

Moving to Norman in 1931, Rev. Read and his wife established independent Bible classes for students at the University of Oklahoma. With the assistance of others, they continued this work for more than 11 years. During this time Read preached in neglected rural areas.

In 1939, ^{Mr. and Mrs.} Read was appointed by the International Director of the Child Evangelism Fellowship as directors for Oklahoma. They inaugurated the work in Oklahoma and continued for four years.

From 1941 to 1945, Read served as supply pastor for the Minco Presbyterian church, commuting from Norman.

In 1945, Read and his wife, began in Cleveland County as Bible Distributors for the Bible Lovers League, Dallas, distributing Bibles and Testaments according to the plan of the Bible Lovers League - "read the Bible for a Bible." This work now covers four counties near Norman and part of another reaching 110 schools, both rural and consolidated. It is an independent faith work supported by personal funds and interested friends.

Mrs. Read died in 1957. Rev. Read is survived by five children, John L. Read, Jr., Tyler Texas; Mrs. Frank Hughes, Jr., Norfolk, Virginia; Mrs. Mary E. ~~xxxx~~ Saunders, Norman; Mrs. Robert M. Dillon, Bethany; and Mrs. J. S. D'Antoni, New Orleans, Louisiana, and 14 grandchildren.

At the request of Rev. Read, instead of flowers, remembrances may be sent to the Bible Fund, Bible Fellowships, Inc., (Radio Revival, KRLO) P.O. Box 717, Dallas 21, Texas.

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