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Dear friend:

It is with a great deal of embarrassment that I write this letter. Some time ago, you ordered a copy of "Before Armageddon," for Elder Ivan Harlan, of Lodi.

I run across the postcard today which you sent later, relative to the order, but I am unable to unearth the original letter placing the order. I don't have the Elder's address. I must ask, therefore that you supply it by return mail.

Perhaps a word of explanation for our seeming procrastination will be in order. We are still trying to get settled from the recent move. A move with an ordinary household is bad enough, but with us it was a major undertaking. Elder Ballenger's old place was taken in by the new Freeway through the City. The State had purchased the old property quite some time before we started moving. Because of The Elder's reluctance to move, we waited till the last minute, and then had to move in extreme haste, with the State breathing down our necks, so to speak. Besides all this, Elder Ballenger operated an apartment house, and so I had to move the furnishings for about six apartments, plus Ballenger's personal effects, plus all his library of over two thousand volumes, and all the files pertaining to the Gathering Call, and all the literature stock, etc. The State auctioned off the building on a Thursday, and we did not wind up the moving until the next evening.

We are still stacked up around here six feet deep, and we will be for six months digging out, but we are moved.

As soon as we got moved, we then had to go up on North Vine street where Ballenger's other two houses are, and build foundations under them. You see, he bought some buildings on the Freeway right-of-way that had to be moved to new sites, and the house movers were anxious to get their timbers. So, the ironic part of it was, we had to remain in this state of confusion until we got those other two houses down on their foundations. I haven't had a full day in the office for the last three months. I am busy today trying to get some semblance of order out of chaos. Tomorrow I will have to work outside at the carpentry again. There is a lot of fixing up to do here around the home place on Prospect Avenue, yet.

So, I hope you will understand the situation, and will forgive us this time. Incidentally, I am a Church of God member, too. Would appreciate hearing about the church and the work there, if you feel so inclined. If you will forward Elder Harlan's address to me, I will be glad to take time to get his book off to him.

Your brother in Christ,

Ass't Editor