

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CHURCH OF GOD (7th DAY)

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To Our Co-workers in Christ, Greetings:

THANKS, to our many brethren and friends for your patience with us and the way many of you have responded to our call for help in this great work.

Many of you have sent donations direct to the Denver office, while others have sent your help through local church channels, but whatever the case may be, we wish to thank you, for your help has been much appreciated.

We believe that it would encourage you to know about how well we have been doing through the short time we have been in united effort since the summer of 1949. At that time we owed something like forty thousand dollars on the conference building at Stanberry. That has been reduced to less than ten thousand dollars already, while many church buildings have gone up all over the states and in some of the foreign fields.

At the publishing house we were badly in need of improved equipment and much of that has been provided including some modern machinery that makes our potential strength much greater in this field.

We have witnessed the establishing of a college at Stanberry, where young men and women are being trained for service. We believe that you would be very much gratified to know what really has already been done in the developing of young ministers there. This has been one thing which the Church badly needed for many years, and now we are beginning to see results.

The school at Spring Vale has grown beyond the expectations of many who had their doubts, and now a building program is an absolute essential to take care of the expansion of that work. Several of these high school graduates have already found their way into the college and are going on in their training for church service.

We believe that it was an important step forward when the executive offices were moved to Denver and away from the small towns of Stanberry and Salem. A building has been purchased in Denver to care for these offices and some considerable sum of money has already been paid towards this purchase. This building is very conveniently located, second door from the main line of travel through Denver, off Colfax Ave.

But without your help none of these things could have been accomplished. We know that our gains have not altogether been in material things. We feel that much ground has been gained in the unification of our spiritual growth, for where the people have a mind to work and God is on their side, nothing can stop them.

Recent expansions have been made in the Home Missions Department with its **MEMGAM** (every member get a member) program. In this each member of the church is expected to do all he can to get another member during this conference year, and if this can be done through personal work or by proxy, then our number will be doubled, and we can do much more. If that could be done (and why couldn't it ?) then we would be much stronger to conquer more fields, both at home and abroad. Jesus commanded His disciples to preach this gospel to all the world, and we have only begun. Have you done your part, Brother, Sister ?

We know that there are many who have not yet started if we should measure what we have done by what we really could do if we tried. Some of you are doing all that could be expected of you; but are all of us doing this ? Think it over.

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Perhaps the greatest need for the present is for all of us to be dedicated to the service so much that we would be like the Mexican brother who wept because he had been in the Church of God for a whole year and had only brought one soul to Christ. Such devotion to the cause by all members of the Church would set the world on fire for God.

Let us, then, not relax in our vigilance. Let us all get our shoulders to the wheel and help to roll on to victory for Christ. Let us not let down just because we have already contributed to the cause and have these results present. There are many more things yet ahead of us to be done.

Our plea for funds to send the Adams family to the Philippines has not brought what we had hoped for and it now appears that we shall have to send Elder Adams alone if even we are able to expand our foreign work to include this. Are you interested in this venture? We have promised those people for a long time to send these folks there to help them, and it was hoped that we might have him and family

to set things in order, there, get acquainted with the work and workers better, and prepare for a greater work when Benny and Betty Rosell return there for their missions work.

The college at Stanberry reports that they are far behind with wages for their teachers and behind on their bills which are positive obligations to their creditors. They are badly in need of help, and at once, if we are to continue this work or even pay present obligations. All available funds have been exhausted and the need is urgent.

The Home Missions Department has had to call a halt in its work for lack of funds, and other departments are in need. We feel that you should know these needs so that it might stimulate some of you to action who have been putting off your personal efforts to help with the work. If we had 100% co-operation from all of you the burden would not be great for any of us. Our Heavenly Father has not given this work into the hands of a few; but it is the work of all of us, and we believe from past experience that once you realize the needs of the work that you will exert greater effort to meet the needs of an expanding work of the Church of God.

Your budget committee is faced with a crisis at the present time and we need the full co-operation of ALL. We are trying as best we can to apportion the funds sent in to the different departments according to their needs and our ability to furnish them, but when the funds are divided among them and their obligations are still unpaid, we cannot do more. We are therefore appealing to you to not let down in your efforts.

All of us know that even our home budgets are much more than before 1949 because of inflated national currency. It takes much more for us to live at home. Because of this condition it also takes more for us to continue the progress of the Church. We do not wish to close any of our present interests or projects unless it becomes absolutely necessary; but this committee can go no further than our help will permit us.

Again, we say, THANK YOU, and may God richly bless all of us and keep us in the hollow of His hand.

We hope to be able to give you an encouraging report in our next letter.

Sincerely,

The Budget Committee