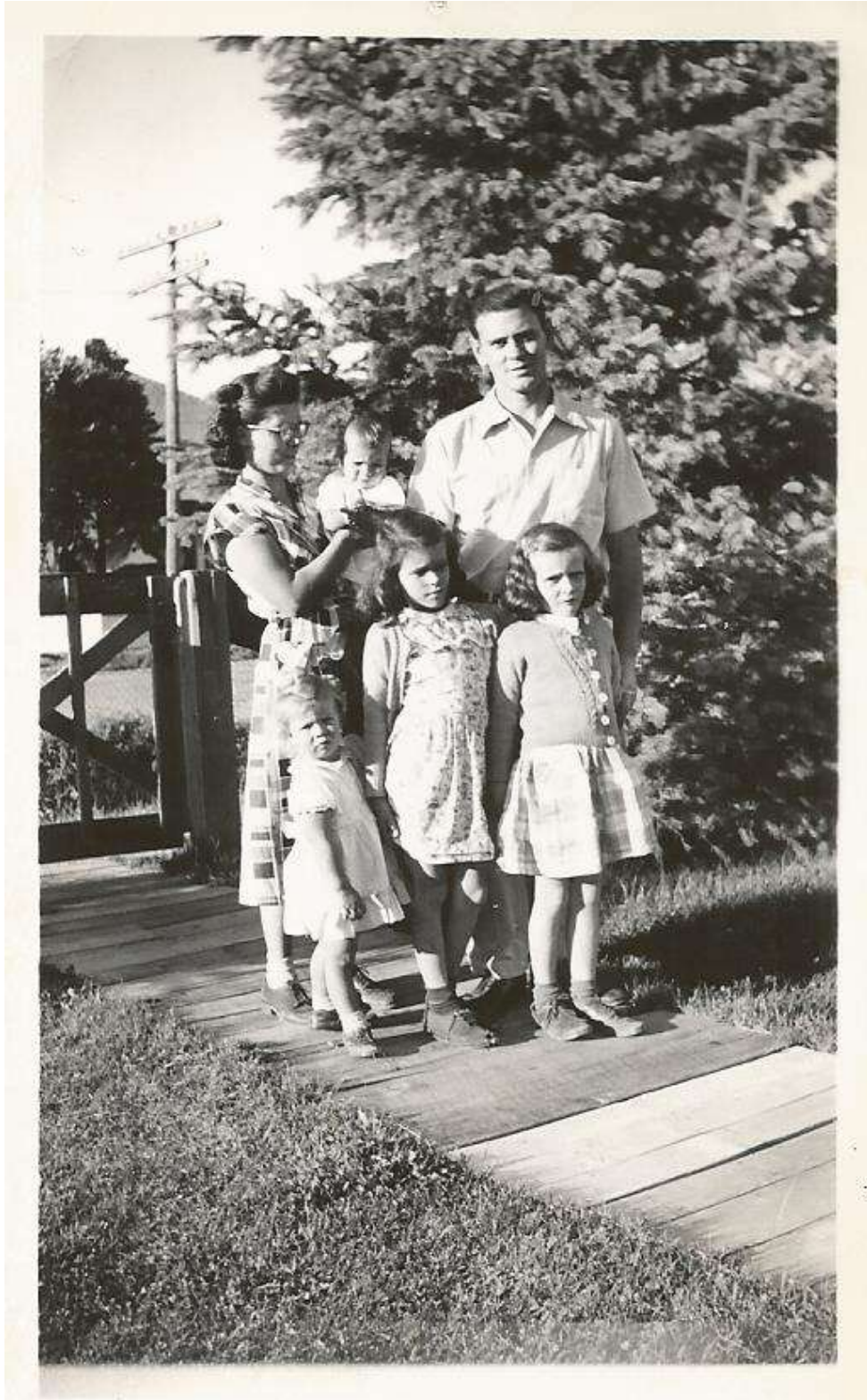


Harry Buerer (1941-1945)





Bible circle meeting at Hyer's home
September 1944 – left to right Mrs.
Harrison, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Owen, in
Back Ruth Herried, Mrs. Holder, Mrs.
Abrahamson (holding boy), Mrs.
Fredrickson (with hat), Mrs Jones.
Pastors wife Mrs.Buerer, Mrs Kershner
And Mother Hyer.





Dear Brother Rudy,

Thank you for your letter. We are sorry to have taken so long to answer it. Last week we were away at our state conference and are just now getting caught up.

The anniversary celebration sounds exciting. It is a long time since we have been to Polson, and we don't want to miss this special occasion. We were at Polson when Pearl Harbor was bombed and for most of the time of World War II. It was a special time in our lives. It was our first church and we were pretty ignorant, but some of the people cried when we left (to go to Africa) and it meant a lot to us.

Harry doesn't drive long distances any more, so we will probably fly. We could take a bus, but we would be away from home too long and our garden would dry up.

What would you expect of Harry? He doesn't really want to preach, although giving reminiscences of our years there would be a possibility. We would appreciate lodging although we could stay in a motel if that is more convenient for you.

I almost forgot to say that either date would be all right with us. We appreciate so much the support your church has given us through the years.

Sincerely in Christ,

Harry and Dickie

Rev. and Mrs. Harry Buerer



July 11, 1987

Dear Pastor Ringhoff,

Here is a copy of our flight schedule. We appreciate so much your arranging transportation for us from Missoula to Polson. We couldn't find a satisfactory bus schedule.

If there is any time during your church program for either Harry or me to give a few reminiscences, I think the people would enjoy it. For instance, we couldn't get our visas to go to the Belgian Congo because of the war in Europe so our pastor, Paul Jackson of First Baptist Church in Ceres, Calif. heard of the need for a pastor in Polson and recommended us. The church couldn't afford to pay our way out there and we couldn't afford to come to candidate so they called us sight unseen. Harry was 25 and I was 23. They offered us \$10 a week if that much came in in the Sunday morning offering. If it didn't, we got the whole offering. The church had a small parsonage, no bathroom, one faucet in the kitchen with cold water.

The people were wonderful to us. We loved them and had many interesting experiences there. The church consisted of one big room and that's all. We had no good room for Sunday School classes so Harry built a second story in the building as it had a very high roof. That gave us lots of extra room for classes and pot lucks and children's parties, etc.

He held a Sunday School every Sunday afternoon in the school building in Elmo. Irene Hyer might be able to contact some of the people from Elmo and invite them to come to Polson to meet us.

We worked in camp in the summers with the Zeltners and Eleanor Munter and had great times together.

We are really looking forward to being in Polson again.

With love,

Harry + Vickie Buerer