

Pastor sees Sabbath keepers

Salisbury Church

Unusual visit made

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SALISBURY, Rhodesia — I am sure every minister has dreamed of the ideal visit:

“Are you obeying God’s laws?”

“Yes.”

“Are you keeping the Sabbath?”

“Yes.”

“Are you keeping the Holy Days?”

“Yes.”

“The Feast of Tabernacles?”

“Yes.”

That was exactly my experience a few weeks ago while conducting a visit in Nairobi, Kenya.

Seven people came to my hotel room who wanted to discuss some questions about the Bible. They had been to some of the lectures recently given by Robert Fahey, director of the African Work, in the Kenyatta Conference Centre in Nairobi.

As we talked about various aspects of the Church, I found they were associated with the Church of God Seventh Day, which was headed by the late A. N. Dugger of Jerusalem. In Herbert W. Armstrong’s autobiography Mr. Armstrong mentions Mr. Dugger in connection with his search for the true Church.

It seems that one of Mr. Dugger’s assistants visited Kenya about six years ago, baptized a number of peo-

ple and ordained a few elders. Present estimates place the number of members of this church in Kenya at about 1,000, although it seems there has been little leadership and the church has fallen into some disarray, with pockets of members throughout the country.

My visitors seemed impressed that the Worldwide Church of God has a dynamic purpose and speaks with authority. One aspect that struck them was that this Church is doing a Work, proclaiming the good news of God’s Kingdom to the world as a witness.

All together I spent 10 hours with these seven people on the three occasions we got together on my January visit to Nairobi. On Feb 1 I met with them in a home of one of the group and spent the day with them. Every occasion has proved extremely enjoyable and challenging; these people have a great interest and respect for the Word of God. It appears that a real kindred spirit exists.

I have received an invitation to speak to one of their churches close to Nairobi on my next visit to Kenya in early March. They have asked me to talk about the meaning of the Holy Days; it appears that, although they have been diligently observing the days for the past few years, they have not known the real meaning behind them.

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