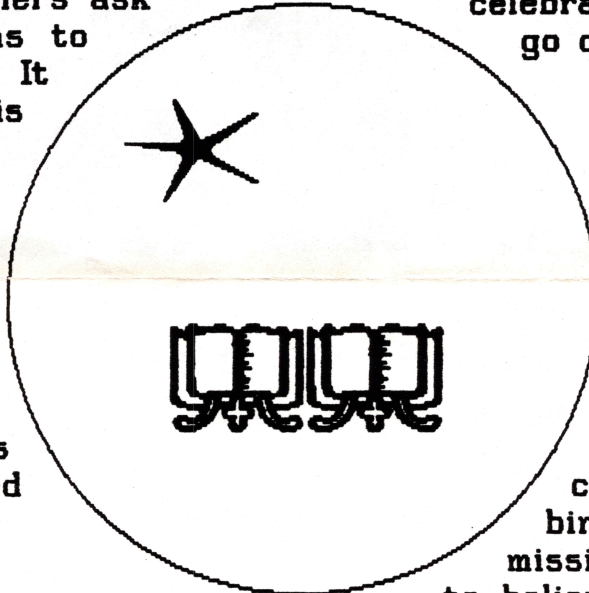


Hello!

Happy Fall, 1986. Glad to be back to you again. It's been a busy summer, and we'd like to tell you why.

Dentistry

Interesting phenomenon: John's peers, dentists and others ask him what dentistry has to do with our mission. It puzzles many, this dentistry—St. Francis connection. What did helping the blind man to see or the crippled man to walk or the little girl to get her life back have to do with that other mission 2000 years ago? Actually it caused a lot of trouble, then.



The Table

After and before we go, we come. We come to our table with our community. We share our prayers for each other, for those here and not here, for ourselves. We invite everybody, all the saints and sinners, clowns and crooks, healed and hurt to come with us, help us pass the strength around. We celebrate together, and then go out and do more.

The Street

Our mission is emerging from the caustic horror that surrounds us. Our street destroys its people. It is an alien culture that gives birth to death. Our mission spoils that. Hard to believe that Jesus lives on Whitelock Street. Why would he even want to? And yet he does. His word filters out through our doors and windows and people, the now church of Whitelock. I will be with you all days, even in *your* neighborhood.

Baptism

A realization is beginning to grow strongly here in our community, that of the meaning of our Baptism. Struggling its way in, the light is shining on the mission—commission element of that first water-pour. It was the entry into the fold, and, more than that, it was the "go!" It was the decree to teach, to stop looking up and to start into town, the mandate to all his friends to pass on the message.

*Our prayers for
all your intentions
—T.E. Tone*

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